

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

From Rod Clark, Belmont/Highton UC social issues committee:

Bushikori Orphanage

The social issues committee have arranged for a visiting Ugandan speaker from Bushikori orphanage to address a meeting on Sunday 26 May at St Lukes Uniting Church, cnr. Barrabool and Scenic Rds. Highton, at 5 pm.

Geelong churches have been supporting the orphanage for many years. All are invited. A light meal will be available after the address. Donations for Bushikori orphanage welcome.

already there

you wait as I
move down the aisle,
and then, draw near
with tender touch
and raising wounded
hands you lift
the veil and you
see me and I
see all, redundant
is the stony wall
and there is now
no need for night
for love is all
and sure as light
and in this city
there's no place
to hide, no need
for flight,
come, come inside.

Rev Jennie Gordon.

Rosters for 19 May

PORTARLINGTON

Managers: Harold & Heather Gould
Morning tea: Keith & Heather Pigdon
Pastoral Care & Prayers: David Hughes
Reader: Lorraine Hughes
Power Point Preparation: Margaret Campbell

DRYSDALE

W@9
Kitchen: Wayne's Team
Counting: Colleen Diamond

10.45am

Elder & Prayers: Pat Handley
Readings: Margaret MacGillivray
Door: Ken Handley
Morning Tea: Hazel & Lindsay James
Flowers: Jonnie Mander

ST.LEONARDS

Welcoming: Shirley Hadden
Reading: Marion McGillivray
Prayers: Marj Wilson
Brass & Flowers: Sheryl Ratcliff, Marj Wilson

Note: The Drysdale Uniting Church will be used as one of the venues for the Coryule Chorus *Music on the Move* Progressive concert in May.



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Easter 7

Sunday 12 May 2013

This Seventh Sunday of Easter may also be celebrated as Ascension Sunday, using lections from Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; and Luke 24:44-53. Whichever scriptures are used, this is a day that shows God's power to the world. Jesus calls the disciples to be one, not only with each other, but also with him. Through this unity of spirit, the world may know God's presence through the disciples' ministry. In Acts, Paul has the power to heal a girl suffering from demon possession—a healing that leads to transformation throughout the town as people witness this miraculous act. The glory of God is proclaimed in both Psalm 97 and Revelation 22. God's glory is evident even to the heavens, so that the world may know God. This is the ministry to which the disciples will soon be sent—the ministry of showing and proclaiming God's glorious presence to the world.

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

May 12	Acts 1:1-11	Psalm 47 or 93
Ascension Day	Eph 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
May 12	Acts 16:16-34	Ps 97
Easter 7	Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20- 21	Jn 17:20-26
May 19	Acts 2:1-21 or Gen 11:1-9	Ps 104:24-34, 35b
Day of Pentecost	Rom 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21	Jn 14:8-17, (25-27)

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

SUNDAY 12 May

Portarlington

9.00am Rev Marion Latham HC
Loose Change & Food Bank

Drysdale

9.00am Worship @ 9 Jenni's Team
10.45am Rev Margaret Manning

St Leonards

9.00am Combined HC UCA
Rev Margaret Manning

MONDAY 13 May

1.00pm Portarlington UCAF

TUESDAY 14 May

11.00am Portarlington Justice & Mission
11.00am Drysdale CWA Church Service
7.30pm Drysdale Property Committee

WEDNESDAY 15 May

9:30am -12:30pm Drysdale mainly music
10:00am Drysdale Coffee and Chat
6.30pm Portarlington Community Fundraising Dinner

THURSDAY 16 May

9.00am Drysdale & Portarlington Choir Practice
11.00am Service at Anne Nichol House
7.30pm Drysdale Church Council

FRIDAY 17 May

9.15-10.00am Drysdale Friday School

SATURDAY 18 May

8.00am Drysdale Prayer Breakfast

SUNDAY 19 May

Portarlington

9.00am Rev Marion Latham

Drysdale

9.00am Worship @ 9 Denise's Team

10.45am Rev Marion Latham

St Leonards

9.00am Rev Marion Latham HC
Loose change and food bank

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Congratulations to Ruby Wylie who turns 90 on Sunday. Ruby is a long-time member of our congregation- now living at Drysdale Grove.

Loose Change

Thank you all for \$129.35 contributed as loose change for Uniting World's water project in Papua New Guinea.

Thank You also received from:

- **Share** – for the gift of \$400 from the Drysdale Congregation to support the 4 Lenten Projects for 2013.
- **Samaritan House Geelong Ltd** – for our donation of \$400 to assist them fulfil their mission and allow the provision of crisis accommodation to those in need.

Drysdale UCAF will meet on Wednesday, 22 May at 1.30pm. Audrey & Val will be our hosts for the afternoon, all welcome.

Advance Notice

The **Drysdale Annual Dinner and Concert** will be held on Saturday, 22 June, mark your diaries now!

PORTARLINGTON

Old Timers Fete: Alice Springs

A reminder to those who sew and knit to finalise your goods for the Old Timers Fete in Alice Springs by the end of MAY. Please place your goods in the box in the Narthex at Port. Any queries please see Wendy Quill.

ST. LEONARDS

Please keep free Monday, 27 May when **St. Leonards UCAF** will be hosting Peter Breen (blind pianist and singer) previously with Christian Blind Mission. We have invited Peter and his wife to be our entertainment for our Birthday celebration. Donations accepted – afternoon tea, beginning at 2.00pm. Further information from Marj Wilson 5257 1096.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

Music on the Move

Sunday 19 May Coryule Chorus are performing a benefit concert with a difference. They will perform their mix of Choral, ensembles and solos at three Drysdale's historical venues.

Commencing at 2:00pm at St Thomas's then Drysdale Uniting Church and concludes at St. James Anglican just after 4:00pm where a Devonshire tea is on offer. (Courtesy bus available).

Cost \$10 to support Anam Cara House that offers respite for the terminally ill at Geelong. Ring Rob 0407439323 for more details.

Some truth about asylum seekers and refugees

An asylum seeker is someone who has fled their own country and applies to the government of another country for protection as a refugee. The term 'asylum seekers' refers to all people who apply for refugee protection, whether or not they are officially determined to be refugees. In Australia, asylum seekers may either be held in immigration detention centres or reside in the community while their claims for refugee status are being determined by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

The word 'refugee' is a specific legal status that is given to some asylum seekers. The United Nations uses the following definition to determine whether someone qualifies for refugee status: "A refugee is someone who owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality, and is unable to, or owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country."

In Australia, when someone is recognised as a refugee, they are given the right to permanent residency and access to the range of rights and protections that other Australians have.

Justice for Asylum Seekers – A call to prayer. Uniting Justice