

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Rosters for 7 July

PORTARLINGTON

Managers: Alf Cork & Peter Gibbs
Morning tea: Geoff & Pam Prior
Pastoral Care: Elaine Farnell
Prayers: Elaine Farnell
Reader: Alex Eagleson
Power Point Preparer: Margaret Campbell

DRYSDALE

W@9
Kitchen: Volunteers please
Counting “ ”

10.45am

Elder & Prayers: Jen Davis
Readings: Win Baker
Door: Margaret MacGillvray
Communion Elder: Vince King
Morning tea: Lavina Howard & Ev Young
Flowers: Margaret Freemantle

ST. LEONARDS

Welcoming: Marj Wilson
Reading: Margo Jones
Prayer: Marj Wilson
Brass & Flowers: Marj Wilson

Some changes in the preaching plan

You have received a preaching plan for July to September this year. Since we printed it, there have been a few changes. Please make a note of them, as follows:

July 14: Rev. Malcolm Campbell will preach and preside at St. Leonards at 9 am

July 21 at Drysdale 10.45. Mr. John Norman will preach (John isn't a Rev., as we had been informed)

August 4 at Portarlington. Rev. Ian Porter will preach instead of Mr. Geoff Pryor, who is unable to lead, for family reasons.

Another Thought on the lectionary

We are all called to ministry, and all have received gifts of God for that task. But sometimes we scratch our heads, or we are timid, or we are busy, and so we turn away. But that does not excuse us. In today's readings we learn of aspects of ministry and how we are equipped, and challenged, to participate. Like Elisha, we are called to pick up the mantle of discipleship offered to us and participate in the work of God. Fortunately, as in his case, there are others there to help us. This is a part of being in the church, to support one another in our mutual ministry.
 Seasons of the Spirit

Pentecost 6

Sunday 30 June 2013

The readings from 2 Kings, Luke, and Galatians look at times of transition, turmoil, and transformation. As the time nears for Elijah to ascend to heaven within the whirlwind, Elisha discovers his unique gifts of spiritual leadership. By pledging to follow Elijah as disciple, helper, and son, he gains experience, guidance, and his teacher's blessing. Likewise, Luke speaks of the time before Christ ascends to heaven, when his disciples also learn what it will take to follow him wherever he goes. The Galatians passage adds Paul's advice to believers—to act in accord with the Holy Spirit. He urges them to become living fruit of the Spirit, using their unique gifts for the kingdom of God.

Ministry Matters

LECTIONARY

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| June 30 | 2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14 | Psalm 77:1-2,11-20 |
| Pentecost 6 (13) | Galatians 5:1,13-25 | Luke 9:51-62 |
| July 7 | 2 Kings 5:1-14 | Psalm 30 |
| Pentecost 7 (14) | Galatians 6:(1-6),7-16 | Luke 10:1-11,16-20 |

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

SUNDAY 30 June

Combined Service At Portarlinton

10.15am Rev Marion Latham
Portarlinton, Drysdale & St Leonards
Combined Service

WEDNESDAY 3 July

10:00am Drysdale Coffee and Chat

THURSDAY 4 July

9.00am Drysdale & Portarlinton
Choir Practice

SUNDAY 7 July

Portarlinton

9.00am Pat Williams

Drysdale

9.00am Worship @9 Rev. Marion
Latham HC
Loose change and Food
bank

10.45am Rev. Marion Latham HC
Loose change and Food
bank

St Leonards

5.00pm Rev Marion Latham

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Wanted mainly music

Part of our program each week is free play with toys
Would you have a good quality childrens wooden train set that you no longer use and could donate.

Fundraising Dinner

With 86 meals served and wonderful entertainment by the *Coryule Chorus* our Annual Dinner was a great night of fellowship and fun.

Thanks to all concerned, those who worked on the night and all who attended, we were able to clear \$932 profit from the evening.

Film afternoon

Come along to our Film Afternoon at the Gaynor Leopold Theatre on Sunday 11 August. The film will commence at 1.30pm and be followed with tea/coffee and biscuit afternoon tea. The film chosen is the highly acclaimed "The Last of the Blonde Bombshells" starring Judi Dench, Ian Holm, Leslie Caron and Joan Sims. Tickets costing \$14.00 are available from Margaret Freemantle and Wayne Myers - there are only 49 seats so buy your ticket early.

End of Financial Year Clearance

Time to start collecting treasures for **our Garage Sale on Sat. 26th October**, just 4 months away. This year it will be a "Springtime Sale" so our gardeners might like to plan ahead with seeds and cuttings Maybe you could mark the date the week before to plan some baking, cleanout the linen press, crystal cabinet, shed some winter clothing, tidy the garden shed or garage in preparation. Let's plan ahead.

Enquiries this year to Lynda Smith on 52531007 or grjismith@gmail.com. Items

may be placed in the church shed at any time. No electrical please.

PORTARLINGTON

U.C.A.F.

In July the U.C.A.F. have a 'Midwinter Lunch'. Join us on Monday, 8th of July at 12.noon at the Portarlinton Golf Club for an informal meal. All that is needed is for you to let Elizabeth Thompson (5259 2442) know you are coming by lunchtime on Friday, 5th of July so there are enough places booked.

Portarlinton Fellowship Breakfast

The next breakfast meeting will be on Saturday morning 13th July, commencing at 7-30am. Guest Speakers will be Tracey & Michelle from Barwon eHealth. They will tell us about the new eHealth system that will provide protection for those who sign up by making your health records available to medical centres throughout Australia at the click of a mouse! Handy for all those who travel throughout Australia. All members of the Linked congregations and their friends are warmly invited to attend. Acceptances please to Barry Ruler on 5259 3304 by Thursday evening 11th July.

Goods sent to Alice Springs for the Old Timers Fete

Many thanks to all at St Andrews Portarlinton for the handiwork and knitted goods donated for the Old

Timers Fete 2 large cartons and a smaller box were freighted to Alice Springs recently. We were fortunate to also receive donations of knitted goods from Friends of Ann Nicol house.

Asylum Seeker Week

Thanks to everyone for their support of our Asylum Seeker Week in May. Both the Fellowship Breakfast and the Community Dinner were well attended and we learnt more of the circumstances refugees and those who desperately seek asylum in our country. \$750 was sent as a donation to Lentara UnitingCare Asylum Seeker Project for their work in supporting asylum seekers.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

The Portarlinton Justice and Mission Ministry Team would like to share this prayer written by a Celtic Festival musician who was a guest in Wendy Quill's home over the long weekend in June.

God bless your God

God bless mine

God bless those beliefs divine

that, when in need,

come push and shove,

will lead our hearts and hands to love.

Jenny Fitzgibbon