

blunt horizon Luke 20:27-38

what blunt horizon waits
where passage needs no
packaged wares bundled and
bound
no keeping track of all that's lost
and found
no map
no turning back

where life ends and begins
and keeps on flowing
while bushes keep on burning
and each yearning meets a
knowing
once again

what threshold stands
and who's the host with eager
outstretched handsto welcome in
the widow and the priest
and set for them a table
and a pardon
and a feast

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God of the living,
to whom all are alive,
you offer us a leaf in springtime,
a promise
that we are children of the
resurrection,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen
Bob Eldan Lander, Wyoming

Rosters for 17th November

PORTARLINGTON

9:00am

Managers Harold & Heather
Gould

Morning tea: David & Lorraine
Hughes

Pastoral Care: Margaret Manning

Prayers: Margaret Manning

Reader: Elaine Farnell

Power Point: Joan Kelly

DRYSDALE

9:00am W@9

Kitchen Graeme's Team

Counting Margo Jones

10.45am

Elder: Ken Handley

Readings: Pat Handley

Door: Vince King

Morning tea: Hazel & Lindsay
James

Flowers: Melva Stringer

ST. LEONARDS

Welcoming: Miriam Tobin

Readings: Marion MacGillivray

Prayers: Margo Jones

Flowers and Brass Geoff &
Sandra Giddings



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Pentecost 25

Sunday 10 November 2013

Hope for the future focuses today's readings. Facing distress at the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem, Haggai proclaims that the new temple will be made even greater than the old. Extolling God's greatness, the psalmist proclaims that God will save the faithful. The Epistle calms the fears of early Christians who are in crisis over the delay in the Lord's return. Sanctified by God's Spirit as the first fruits of salvation, we have nothing to fear. Finally, Jesus confirms the truth of the resurrection, proclaiming that our God is the God of the living, not the dead. Those who rise again are like angels who can no longer die. In the midst of anxiety and loss, hope still carries the day.

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

November 10th	Haggai 1: 15b – 2: 9	Psalm 145: 1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98
Pentecost 25	2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17	Luke 20: 27-38
November 17	Isaiah 65: 17-25	Psalm 12
Pentecost 26	2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13	Luke 21: 5-19

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

Sunday 10 November Portarlington

9.00am Rev. Marion Latham H/C
Loose change & food bank

St. Leonards

9.00am Rev. Margaret Manning H/C

Drysdale

9.00am W@9 Jenni's Team
10.45 am Mrs Sue Waddell

Monday 11 November

9.30am KYB at Pat's
1.30pm Portarlington UCAF

Tuesday 12 November

7.30 pm Drysdale Property
7.30pm Portarlington Worship C'tee

Wednesday 13 November

9.30am mainly music
10:00 am Drysdale Coffee and Chat
1.30 pm. Op Shop AGM Drysdale
4.30 pm. Preaching Plan preparation @
Pat William's home
7.30pm Portarlington Resources

Thursday 14 November

9.00am Drysdale & Port Choir practice
7.30pm Portarlington/St.Leonards
Church Council

Friday 15 November

9.15am -10:30am Friday School

Saturday 16 November

8 00am Prayer Breakfast, Zoo Café
Drysdale
9 am – early pm Blooming Plants and
Home Made Fair, Portarlington

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Drysdale

9.00am W@9 Wayne's Team
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OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Loose Change

This month's offering for the Solomon Islands Women's Project resulted in \$122.95. Thank you all.

Birthday Dinner

Sunday 10 November will be a birthday dinner celebration at Drysdale Hotel for Sue Plummer (50), Chris Olsen and Terryll Morrissey (60), Margo Jones (70) and Beryl Stanley (90). Please advise Wayne if you wish to attend.

PORTARLINGTON & ST LEONARDS

Portarlington UCAF.

At our next meeting on Monday, 11 November at 1.30pm in the Meeting Room, Margaret Campbell will lead a Meditation titled 'Jesus, the Bread of Life'. This is based on the feeding of the 5000 as told in John's gospel. All are welcome to join in this reflection on God's word. Any queries to Elizabeth please, phone 52592442.

ALL OUR CONGREGATIONS

"Affordable Art"

An "Affordable Art" exhibition will be held in St. Leonards Uniting Church Hall, Dudley Parade from 10am – 4pm each day from tomorrow November 2 - November 9th
Artist Dresley Robbins. Free entry

Plant Affair!!!

Members of the Linked congregations are reminded that the **Portarlington "Blooming Plants & Home made Fair"** will be held on Saturday 16th November from 9-00am 'til early pm, in the church hall, Newcombe St. Portarlington. Over 200 potted pelargonium, most in full bloom, other garden plants, Home made Stall (craft & other useful items, yummy home made Cake Stall, morning tea or coffee(Scones, jam, cream) Come along, have a browse, maybe make a purchase or two and relax and have a lovely morning tea. Further info from Barry on 04275 13950.

The Annual General Meeting of the **Drysdale Uniting Care Op-Shop Management committee** will be held at the Drysdale Uniting Church on 13 November at 1.30pm.

The Op-Shop has been a very successful outreach for the Church. We are looking for "New Blood" to sustain our momentum. Show your support. Please come along.

Low cost house for rent over the summer holidays; in Portarlington. Details see letter on the notice board or talk to Vince King



It takes tremendous courage and faith to live an alternative set of values and practices from the people around us. Unfortunately, though, our world has somehow become captured by short-term, expedient values – the quarterly report, the next new product or experience, the quick gratification. Long term hope, and the commitment to work and wait for the greater good are somehow seen as quaint but outdated ways of living. In our churches we can fall into exactly the same trap – measuring our success by numbers, money, buildings, new fashions, new trends and new equipment. When this happens, our message is lost, and the call for justice is silenced. When we renew our faith in the eternal, in the unending life of God, and in our hope of resurrection, all sorts of things change. We begin to view the world and its history through the lens of God's reign, and the wide sweep of salvation history, rather than just the immediate moment. We begin to work for a better world, even though we may never see the fulfilment of our dreams ourselves.

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