

Where Is Emmaus?

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Perhaps I would walk
those seven miles--
or seventy,
or a lifetime--
to sit at that table
under the veranda,
where finches sing in the branches
as the sun settles and the world sighs,
where miracles seem possible,
where life is as sweet and good
as a sip of wine,
where for no reason my heart laughs
and my eyes fill up with tears,
where love is served with every crumb of
bread.
Where in the world is Emmaus?

Timothy Haut, Deep River, CT

The Usher

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps.

"Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely.

"The front row, please," she answered.

"You really don't want to do that," the usher said. "The pastor is really boring."

"Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired.

"No," he said.

"I'm the pastor's mother," she replied indignantly.

"Do you know who I am?" he asked.

"No," she said.

"Good," he answered.

Rosters for 11 May

Portarlinton

Managers: David & Elizabeth Thompson

Morning Tea: Brenda & Graham Vohmann

Pastoral Care & Prayers: David Hughes

Readings: Elaine Farnell

Communion Preparation: Jan Dryden

Communion Serving: Jan Dryden, Keith & Heather Pigdon, Heather Gould

PowerPoint: Margaret Campbell

Drysdale

9.00 am

Kitchen: Graeme's team

Counting: Sue Polley

10.45 am

Duty Elder & Prayers: Jen Davis

Readings: Joy Krahe

Door: Vince King

Morning Tea: Margaret Jeffery and Val Place

Flowers: Jonnie Mander

St Leonards

Welcoming: Margo Jones

Readings: Marj Wilson

Prayers: Margo Jones

Brass & Flowers: Wyn Moriarty, Marie Alexander

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



Easter 3

Sunday, 4 May 2014

In the lesson from Acts, Peter speaks of the resurrection of Jesus with such power that some 3,000 people are numbered among the first Christians. Forgiveness of sins and the presence of the Holy Spirit are amazing gifts offered to all who hear the Lord's call. In Luke's Gospel, we find the risen Jesus unfolding scripture to two disciples as they journey to the village of Emmaus. Only when "their eyes were opened" did they truly understand who he was and what he had said. With the miracle of Easter still fresh in our memory, let us be filled with passion and conviction like Peter, proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Saviour!

Ministry Matters

LECTIONARY

4 May	Acts 2: 14a, 36-41	Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19
Easter 3	1 Peter 1: 17-23	Luke 24: 13-35
11 May	Acts 2: 42-47	Psalm 23
Easter 4	1 Peter 2: 10-25	John 10: 1-10

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 4 May

Portarlington

9.00 am Rev. Margaret Manning

Drysdale

9:00 am Worship @ 9, Rev. Bob Stevenson, Wayne's Team assisting, HC

10:45 am Rev. Ian Porter, HC
Loose change and food bank both services.

St Leonards

5.00 pm Denise & Ian McLaverty

Monday, 5 May

9.30am Drysdale KYB

7.30 pm Drysdale Growing & Learning

Tuesday, 6 May

7.30 pm Portarlington Worship C'ttee

Wednesday, 7 May

9.30 am – 12.45 pm mainly music

10.00 am Drysdale Coffee & Chat

1.30 pm Portarlington Growing & Learning and COER

6.30 pm Portarlington 'Focus on Asylum Seeker Community Fundraising Dinner'

Thursday, 8 May

9.00 am Drysdale & Portarlington Choir practices

7.30 pm Portarlington Church Council

Saturday, 10 May

7.30 am Portarlington Fellowship Breakfast

Sunday, 11 May

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

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Annual Dinner and Concert

Advance Notice for your diaries:

Our Annual Winter Fundraising Dinner and Concert will be held on **Saturday, 28 June**, 6.00 pm in the Drysdale Church Hall. Cost of the evening is \$15 an adult, \$7 child under 12.

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. Tickets will be available soon.

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.

PORTARLINGTON

Focus on Asylum Seeker Week

Presented by the *Justice & Mission Ministry Team.*

At today's service there will be prayers and reflections on this issue.

On Wednesday 7 May the Annual Refugee dinner will be held in St Andrews Hall. Cost \$15 for a two course meal with Guest speaker Sue Longmore, AOM, Queenscliffe Rural Australians for Refugees. Phone Joy 52592538 or Dorothy 52593822 to book.

Booking for Refugee Dinner needs to be done TODAY (leave a message if no one is answering.)

Then to conclude the week on Saturday 10 May at 7.30 am the 'Fellowship Breakfast' speaker will be Sr. Brigid Arthur CBS. Sr. Brigid is a founding member of the Melbourne based 'Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project'.

Small Change at Portarlington

Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to the Small Change offering in April.

The \$118.30 will be shared between our 2 projects:

- the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan Midwifery Project and
- Kids Plus Geelong.

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.

U.C.A.F.

The U.C.A.F will meet on Monday, 12 May at 1.30pm 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.

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.