

## 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

#### Congratulations

The Linked Congregations of Bellarine praise God for the ministry of retired ministers, Rev. Bob Stevenson, Rev. Leigh Pope and Rev. Ian Porter, who celebrate 40 years of ordained service in this or the coming few weeks. We are pleased to have you as part of our congregations and for the continued ministry you perform with us. God's continued blessings be on you all.

#### 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.

**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.

### Rosters for 12 May

#### PORTARLINGTON

**Managers:** Harold & Heather Gould

**Morning tea:** Keith & Heather Pigdon

**Pastoral Care & Prayers:** Dorothy Knights

**Reader:** Margaret Campbell

**Communion Preparation/Serve:** Dorothy Knights

**Communion Servers:** Neil Bell, Keith Pigdon, Alex Eagleson

**Power Point Preparation:** Joan Kelly

**Lawn Roster 16 May:** Barry Ruler, Keith Knights, Alex Eagleson

#### DRYSDALE

**W@9**

**Kitchen:** Jenni's Team

**Counting:** Lesley Taylor

**10.45am**

**Elder & Prayers:** Gerald Edgar

**Readings:** Margaret Freemantle

**Door:** Lindsay and Hazel James

**Morning Tea:** Irene & Bob Stevenson

**Flowers:** Margaret Freemantle

#### ST. LEONARDS

**Welcoming:** Margo Jones

**Reading:** Margo Jones

**Prayers:** Margo Jones

**Brass & Flowers:** Wyn Moriarty

## THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

### Easter 6

### Sunday 5 May 2013

The Easter season is a time for sheer delight, a time to praise God with renewed faith and vision. The psalmist invites us to praise God for saving us, guiding us, and blessing us.

Revelation provides a deeper sense of God's saving power, promising a new heaven and a new earth, where nations will walk in the light of the Lamb. Mourning and weeping will be no more, for God will wipe away every tear. The Gospel eases our sense of loss at Christ's departure, for God has sent us the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to bring us peace, take away our fear, and lead us into truth. Take delight in God, for we are never alone on our journey of faith.

*Ahmadon Worship Annual*

### LECTIONARY

May 5	Acts 16:9-15	Psalm 67
Easter 6	Revelation 21:10, 22-22: 5	John 14:23-29. or John 5:1-9
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

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

### SUNDAY 5 May

#### Portarlington

9.00am Mrs Pat Williams

#### Drysdale

9:00am W@9 Rev Marion Latham  
H/C Denise's team assisting

10:45am Rev Marion Latham H/C  
*Food Bank and Loose Change offering  
at both services*

#### St.Leonards

5:00pm Pastor Rob Brown

### MONDAY 6 May

9.30am KYB at Lynda Smith's  
7.30pm Drysdale Growing &  
Learning Committee

### TUESDAY 7 May

7.30pm Portarlington Worship  
Committee

### WEDNESDAY 8 May

9:30am -12:30pm Drysdale mainly music  
10:00am Drysdale Coffee and Chat  
7.30pm Portarlington Resource  
Committee

### THURSDAY 9 May

7.30pm Portarlington Church  
Council

### FRIDAY 12 May

9.15-10.00am Drysdale Friday School

### SATURDAY 11 May

7.30am Portarlington Fellowship  
Breakfast

### 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

## OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

### DRYSDALE

#### Valé Claude Stanley

When a man can draw nearly 400 people to a Service of Thanksgiving for his life it makes you amazed of that person; such was Claude. He, and Beryl, joined Drysdale Methodist Church in 1954 when they moved to Clifton Springs, and became immersed in the life of the Church. Claude proudly told that he had held every position within the Church over the years, except for those with the UCAF. At the time of his death he was the Auditor for the Congregation. Even after relinquishing positions he was still prepared to pass on his support to the new incumbent.

Claude's commitment to God was both personal and communal. He relished seeing others grow in faith and he loved sharing his faith with others, individually, as an elder or through preaching. His commitment to youth with the Order of Knights, the Youth club and the Sunday School are legendary. His social side saw not just organisation of concerts but also participation – do you remember

Claude in a tutu and the many other costumes?

His devotion to accuracy is seen in his work in the Office with record keeping and in particularly the weekly news sheet – rarely did a mistake escape him. Not only did he serve God and the Church but so many other organisations over the years. If we can emulate just part of his life we would all be better for it.

To Beryl, and the family, we provide our love and support, along with our thanks for Claude's involvement with us. Praise be to God.

#### Prayer Chain

Our prayer chain is a valuable part of the congregation support for its members. If you would like to join the prayer chain please speak to Wayne Myers. Prayer requests are forwarded to Prayer Chain, members by email or telephone. If you have a need for prayer please advise your elder or Wayne Myers.

### PORTARLINGTON

**Important Notice** - for all who like a good cup of tea.

**The U.C.A.F.** have organised a Tea Demonstration and Afternoon Tea at the Cartel Tea House, 21Leather St, Breakwater, on Monday, 13 May at 2.00pm. The cost is \$15.00 each. Members are asked to be at the church for car-pooling by 1.00pm. A booking has been made for 12 people so everyone, and their friends, are welcome to join our group. Please let

Heather Gould, 5259 2808 know that you wish to attend TODAY at the latest.

## Focus on Asylum Seekers Week

### Fellowship Breakfast

The May breakfast will be held on Saturday 11 May, commencing at 7.30am sharp. Guest speakers will be refugees from the Karen community in Burma. Grace and her mother Joyce, who speaks little English, will tell us of some of their experiences as refugees. All members of the Linked Congregations and their friends are warmly invited to attend.

Acceptances please to Barry on 5259 3304 by Thursday evening, 9 May.

At the **9am Church service on Sunday 12 May** there will be prayers and reflections on this issue. Everyone very welcome.

**A Community Fund Raising Dinner** for the Hotham Mission Asylum Seeker Project will be held on **Wednesday 15 May at 6.30pm.**

Speaker that evening will be Cathie Bond, a founding member of Queenscliff Rural Australians for Refugee who has been active in personally assisting asylum seekers and refugees for the past ten years.

To assist with catering please contact Dorothy Knights ph 5259 3822 or Joy Porter 5259 2538 by 8 May if you wish to attend.