

Another thought on the lectionary
Going Home

Your light breaks through uplifted breath as words rise steaming from these thoughtless thoughts and lost in the distractions of the day I look away and babble gushing gratitude that I am not like the whoever they may be standing in a far off place hiding their face.

Your truth unveils full Sunday best unwraps the most beloved layers of sure-fire song sing in order to be strong and overcome the bleating, beating cry of those who steal my air whoever they may be standing in a far off place hiding their face

Alone I come and pray and leave that way sweet solitude for company I do not see your love escort to humble heart the ones whose lives rely on mercy to get by whoever they may be
standing in a far off place
hiding their face

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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 (Port/St. Leonards)

Rosters for 3rd November

PORTARLINGTON

9:00am

Managers David and Lorraine Hughes

Morning tea: Keith and Heather Pigdon

Pastoral Care: Margaret Campbell

Prayers: Margaret Campbell

Reader: Malcolm Campbell

Power Point Catherine Eagleson

DRYSDALE

9:00am W@9

Kitchen Wayne's Team

Counting Glenda Vuillermin
10.45am

Elder: Pat Handley, Vince King

Prayers Vince King

Readings: Pat Handley

Door: Wilma Mansell

Morning tea: Marg. McGillivray & Mary Grieve

Flowers: Denise McLaverty

ST. LEONARDS

Welcoming: Marj Wilson

Readings: Marg Jones

Prayers: Marj Wilson

Flowers and Brass Sandra & Geoff Giddings



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Pentecost 23

Sunday 27 October 2013

As the church year draws to a close and culminates in the glory of Christ's reign, we celebrate the transformative power that God gives to the church, the body called to live together as Disciples of Christ. As we delve deeper into what it means to live as one, we often grapple with internal and external barriers, histories of shame, and feelings of unworthiness. The scriptures this week celebrate how nothing stands in the way of God's love, and no distance is too great for God's grace to reach.

Seasons of the Spirit

LECTIONARY

October 27th Pentecost 23	Jeremiah 2:23-32 2Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Psalms 65 Luke 18:9-14
November 3rd Pentecost 24	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-14 2Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	Psalms 119:137-144 Luke 19:1-10

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

Sunday 27 October

Portarlington

9.00 am Portarlington Lay Team
David and Lorraine Hughes

Drysdale

9.00 am W@9 Rev Margaret Manning
10.45 am Portarlington Lay Team
David and Lorraine Hughes

St Leonards

7.00pm Portarlington Lay Team
David and Lorraine Hughes

Monday 28 October

2:00pm St.Leonards UCAF

Tuesday 29 October

7.30 pm Portarlington JAM

Wednesday 30 October

9.30am mainly music
10:00 am Drysdale Coffee and Chat

Thursday 31 October

9.00am Drysdale & Port Choir practice

Friday 1 November

9.15am -10:30am Friday School

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

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Pilgrimage

You are invited to join us for this year's Pilgrimage with the theme of "Trees for Life" on Saturday 9th November commencing at 11am. 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.

PORTARLINGTON & ST LEONARDS

Many thanks to my friends at Portarlington / St Leonard's for your congratulatory wishes and generous gift on the occasion of my Ordination 40th Anniversary. I greatly enjoyed sharing that service and occasion with the St Andrew's congregation. I am sorry things did not work out for the evening service at St Leonard's and thank Rev Bob Stevenson for stepping in for me at short notice. Ian Porter

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 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.

Advance Notices

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.

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

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

Architect work in Geelong over November or February

Dear Fellow ministers
My student president Matthew Wilson is looking for some Architect work in Geelong over November or February
I am just wondering if you have someone in your congregation who has such a business. I cannot speak of Matthew highly enough. He is a hard working and reliable servant, gentle, competent and very creative – he does 90% of our graphics. He is currently doing his Masters of Architecture. If you can help let me know ASAP.

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