

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.

JOHN 14: (1-14) 15-21

A final, intimate, meal -
the Teacher and his disciples
together.
Reassuring yet confusing words
of an invitation
to live his way
fully
in love of him;
of a Spirit of truth
promised
but already within;
of him being in me,
I in him
and together
perhaps not unlike a Matryoshka* doll
nested in God -
and God in me.

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*Often mistakenly called Baboushka dolls.

Thought for the day

"We live in a world where
joy and empathy and pleasure
are all around us,
there for the noticing.

Ira Glass

Rosters for 1 June

Portarlington

Managers: Jan & John Hall
Morning Tea: Geoff & Pam Pryor
Pastoral Care & Prayers: Lorraine Hughes
Readings: Elizabeth Kefaloukas
PowerPoint: Joan Kelly

Drysdale

9.00 am
Kitchen: Graeme's Team
Counting: Lynda Smith
10.45 am
Communion Elder: Bob Stevenson
Duty Elder & Prayers: Jen Davis
Readings: Marguerite Edgar
Door: Joy Krahe
Morning Tea: Lavina Howard & Merrilyn Lloyd
Flowers: Pat Handley

St Leonards

Welcoming: Marj Wilson
Readings & Prayers: Margo Jones
Brass & Flowers: Shirley Hadden

Father of many children,
you send us the Spirit of truth,
so we will never be orphans.
Now we can know the truth
that we have a large family around us,
all in you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen

Bob Eldan 2014

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Easter 6

Sunday, 25 May 2014

Love and suffering seem to be the two great paths to God. Suffering gets our attention, and love shows us the nature of God. The psalmist speaks of being tested and tried as silver is tried—God put other nations over Israel to lead them through fire and water into a spacious place of blessing. The epistle speaks of the suffering that will come from following Christ and urges the people to do good works anyway—for it is better to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. In the Gospel reading, Jesus promises the disciples that he will not leave them comfortless, but will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to teach them the truth about God and holy love. The reading from Acts does not fit this theme, but recounts the story of Paul in the Areopagus, proclaiming the God of Jesus Christ as the one the Athenians worshiped as an unknown god. Acts and the epistle also share the theme of searching and groping for God and ultimate truth.

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

25 May	Acts 17: 22-31	Psalm 66: 8-20
Easter 6	1 Peter 3: 13-22	John 14: 15-21
29 May	Acts 1: 1-11	Psalm 47 or 93
Ascension Day	Ephesians 1: 15-23	Luke 24: 44-53
1 June	Acts 1: 6-14	Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35
Easter 7	1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11	John 17: 1-11

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 25 May

Portarlinton

9.00 am Portarlinton Lay Team
(Bruce & Marilyn Bertram)

Drysdale

9:00 am Rev. Marion Latham,
Denise's Team assisting
10:45 am Portarlinton Lay Team
(Bruce & Marilyn Bertram)

St Leonards

5.00 pm Portarlinton Lay Team
(Bruce & Marilyn Bertram)

Monday, 26 May

9.30am Drysdale KYB
2.00 pm St Leonards U.C.A.F.

Wednesday, 28 May

9.30 am – 12.45 pm mainly music
10.00 am Drysdale Coffee & Chat
1.30 pm Drysdale U.C.A.F.

Thursday, 29 May

9.00 am Portarlinton Choir practice
9.30 am Drysdale Choir practice

Friday, 30 May

9.15 am Drysdale Friday School

Sunday, 1 June

Portarlinton

9.00 am Lorraine Hughes

Drysdale

9:00 am Rev. Marion Latham, Jenni's
Team assisting
10:45 am Rev. Marion Latham
HC, Loose change & Food Bank both
services

St Leonards

5.00 pm Rev. Marion Latham

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Annual Dinner and Concert

Our Annual Winter Fundraising Dinner and Concert will be held on **Saturday, 14 June**, 6.00 pm for 6.15 pm in the Drysdale Church Hall. Cost of the evening is \$15 an adult, \$7 child U12. Church Council has decided that 50% of the proceeds will go into our church appeals program and 50% into church funds.

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

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

Tickets available now from Val Lestrangle, phone 52513125.

U.C.A.F.

The UCAF will be providing artificial flowers to be arranged in a vase for use at Services when flowers are scarce. Barry Calcutt from Ocean Grove will attend the meeting on 28 May to make the arrangement. All welcome to see how it is done and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship.

Film Afternoon – for your diary

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

Revised List of Church Activities

Thanks to everyone for the feedback, positive comments and additions on the List previously circulated. We have amended the document to include suggestions and the revised list is included in this news sheet. Please replace the copy you have at home with this version. Additional copies are available in the foyer. Main changes are to the dates of the Annual Dinner and Garage Sale, the additions of Choir, Drysdale Grove Service, Noticeboard, Open Church, Worship Workshops. We now run to two pages!

PORTARLINGTON

Portarlinton Fellowship Breakfast

Our June breakfast will be held on Saturday 14 June, at 7.30 am. Guest Speaker will be Ms Amy Kellahan. Recently, after setting out from New Zealand, the Kellahan family-Daniel, Amy and their three children sailed the South Pacific in their catamaran and have since settled, for the time being in Portarlinton. Amy will tell her story. Acceptances to Barry on 5259 3304 by Thursday evening 12 June, please.

ST LEONARDS

St Leonards U.C.A.F. Birthday

You are invited to St Leonards U.C.A.F. Birthday on Monday, 26 May, 2.00pm at St Leonards church hall.

Speaker: Roland from Missionary Aviation Fellowship, who will tell us something of their work with the aid of a Power Point Presentation.

Followed by afternoon tea, donations will be received. Further inquiries to Marj Wilson, phone 5257 1096.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

No Fire Zone,

The killing fields of Sri Lanka
An Award-winning feature length film that reveals the raw truth of the war crimes against humanity in the Sri Lankan civil war of 2009.

Sunday, 1 June, 2.00pm
Bay Room, Uniting Church Hall,
Queenscliff
Entry Free: Afternoon tea provided.
Organised by Queenscliff Rural
Australians for Refugees.
Please note: you must be 18 yrs or older to attend this screening.

Further Commentary on the Lectionary

The sixth week after Easter looks towards Pentecost when the disciples will receive the indwelling of the Holy Spirit that will affirm them of Christ's presence with them always. Though Jesus is no longer on Earth, because of this Spirit we are never alone. In the reading from Acts, Peter talks of our identity in a God whom we can know, and the psalmist reminds us that God's love does not abandon us. We are never alone. God seeks to create community by the gift of the Spirit and the exercise of love. We, in turn, find the means to live in community by Spirit's gift and through love's call.

Seasons of the Spirit