

## Climbing Trees

there was a crowd in the way  
and there was you  
just passing through

there was always a crowd in the way  
of who I wanted to see  
this time I climbed a tree

I wanted to see who you were  
to see above the seething cloud  
the obscuring, sightless crowd

rich and blind  
how did you find me  
up the tree

you, who knew my name,  
and saw my face  
and invited yourself to my place

invited yourself to dwell  
with me, to stay,  
while others turned away

they turned away, I turned  
to right the wrong, repay,  
I turned and walked your way

so, if you're lost  
keep climbing tress  
to glimpse the one

who sees  
you for who you are  
and leads you home

and will not leave  
keep climbing trees  
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## Rosters for 10<sup>th</sup> November

### PORTARLINGTON

9:00am

**Managers** Harold & Heather  
Gould

**Morning tea:** David & Lorraine  
Hughes

**Pastoral Care:** Marilyn Bertram

**Prayers:** Marilyn Bertram

**Reader:** Bruce Bertram

**Power Point:** Margaret  
Campbell

### DRYSDALE

9:00am W@9

**Kitchen** Denise's Team

**Counting** Jonnie Mander

10.45am

**Elder:** Marguerite Edgar

**Readings:** John MacGillivray

**Door:** Wilma Mansell

**Morning tea:** Pat & Ken Handley

**Flowers:** Jen Davis

### ST. LEONARDS

**Welcoming:** Margo Jones

**Readings:** Kaye Baulch

**Prayers:** Margo Jones

**Flowers and Brass** Judy  
Godfrey



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

## Pentecost 24

Sunday 3 November 2013

We witness to the power of God's love when we give of ourselves and trust in the message of Christ. This week's readings show individuals who witness through their zeal, hospitality, and forbearance. God's love is made visible in many ways, through a changed life, the charity of an individual, the just call of the prophet, the patience of a psalmist, and the change of perceptions and growing intimacy of a community. We find an inner and shared strength when we recognize and give thanks for how individual and collective beings in creation witness to God's abundant grace every day.

Seasons of the Spirit

## LECTIONARY

November 3rd Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144  
Pentecost 24 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4,11-12 Luke 19:1-10

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

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

### Sunday 3 November

#### Portarlington

9.00am Mrs Pat Williams

#### Drysdale

9.00am W@9 Rev Marion Latham H/C  
Wayne's Team assisting  
10.45 am Rev Marion Latham H/C  
*Loose change and food bank*

#### St Leonards

7.00pm Rev Marion Latham

### Monday 4 November

7.30 pm Drysdale G & Learning

### Tuesday 5 November

7.30 pm Port. Worship Com.

### Wednesday 6 November

9.30am mainly music  
10:00 am Drysdale Coffee and Chat  
1.30pm Portarlington G&L & COER

### Thursday 7 November

9.00am Drysdale & Port Choir practice  
7.30pm Drysdale Pastoral Care

### Friday 8 November

9.15am -10:30am Friday School

### 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

## OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

### DRYSDALE

#### Pilgrimage

Please put your name on the list in the foyer today or call Wayne to say you will be attending the Pilgrimage on Saturday. 11.00am start at Basin Reserve. God will show us the wonders of trees.

#### 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

#### *Time for some Christmas Shopping?*

#### *How can you make your Christmas Gift giving really count this year?*

Why not buy a Gift for Peace from the Act for Peace gift catalogue? Gifts from \$10 to \$10,000 will assist families in South India, Gaza, Myanmar and Pakistan with school supplies, food for refugees, a vegetable garden and access to a doctor.

Merilyn will have a gift catalogue for St Andrew's members after church this morning.

Please consider giving a gift to friends and family that at the same time provides people living in conflict affected

countries with food, medicine and tools to help rebuild their lives.

#### Portarlington U.C.A.F.

At our next meeting on Monday, 11th 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 9<sup>th</sup>  
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.

#### Advance Notice

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

**Portarlington Fellowship Breakfast** for November will be held on Saturday morning 9th, commencing at 7-30am. Guest Speaker will be Rev. Margaret Manning.

Margaret has not long returned from a month long holiday in the UK and will tell us of her experiences whilst there. All members of the Linked Congregations and their friends, are warmly invited to attend. Acceptances please to Barry Ruler on 5259 3304 by Thursday evening 7 November