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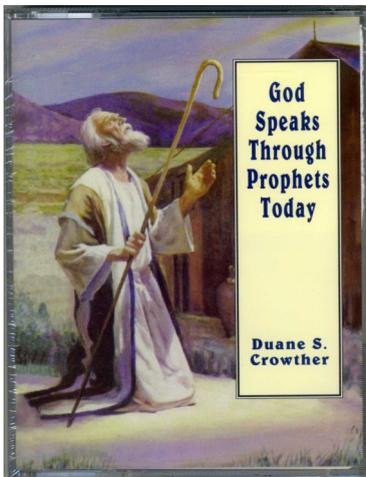
***Our Vision—Reaching out with God’s love and care***

# March 2013

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**PANCAKE DAY STALL**

Thank you to Jenni Nickelson, Lynda Smith, Belinda McLaverty, Tracey Myers, Ian McLaverty, Marion Latham and Kim Nickelson for running the Pancake stall to raise funds for UnitingCare. The raised \$225 and it was topped up from church funds to send \$350 away. Plans are being discussed to change the format for next year.



**PRAYER BREAKFAST**

The theme for this year’s prayer breakfasts is the prophecy of the prophets and how that fits to our prayer life. Come along on the third Saturday of the month at Café Zoo at 8.00 am and check it out. The format varies but is mostly opening prayer, general chatter, consideration of the prophets message and a closing prayer with breakfast in between.

**HARVEST THANKSGIVING**

Please consider bringing along a food item for our harvest table on Sunday 3 March with the contributions being given to Cottage by the Sea.

## Calendar

**FEBRUARY**

24 Rev Marion Latham

**MARCH**

2 Retreat

3 Rev Marion Latham HC  
Harvest Thanksgiving

10 Graeme’s Team

16 Prayer Breakfast

17 Denise’s Team

24 Rev Marion Latham

25 5pm Messy church

29 Good Friday service &  
walk of witness

31 10.15 am Combined  
Easter Day service  
Rev Marion Latham

**APRIL**

7 Rev Marion Latham HC

**RETREAT**

Saturday 2 March 9.30 am—7.00 pm at Portarlington Guide Hall.

Theme: Different forms of ministry, including surprises.

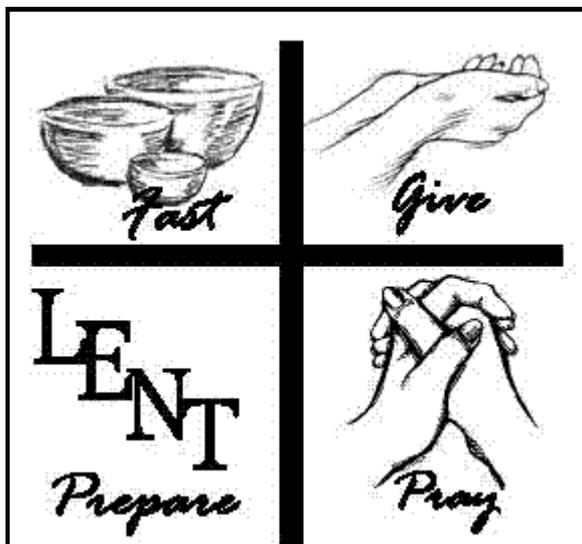
Guest presenter: Rev Dr Adam McIntosh

**MESSY CHURCH**

Sunday 24 March at 5.00—6.30 pm. The theme for this service will be Lent. The format is:

- Creativity time in the Hall for about 45 minutes.
- Celebration time in the church for about 15 minutes.
- Chomp time in the hall for about 30 minutes—please bring a plate of finger food to share.

Please tell others about the service as we hope to spread the message to others who don't come to Sunday morning services.



You don't have to give up chocolate!!  
You don't have to give up coffee or ice-cream or meat!!

**PREPARE**—Open your heart to God. Our God is not a distant but a personal God, wishing our relationship with Him to be a relationship between two hearts that mutually love. Open your heart to Jesus Christ. God's love for us has a face, the face of Jesus Christ.

**PRAY**—open and honest communication between God and ourselves nurtures our relationship. Prayer should be treated not as a monologue but a dialogue. Pay attention that half the time is devoted to speaking and the other half to listening.

**FAST**—this Lenten practice derives its meaning from the words of Jesus, "*Man does not live by bread alone but every word that comes from the mouth of God*" (Matthew 4:4). In other words, we must allow our physical hunger to reveal to us our spiritual hunger for the word of God.

**GIVE**—Since prayer and fasting open us to God, it is giving that opens us to our neighbour, particularly the poor. This Lenten practice derives its meaning from the great commandment: "*Love one another*". In becoming poor like Jesus, may we become rich in God.

Now is the acceptable time to return to God with our whole heart. Now, as a point in time, is unique and cannot be repeated. Now is the day to commit ourselves to the salvation wrought for us by our loving and forgiving God.

**ROSTERS**

		KITCHEN	COUNTING
Feb	24	Jenni's Team	Lesley Taylor
Mar	3	Graeme's Team	Colleen Diamond
	10	Wayne's Team	Lynda Smith
	17	Jenni's Team	Sue Polley
	24	Denise's Team	Glenda Vuillermin
	31	-	Jonnie Mander
Apr	7	Jenni's Team	Margo Jones

**BIRTHDAYS**

**FEBRUARY**

Debbie Taylor 27 Feb  
Joan Cook 29 Feb

**MARCH**

Corinna George 8 Mar  
Simon Underwood 26 Mar