

Another thought on the lectionary

Although “bloom where you are planted” never appears in scripture, today’s readings point to just this message. Through Jeremiah, God reminds the exiled Israelites that they are to live fully and caringly in Babylon. They are even to pray for the welfare of the city to which they have been exiled. The psalmist praises God for mighty deeds, even while remembering the burdens and troublesome journeys of their lives. Jesus heals ten people with skin diseases on the journey between Samaria and Galilee, then sends them on their way. To the one who returns with gratitude, Jesus offers a further blessing of faith and wholeness. As followers

of Christ, as God’s people, we are a people on a journey. Wherever that journey takes us, we are called to build and to grow, to share ministry and to serve, to praise and to worship, to live and to endure whatever circumstances we are given.

Abingdon Worship Annual

Ministry Matters

Rev. Marion will be on leave from October 14 until October 29 and will be away from Drysdale. (She will be contactable in dire emergency on her mobile or email). For pastoral care needs please contact Val Lestrangle (Drysdale), or Ian Porter

Rosters for 20 October

PORTARLINGTON

9:00am

Managers: Keith Knights, Alf Cork

Morning tea: Heather & Harold Gould

Pastoral Care: Lorraine Hughes

Prayers: Lorraine Hughes

Reader David Hughes

Power Point Catherine Eagleson

DRYSDALE

9:00am W@9

Kitchen Denise’s Team

Counting Lynda Smith

10.45am

Elder: Joy Krahe

Prayers: Joy Krahe

Readings: Keith Grimm

Door: Hazel & Angus Wyllie

Morning tea: Irene and Bob Stevenson

Flowers: Mary Grieve

ST. LEONARDS

Welcoming & H/C Shirley Hadden

Readings Marj Wilson

Prayer Margo Jones

Flowers and Brass Shirley Hadden



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Pentecost 21

Sunday 13 October 2013

Our readings remind us that wherever we are hemmed in and restricted, God is there in freedom. Jeremiah writes to the Jews in Babylon that they are to make a home in the very place to which they have been exiled—and they are to pray for this city! The author of 2 Timothy writes of his chains as a life-giving and freeing participation in the rejection and death of Christ Jesus. To lepers who must keep their distance from everyone, Jesus speaks words of healing, obliterating the distance between them. However we may be bound, “the word of God is not chained” (2 Timothy 2:9), and the locked iron door of impossibility swings open.

Ministry Matters

LECTIONARY

October 13 th	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7	Psalms 66: 1-12
Pentecost 21	2Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19

October 20 th	Jeremiah 31:27-34	Psalms 119:97-104
Pentecost 22	2Timothy 3:14 -4:5	Luke 18:1-8

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

Sunday 13 October

St. Leonards

9.00am Combined H. C. Anglican

Portarlington

9.00 am Rev. Marion Latham H.C.

Loose change & Food bank

Drysdale

9:00am W@9 Café Church

10:45 am Rev Ann Key

Monday 14 October

9:30am Drysdale KYB at Lynda's

1:30pm Portarlington UCAF

Tuesday 15 October

10:30am Drysdale Grove Service

7:30 JCC Drysdale

Wednesday 16 October

9.30am mainly music

10:00 am Drysdale Coffee and Chat

Thursday 17 October

9.00am Drysdale & Port Choir practice

11:00am Ann Nichol House Service

Friday 18 October

9.15am Friday School

Saturday 19 October

8:00am Drysdale Prayer Breakfast

At "The Zoo"

Sunday 20 October

Portarlington

9.00 am Rev. Ian Porter

Drysdale

9.00 am W@9 Graeme's team

10.45 am Rev Bob Stevenson

St Leonards

7.00pm Rev Ian Porter

Loose change and foodbank

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Garage Sale Sat 26th October

Volunteers needed - those who are able to come along from midday Friday 25th October ready to set up the hall and move items from the garage into the hall. Many hands make light work!

Pilgrimage

You are invited to join us for this years Pilgrimage with the theme of "Trees for Life" on Saturday 9th November. You can walk or drive between each point starting at Basin Reserve then to the bike track at Reserve Road before the station for lunch. Next is Village Square before finishing at Wathaurong Reserve at about 3:15pm. Each walk takes about fifteen minutes. The Liturgy at each stop will involve a mix of readings, prayers, contemplations, poems, singing and comments. Lunch is provided at no cost.

We also need help: Drivers to assist with transport especially at start and finish; someone to cook lunch, a couple of people to provide slices. Please speak to Wayne if you can help, or advise that you will be taking someone or to get more information.

Loose Change Offering

Thank you all for our offerings for the Solomon Islands Women's project that produced \$107.65

PORTARLINGTON

U.C.A.F.

The Annual Review meeting of Portarlington U.C.A.F. will be held in the meeting room on Monday, 14th October at 1.30pm. This will also be the planning time for the 2014 program. Come and share your ideas for the coming year of fellowship, worship and service. Contact Elizabeth on 52592442 if you have any queries.

ALL OUR CONGREGATIONS

Celebrate

On Sunday, October 20, we join with Bob Stevenson, Leigh Pope and Ian Porter in celebrating the 40th anniversary of their ordination. A wonderful time to celebrate and give thanks to God for 40+ years of faithful service. (40 + years, because we remember that service to God's mission does not begin with ordination).

Low cost house for rent over the summer holidays; in Portarlington. Details see Vince King

Advance Notices

The annual General meeting of the Drysdale Uniting Care Op-Shop Management committee will be held at the Drysdale Uniting Church on the 13th November at 1.30pm.

The Op-Shop has been very successful outreach for the church. We are looking for "New Blood" to sustain our momentum.

Show your support. Please come along.

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 pelargoniums, 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.

A Little Homework!!

Harvey is planning a new "roof top or attic style" extension to their home!

Please read Proverbs 21: vs: 9.

