

23rd Psalm - today

God is my navigator:
therefore I can never lose my way.

God is also in charge of stores:
and will always provide the
necessities of life.

God will find me places to sleep and
eat:
the signposts of life are clearer
when he is near.

God can save me from the wrong
roads I take:
and if I trust him I will not be
penalized for my mistakes.

The way that God shows me may
be hard:
fog and darkness may hinder
visibility.

But with God beside me I will
negotiate the path:
he will bring me comfort along the
way.

God's love will illuminate the
blackest night:
doubt and despair will fade when he
is near.

God will stay with me and will show
me the road to glory:
with him I will find peace and joy
forever.

Ruth Dudley, Goulburn, NSW. 1983

Rosters for 18 May

Portarlington

Managers: David & Elizabeth Thompson
Morning Tea: Keith & Dorothy Knights
Pastoral Care & Prayers: Rev Ian Porter
Readings: Joy Porter
PowerPoint: Catherine Eagleson

Drysdale

9.00 am
Kitchen: Jenni's team
Counting: Margo Jones
10.45 am
Duty Elder & Prayers: Vince King
Readings: Jen Davis
Door: Ken Handley
Morning Tea: Irene & Bob Stevenson
Flowers: Colleen Diamond

St Leonards

Welcoming: Miriam Tobin
Readings: Marion McGillivray
Prayers: Marj Wilson
Brass & Flowers: Marj Wilson

The Best Way To Pray

A priest, a minister and a guru sat
discussing the best positions for prayer,
while a telephone repairman worked
nearby.
"Kneeling is definitely the best way to
pray," the priest said.
"No," said the minister. "I get the best
results standing with my hands
outstretched to Heaven."
"You're both wrong," the guru said. "The
most effective prayer position is lying down
on the floor."
The repairman could contain himself no
longer. "Hey, fellas," he interrupted. "The
best prayin' I ever did was when I was
hangin' upside down from a telephone
pole."

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



Easter 4

Sunday, 11 May 2014

The shepherd who gives us life, who restores our lives, who saves our lives, is also the shepherd who guides us, redirects us when we go astray, and calls us to fullness of life. So often, shepherding images for Christ are gentle and sweet, but these scriptures remind us that shepherding God's followers is a challenging task . . . and living as the sheep of Christ's fold is not an easy journey of discipleship. But when we devote ourselves to the teachings of our faith, to the fellowship of our faith communities, and to the mutual support of our communities through prayer, sharing, and giving, we find that indeed, we "shall not want." We have everything we need as we live in this fold, travel on this journey, and live into the fullness of life offered by Christ.

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

11 May Easter 4	Acts 2: 42-47 1 Pt 2: 19-25	Ps 23 Jn 10: 1-10
18 May Easter 5	Acts 7:55-60 1 Pt 2: 2-10	Ps 31: 1-5, 15-16 Jn 14: 1-14

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 11 May – Mother's Day Portarlington

9.00 am Rev. Marion Latham, HC
Loose change and Food bank

Drysdale

9:00 am Worship @ 9, Wayne's
Team
10:45 am Rev. Margaret Manning

St Leonards

9.00 am Combined HC UCA Rev
Margaret Manning

Monday, 12 May

9.30am Drysdale KYB
1.30 pm Portarlington UCAF

Tuesday, 13 May

7.30 pm Drysdale Property Committee

Wednesday, 14 May

9.30 am – 12.45 pm mainly music
10.00 am Drysdale Coffee & Chat

Thursday, 15 May

9.00 am Portarlington Choir practice
9.30 am Drysdale Choir practice
11.00 am Ann Nichol House Worship
7.30 pm Drysdale Church Council

Saturday, 17 May

8.00 am Drysdale Prayer Breakfast,
Zoo Cafe

Sunday, 18 May Portarlington

9.00 am Rev. Marion Latham

Drysdale

9:00 am Worship @ 9, Cafe Church
10:45 am Rev. Marion Latham

St Leonards

5.00 pm Rev. Marion Latham, HC
Loose Change & Food Bank

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Working Bee

A working bee will be held at Drysdale
Uniting Church on 24 May, between
8.00am and 12 noon.

Write the date in your diary and please
come along and help.

The garden will need attention.

Annual Dinner and Concert

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!

Our Annual Winter Fundraising Dinner
and Concert will be held on **Saturday,
14 June**, commencing at 6.00 pm in the
Drysdale Church Hall. Cost of the
evening is \$15 an adult, \$7 child under
12.

Tickets available from Val Lestrangle.

A home cooked 3 course meal will be
followed by Community Singing, lead by
our Choir. If you have a favourite song,
please make your suggestions to
Margaret Freemantle.

All members of the Linked
Congregations and their friends are
invited to come along for a great night
out.

Loose Change

Our special offering this month for
Samaritan House resulted in \$93.55.

This helps the House provide
accommodation and support for
homeless men. Thank you all.

Missing Vase

Please check your cupboards. Someone
took a flower arrangement home from
church on Sunday, 30 March (having
been invited to).

The vase is approximately 24 cms tall
and a bulbous shape. It is handmade
pottery in greys and browns and had
green oasis inside. It is precious to us.

Margaret Freemantle 5253 1974

Permanent change for Drysdale Choir Practice

Choir practice is now at **9.30 am** on
Thursdays.

For your diary

Sunday, 17 August, Film Afternoon at
Leopold Theatre – 'The Butler'.

PORTARLINGTON

U.C.A.F.

The U.C.A.F will meet on Monday,
12 May at 1.30 pm in the meeting room
when Rev. Marion will lead a Bible
Study.

Everyone is welcome to come and join in
the discussion that will arise from the
study.

Goods for Frontier Services Old Timers Fete

Are you are knitting or sewing goods for
the Old Timers Fete? We need your
items by 25 May. We need knee rugs,
beanies, aprons, tea cosies, and
anything else that is your craft specialty.
Please place your finished goods in the
box in the Church Narthex or give to
Wendy Quill by 25 May. Have fun
crafting. Contact Wendy for any queries,
phone 5259 3556.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

Essendon Choral Society PSA

A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon, will take
place on **Sunday, 22 June**, 2.30pm at
the Portarlington Church Hall, cost \$12.

We warmly invite all members of the
Linked Congregations to mark this date
in their diaries and join us as we enjoy a
wonderful afternoon of quality choral
music.

Remembering All Mothers today

A mother is a person who seeing there
are only four pieces of pie for five
people, promptly announces she never
did care for pie.

Tenneva Jordan