

Article 31: The right of asylum seekers not to be punished based on their mode of arrival (such as boat or plane)

Article 23: The obligation of the Government to offer public relief and assistance

Article 32: The right of asylum seekers not to be expelled (refoulement) except under certain, strictly defined conditions.

Whether asylum seekers arrived in Australia by boat or by plane, whether they have identity papers or not – they are not illegal. They are exercising their right under Australian and international law to seek asylum.

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

Pentecost Prayer

Promised one,
come Holy Spirit, come,
inflame us with God's glory
write our names into the story.

Windswept, ravaged by the force
of time and grief
and life's strange course
we gather and you give
a burning gift that lets us live
as if we had no choice
you breathe on us
and we find voice

and in this cataclysmic time
we become the holy rhyme,
living word
that never goes
unheard.

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come Holy Spirit, come,
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write our names into the story

Rev Jennie Gordon.

Rosters for 26 May

PORTARLINGTON

Managers: Keith Knights & Alf Cork
Morning tea: Jan Dryden & Peter Gibbs
Pastoral Care: Barry Ruler
Prayers: Drysdale Lay Team
Reader: Drysdale Lay Team
Power Point Preparation: Catherine Eagleson

DRYSDALE

W@9
Kitchen: Denise's Team
Counting: Lynda Smith

10.45am

Elder: Bob Stevenson
Prayers: Drysdale Lay Team
Readings: Drysdale Lay Team
Door: Ken Handley
Morning Tea: Andrea Lindsay & Sue Taylor
Flowers: Colleen Diamond
Foodbank Delivery for June: Margo Jones

ST.LEONARDS

Welcoming: June Blair
Reading: Drysdale Lay Team
Prayers: Drysdale Lay Team
Brass & Flowers: Wyn Moriarty

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

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Day of Pentecost

Sunday 19 May 2013

Acts 2:1-21 is the central scripture for Pentecost Sunday, telling how the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples, empowering them to witness to the gospel before all people.

Psalm 104 reminds us that God's Spirit has been present from the beginning, creating and renewing all that is. Romans tells us that through God's Spirit, we are adopted as God's children and are heirs with Christ. In John, Jesus reassures the disciples that God will send the Spirit of truth to teach and remind them of all he has told them.

Through these texts, we encounter God's Spirit—the Spirit that creates, renews, empowers, teaches, and draws us into a deeper relationship with God and with one another.

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

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)

May 26 Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8
Trinity Sunday Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

SUNDAY 19 May

Portarlington

9.00am Rev Marion Latham

Drysdale

9.00am Worship @ 9 Denise's Team

10.45am Rev Marion Latham

St Leonards

5.00pm Rev Marion Latham HC
Loose change and food bank

MONDAY 20 May

9.30am KYB Bible Study

TUESDAY 21 May

10.30am Drysdale Grove Service

WEDNESDAY 22 May

9:30am -12:30pm Drysdale mainly music

10:00am Drysdale Coffee and Chat

1.30pm Drysdale UCAF

THURSDAY 23 May

9.00am Drysdale & Portarlington
Choir Practice

FRIDAY 24 May

9.15-10.00am Drysdale Friday School

SATURDAY 25 May

8.00am-12 noon Drysdale Working Bee

SUNDAY 26 May

Portarlington

9.00am Drysdale Lay Team – Vince King & Co.

Drysdale

9.00am Worship @ 9 Rev Bob Stevenson Graeme's Team assisting

10.45am Drysdale Lay Team – Vince King & Co.

St Leonards

5.00pm Drysdale Lay Team – Vince King & Co

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

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

Produce Stall

This year – up to 12 May – the Produce Stall sales are totalling \$365.70. Suppliers of goods and customers who purchase are gratefully thanked for their support – please keep it going.

Working Bee

A Working Bee will be held at Drysdale Uniting Church. Please come along and help with jobs around the property.

Date: Saturday 25 May
Time: 8.00am until 12 mid day

Please support this venture. Many hands make light work!

CWCI (Christian Women Communicating International) Prayer for the Nation 2013

For the month of May KYB (Know Your Bible) groups are asked to pray for our nation using each line of The Lord's Prayer as a guide. Maybe we might be inspired to also pray in this way.

Bellarine Peninsula groups met at Ocean Grove Church of Christ last Monday to pray together.

Jen Davis opened the morning with a beautifully sung solo of The Lord's Prayer, which was very inspiring.

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

On Monday, 27 May **St. Leonards UCAF** will be hosting Peter Breen (blind pianist and singer) previously with Christian Blind Mission. 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 – today is the day!

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 of 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.

Asylum Seekers or Illegal Immigrants?

Migrants leave their home by choice. They have time to prepare for the journey, to say goodbye to their loved ones and are normally in a financial position that will enable them to begin a new life in another country. They also enjoy the protection of their own home government, regardless of where in the world they travel to. Asylum seekers are often fleeing persecution, torture or war. They leave their home country with little or no possessions or money, and often cannot return to their country of origin for fear of persecution or death. Many leave their family behind, hoping to find safety here in Australia so that they can later bring their families here. This separation is never easy.

Asylum seekers do not need a valid visa to enter Australia. Under Article 14 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, "Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution".

In addition to this, the Refugee Convention, which Australia signed just over sixty years ago, sets out both the rights of asylum seekers and Australia's obligations. These include: