

Give Up

my arms embrace
a lifetime collection
of necessary nothings
but each thing connects
and recollects the other
recounting who I am as daughter
sister, friend and wife and mother
while

each day adds another
vital verse to the anthology
of completed works - by me
that no one else
will ever read, while I persist
denying or defying dying
maybe
and then there's all that substance
I've hoarded for tomorrow
the 'one day' that I know will come
it fills my head, my dreams,
my home

what would it mean
to loose the hold
let go, put down, give up
and walk with empty arms
save for the cross of life-affirming death
that has been ours
since first baptismal breath

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Rosters for 15 September

PORTARLINGTON

Managers: John & Jan Hall
Morning tea : Merrilyn & Bruce Bertram
Pastoral Care : Keith Pigdon
Prayers : Keith Pigdon
Reader : Merrilyn Bertram
Power Point.: Margaret Campbell

DRYSDALE

W@9
Kitchen: Denise's Team
Counting: Colleen Diamond
10.45am
Elder: Bob Stevenson
Prayers : Bob Stevenson
Readings: Joy Krahe
Door: Lindsay James
Morning tea: Win & Stan Baker
Flowers: Win Baker

ST. LEONARDS

Welcome: Shirley Hadden
Reading: Kaye Baulch
Prayers: Margo Jones
Brass & Flowers: Margo Jones



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Pentecost 16

Sunday 8 September 2013

The essential message of this week's readings boils down to two things for me: 1) We are constantly faced with the choice to do the right thing or not; 2) Doing the right thing (or following Jesus, if you will) is very costly. Unfortunately, in our world, expediency, short-term thinking and prosperity preaching have all made the Gospel of counting the cost very unpopular. But, in truth, life is not found in quick fixes, or in pandering to our appetites – we know this. Life is found in following Christ's sacrificial, life-giving ways – which is what it means, really, to do the right thing.

Sacredise

LECTIONARY

September 8 Pentecost 16	Jeremiah 18: 1-11 Philemon 1:21	Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18 Luke: 14: 25-33
September 15 Pentecost 17	Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28 Timothy 1:12-17	Psalms 14 Luke: 15: 1-10

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

SUNDAY 8 September

Portarlington

9.00 am Rev. Marion Latham HC

Loose change & Food bank

Drysdale

W@9 Wayne's Team

10.45 am Rev. Margaret Manning

5pm-6.30pm Drysdale Evening Service
'Messy Church'

St. Leonards

9.00am Combined Rev. Margaret
Manning HC

Loose change & food bank

MONDAY 9 September

9.30am KYB at Linda's

1.30pm Portarlington UCAF

WEDNESDAY 11 September

9.30 am-12.30pm Drysdale mainly music

10:00 am Drysdale Coffee and Chat

2.00 pm Op Shop Committee

THURSDAY 12 September

9.00am Choir practice

FRIDAY 13 September

9.15-10.00am Drysdale Friday School

SATURDAY 14 September

7.30am Portarlington Fellowship
Breakfast

SUNDAY 15 September

St. Leonards

9.00am Combined Rev. Marion Latham
HC *Loose change & food bank*

Portarlington

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OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

PORTARLINGTON

Portarlington Church Lunch

All Portarlington members are warmly invited to join in the fellowship of a church luncheon on Sunday 22nd. September at 12 noon at the Portarlington Golf Club. 2 course lunches available from \$19 pp. Please let Jan Hall know if you are coming on 5259 3114 or tell her at church.

U.C.A.F.

The September meeting of the U.C.A.F. will be held on Monday 9th at 1.30pm in the meeting room. Rev. Marion will lead a Bible Study so everyone is welcome to join us. Any enquiries, contact Elizabeth 52592442.

DRYSDALE

Loose change Offering

Our first loose change offering for the Women's Leadership project resulted in \$116.30. Thank you all.

Drysdale UCAF invites members of the congregations to celebrate with us our 100th birthday anniversary on Wednesday 25 September at 1.30pm. Entertainment by Coryule Chorus. RSVP by Friday 13 September to 5251 2352 or 5251 3075

ALL OUR CONGREGATIONS

Fellowship Breakfast Meeting

The next Breakfast Meeting will be held at Portarlington on Saturday 14th September, commencing at 7.30am. Guest speaker will be Mr. John Norman. John has recently retired from working with Uniting World and will give us some insights into what projects he has been involved with. 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 12th. September.



St Andrew's Justice & Mission team invite you to support newly arrived refugees.

Most asylum seekers who are being temporarily settled in the Geelong Region under the 'No Advantage Visa' arrive with very little in the way of personal items. Queenscliff Rural Australians for Refugees (RAR) has initiated a program to distribute "Welcome Packs" to them. It is a wonderful way to show support and to say "Welcome to our Community"

Can you please help support this project?

There is a *take home list* of the items needed in the Church Narthex.



quest room

you've run the sweeper
and dusted the knick-knacks,
flowers just gathered
from the garden
lean toward the
sunny window;

the sheets (fresh from
the line in the backyard)
are on the bed, hospital corners
neat and tight,
covered with the quilt
woven from the scarlet threads
of your hopes for us;

the rug hooked together
from the rags of the tattered clothes
once worn at sin's
Saturday night dances
covers the scratches
in the hardwood floor;

on the table next
to the rocking chair,
you place a bowl
of fresh fruit,
and the book of
love poems you
just finished;

you sweep off the
welcome mat,
and sit on the porch
steps,
a cup of coffee
warming your hands,
as you look down the road
watching for us.