

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



Harvest Thanksgiving

On Sunday 16th March at Portarlinton we will celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving. God had greatly blessed us so that we might be a blessing to others. Please bring gifts of non-perishable goods for display and as a sign our thankfulness for God's grace towards us. After the service these goods will be taken to Concern for distribution to those in need.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

LINKED WORSHIP WORKSHOP

Thursday March 6, 7.30 – 9 pm

An evening of sharing ideas about planning and presenting worship. An evening when we can learn from each other. For anyone involved in any aspect of the worship service or anyone who is interested, whether or not you are currently involved in a Lay Team.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

10 am. March 7

This year, both Drysdale and Portarlinton UCA are hosting the World day of Prayer. This in no longer only for women! This year the focus is on Egypt and has been prepared by Christians in Egypt. Please bring a plate of morning tea to share with our guests from other churches.

Rosters for 9th March

Portarlinton

Managers: David & Lorraine Hughes

Morning Tea: Bruce & Merrilyn Bertram

Pastoral Care: Merrilyn Bertram

Prayers: : Merrilyn Bertram

Readings: Bruce Bertram

PowerPoint: Pammi Pryor

Communion prep/serve: : Merrilyn Bertram & Barry Ruler

Communion serve: Bruce Bertram & Jan Drydan

Drysdale

9.00 am

Kitchen: See Bulletin

Counting: See Bulletin

10.45 am

Duty Elder & Prayers: Bob Stevenson

Reading: Margaret Fremantle

Door: Ken Handley

Morning Tea: Margaret Jeffrey & Val Place

Flowers: Audrey Shepherd

St Leonards

Welcoming: Margo Jones

Reading: Kaye Baulch

Prayers: Margo Jones

Brass: Beryl Woodcock

Transfiguration of Jesus

Sunday, 2 March 2014

Transfiguration Sunday is the last Sunday before Lent. It is a time to celebrate the revelation of Christ to people of faith, a time to connect the glory of God revealed to Moses on Sinai to the glory of God in Christ revealed to Jesus' disciples. It is also a time of transition from Jesus' work of teaching and healing to the journey of Lent. Themes could centre around transformation, patriarchs and prophets (possibly including modern prophets), the mountaintop, one more mountain to climb, glory, and images of Christ.

Ministry Matters

LECTIONARY

2 March	Exodus .24: 12-18	Psalm. 2 or 99
Transfiguration of Jesus	2 Peter. 1: 16-21	Matthew 17:1-9
9 March	Genesis 2: 15-17; 3:1-7	Psalm. 32
Lent 1	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 2 March

Portarlington

9.00 am Mrs Pat Williams

Drysdale

9.00 am Worship @ 9 Rev Marion Latham, Jenni's Team assisting

10.45 am Rev Marion Latham
HC, Loose change and Foodbank at both services

St Leonards

7.00 pm Rev Marion Latham

Monday, 3 March

9.00 am KYB

Tuesday 4 March

5.30 pm Pancake Dinner Drysdale

Wednesday, 4 March

9.30 am – 12.45 pm mainly music

10.00 am Drysdale Coffee and Chat

7.30 pm Portarlington Pastoral Care

7.30 pm Prayer time

Thursday, 5 March

9.00 am Drysdale & Portarlington
Choir practices

7.30 pm Linked Worship Workshop

Friday, 6 March

9.15 am – 10.00 am Friday School

10.00 am Drysdale World day of Prayer

10.00 am Portarlington World day of
Prayer

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Sunday, 9 March

Portarlington

9.00 am Rev Marion Latham

HC, Loose change and Foodbank

Drysdale

9.00 am Worship @ 9 Wayne's Team

10.45 am Rev Margaret Manning

St Leonards

9.00 am Rev Margaret Manning

Combined with the Anglicans

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Pancake Dinner

This year's pancake fundraising event will be held at the church on Tuesday, 4 March, 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm with an all you can eat pancake meal, \$15 adults, \$5 under 12.

The focus for funds raised this year is homeless Australians. How about you get a table of your friends to come along for wonderful food and fellowship and supporting a great cause?

While tickets can be purchased on the night we encourage you to purchase your tickets before hand to help with catering. Tickets available from Val Lestrangle or Jenni Nickelson.

Prayer Time

All are invited to join together on Wednesday 5th March at 7.30 pm to pray for the leadership of our congregation.

We are still in need of a Treasurer or Council Chair. The prayer time will occur in the church for no more than one hour.

Toolbox Parenting Program

A session for parents of 0-6 year olds will be held at the Drysdale Church Hall on Tuesday evenings for 6 weeks from 4 March. Please pass this information on to anyone you may think interested.

Further details available from the Facilitator, Val Lestrangle, 5251 3125.

Thank ou

Phyllis, Peter and Carol would like to thank the members of the Drysdale Uniting Church for their care and support following the death of Die Kon on 15th February 2014. In particular we would like to thank Marion for conducting both the cremation and thanksgiving services, those who prepared and catered the refreshments after the service and those who provided music, sound and flowers at the church. For others who worked in the background again, our thanks - you all helped to make a very sad day more bearable.'

Tony and Margaret Freemantle say thank you for the good wishes expressed by the congregation for their golden wedding anniversary. They had a wonderful family celebration and are grateful for the church's part in it.

PORTARLINGTON

Annual Elections and Annual

Congregation Meeting will be held on Sunday 9 March, immediately following worship, then morning tea.

Election of Office Bearers for the congregation will take place at the meeting and nominations will be taken from the floor.

After 11 years as our Presbytery Representative, Lorraine Hughes is retiring from this important position. Lorraine has been a wonderful representative, always bringing back to Church Council very full and interesting reports. Our thanks go to Lorraine for a job very well done. We are now calling for a new Presbytery Representative to be elected to that position. The job

entails attending Presbytery Meetings during the year (these are generally held on a Saturday several times a year) and reporting back to Church Council. The Presbytery Rep becomes a member of Church Council.

Any member interested should speak to either Lorraine Hughes (Chair Congregation) David Hughes, (Chair Church Council) or Barry Ruler (Secretary.) Please give this position serious consideration.

There is no need for an election for Church Council this year (other than for the Presbytery Rep.) as no other church councillor's term expires.

Portarlington Fellowship Breakfast

The March meeting will be held on Saturday, 8th March at 7.30 a.m.

The Guest Speaker will be Mr. Wayne Myers who has had a lifetime involvement with the scouting movement at the highest levels and will speak about the **"Geelong & Nauru Scouting Connection"**.

Portarlington U.C.A.F.

Please note this change of day.

The March meeting is on Tuesday, 11th of March at 1.30pm in the Church when the focus will be on things Irish. Please wear something green and bring interesting photos, stories, items, etc. about Ireland to share.