

Cling

Luke 21:5-19

I pray that you cling
to the love that upholds you
when life is dismantled
and nothing remains
when stones that were shelter
lie broken and scattered
when hope that flowed freely
dies, bound up in chains

I pray that you cling
to the love that upholds you
in this vast transition
this dark disarray
when pain strikes like lightning
and order is ruptured
and nothing makes sense
in the light of the day

I pray that you cling
to the love that upholds you
embraced, held and cradled
find rest and release
with words for your knowing
and wisdom for others
I pray that you cling
to the peddler of peace

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God who creates and orders chaos,
when wars and earthquakes
bring tumbling stones
around our heads,
you give us assurance
not a hair
will parish.
Calm our troubled spirits.
Guide us through our dark places,
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 24 November

PORTARLINGTON

9:00am

Managers: Keith Knights & Peter Gibbs

Morning tea: David & Elizabeth Thompson

Pastoral Care: Barry Ruler

Prayers & Readings: Drysdale
Worship Team

Power Point: Margaret Campbell

DRYSDALE

9:00am W@9

Kitchen Jenni's Team

Counting Colleen Diamond

10.45am

Elder: Bob Stevenson

Prayers & Readings: Drysdale
Lay Team

Door: Ken Handley

Morning tea: Marguerite &
Gerald Edgar

Flowers: Margaret Jeffrey

ST. LEONARDS

Welcoming: Shirley Hadden

Readings: Drysdale Lay Team

Prayers: Drysdale Lay
Team

Flowers and Brass Judy Godfrey



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Pentecost 26

Sunday 17 November 2013

It's easy to be overwhelmed by the evil and suffering in the world. It is also easy to be overwhelmed by the grand scope and challenge of the Gospel and its vision of a restored world. But, in the midst of these two over-whelming realities is a simple, but powerful response – the contribution that is made by a life of daily discipline and faithfulness to what is right. Such small contributions, when put together, make a significant difference in the big scheme of things. Again, it's not the first time the lectionary has challenged us in this way, but it is an important message as we seek to live out our faith in practical ways that do offer value to others. Sometimes it's easy to get caught up in the "big issues" of justice in our world, and forget that justice also needs to be worked out right on our own doorstep – as Mother Teresa so wisely put it: "we cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love"..

Sacredise

LECTIONARY

November 17	Isaiah 65: 17-25	Psalm 12
Pentecost 26	2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13	Luke 21: 5-19
November 24	Jer 23;1-6	Luke 1:68-79
Christ the King	Col 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

Sunday 17 November

Portarlington

9.00am Rev. Marion Latham H/C

Drysdale

9.00am W@9 Wayne’s Team

10.45 am Rev Marion Latham

St. Leonards

9.00am Rev. Marion Latham H/C

Loose change & Food Bank

Monday 18 November

9.30am KYB at Pat’s

Tuesday 19 November

10.30am Drysdale Grove Chapel Service

Wednesday 20 November

9.30am mainly music

10:00 am Drysdale Coffee and Chat

Thursday 21 November

9.00am Drysdale & Port Choir practice

11.00am Ann Nichol/Sims Lodge Worship

7.30pm Drysdale Church Council

Friday 22 November

9.15am -10:30am Friday School

Sunday 24 November

Portarlington

9.00am Drysdale Lay Team (John McGillivray)

Drysdale

9.00am W@9 Rev Marion Latham, Jenni’s team assisting

10.45 am Drysdale Lay Team (John McGillivray)

St. Leonards

7.00pm Drysdale Lay Team

ALL OUR CONGREGATIONS

Bellarine Community Choir

present their Annual Concert, on Sunday 24 November at 2.00pm in the Springdale Hall, High Street, Drysdale with guest artists from the Bellarine.

Entry is free and all are welcome.

Forward Notice:

The **next Linked Worship Workshop** for anyone involved or interested in planning or leading worship services has been changed from the normal fourth Thursday to **Thursday December 5** at 7.30 pm at Drysdale.

This is due to Presbytery’s MSM course which is on fourth Thursdays. As much as possible, for the next year, our Linked Worship Workshops will be on the first Thursday of the following month.

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

Newsheet preparation:

Thanks to the small team of volunteers who prepare this newsheet each week and others who check the draft and finalise for printing. We would like to expand the team of volunteers and are

looking for others to join the roster in 2014. Content has to be provided by Tuesday evening, and when you are rostered on it only takes a couple of hours to prepare the newsheet.

As long as you can use a computer, you would be trained in accessing the church email, templates and rosters necessary. Or perhaps you are good at noticing errors and would be able to go on a roster to check the draft?

If you think you might be able to help please talk to Val Lestrangle, Secretary of the Joint Coordinating Committee for more information on 52513125.

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And talking about Church Bulletins .. here are some humorous BLOOPERS that have actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

- The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.
- The sermon this morning: ‘Jesus Walks on the Water.’ The sermon tonight: ‘Searching for Jesus.’
- Ladies, don’t forget the rummage sale. It’s a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say ‘Hell’ to someone who doesn’t care much about you.

- Miss Charlene Mason sang ‘I will not pass this way again,’ giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00pm – prayer and medication to follow.
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
- Don’t let worry kill you off – let the Church help.
- For those of you who have children and don’t know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Isn’t it good when mistakes bring humor, perhaps our mistakes are not so bad!!

Further commentary on the lectionary:

A new heaven and a new earth . . . wars and persecutions. . . they don’t seem to go together. What were the lectionary planners thinking? These seemingly contradictory passages speak of endings and beginnings—the vision of what can and will be—times of trial, times of peace. It was the best of times; it was the worst of times. It is the contradiction we live in every day. We are caught between despair and hope; caught between people who tell us to be realistic and our vision of a better life. We are caught between those who believe the world is going to hell, and those who see a different life—a better life, a life that can come to be, will come to be, if we only believe the promises of God and live into them.

Ministry Matters