

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

ROSTERS FOR 24 AUGUST

Portarlington

Pastoral Care: Barry Ruler

Prayer: Drysdale Lay Team

Reader: Drysdale Lay Team

Managers: David and Lorraine Hughes

Morning Tea: Robert and Wendy Sharp

Power Point : Bruce Bertram

Drysdale

Flowers: Marguerite Edgar

9:00am

Kitchen: Denise's Team

Counting: Jenni Nickelson

10:45am

Duty Elder: Bob Stevenson

Prayers: Drysdale Lay Team

Reader: Drysdale Lay Team

Door: Wilma Mansell

Morning Tea: Margaret & Tony Freemantle

St Leonards

5:00 pm:

Welcoming: Margo Jones

Reading: Drysdale Lay Team

Prayer: Drysdale Lay Team

Brass/Flowers: June Blair, Joan Sadler

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story;

From time to time she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again.

Finally she spoke up:
"Grandpa, did God make you?"

"Yes sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago."

"Oh", she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?"

"Yes, indeed, honey," he answered, "God made you just a little while ago."

Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

Pentecost 10

Sunday, 17 August 2014

What unites us is far greater than what divides us, for God creates us to live together in unity. Joseph forgives his brothers for selling him into slavery, for God used this terrible act to save the Israelites and Egyptians alike from famine. The psalmist celebrates when kindred live together in unity. Paul asks rhetorically if God has rejected the Hebrew people by offering salvation to the Gentiles, only to answer, "Absolutely not!" (v. 1). Jesus initially refuses to help a Canaanite woman's daughter until she presses her case. Then Jesus joyfully heals the daughter, marvelling at the woman's faith. We are all bound together in the unconditional love of God, and are called to live together in unity.

Abinadon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

17 August	Genesis 45: 1-15	Psalms 133
<i>Pentecost 10</i>	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15 (10-20), 21-28
24 August	Exodus 1:8 - 2:10	Psalms 124
<i>Pentecost 11</i>	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16: 13-20

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 17 August – Pentecost 10

Portarlington

9:00 am Rev Marion Latham,

Drysdale

9:00 am Graeme's Team,

10.45 am Rev Marion Latham

St Leonards

5:00 pm H.C., Rev Marion Latham

Loose Change & Food Bank

Monday, 18 August

9:30 am Drysdale KYB

Tuesday, 19 August

10:30 am Drysdale Grove Service

Wednesday, 20 August

9:00-12:45 Drysdale Mainly Music

10.00 am Drysdale Coffee & Chat

4 pm Drysdale Preaching plan meeting

Thursday, 21 August

9.00 am Portarlington Choir practice

9.30 am Drysdale Choir practice

11:00 am Worship at Ann Nichol House

7:30 pm Drysdale Church Council

Friday, 22 August

9.15-10:00 am Drysdale Friday School

10:15 am Portarlington letter writing group.

Sunday, 24 August – Pentecost 11

Portarlington

9:00 am Drysdale Lay Team, John & Margaret MacGillivray,

Drysdale

9:00 am Rev Marion Latham (Jenni's Team assisting,

10.45 am Drysdale Lay Team, John & Margaret MacGillivray.

St Leonards

5:00 pm Rev Marion Latham

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

ALL CONGREGATIONS

Geelong Community Orchestra

Two more performances this year at Sacred Heart College

Sunday 24 August at 3:00pm:

Celebrating Geelong's Young Talent;

Talented young local soloists perform instrumental and vocal solos with the orchestra

Sunday 9 November at 3:00 pm

Great Romantics

A program of famous masterworks from the Romantic period.

See the notice board for further details

DRYSDALE

Church Library

Please feel free to borrow books from the library in the foyer. A wide selection of books is available. Write your name and the date in the borrowing book.

Presbytery Representative

Expressions of interest are sought for someone to become the congregation's Presbytery Representative.

There are four meetings during the year, on Saturdays, along with reporting to the Church Council, another four meetings a year. Please speak to Wayne Myers to obtain more information.

PORTARLINGTON

The letter writing group will meet again next Friday, 22nd August at Portarlington, in St. Andrews hall. We will begin with morning tea at 10:15am. New writers are always welcome and will be given plenty of support. Please bring your own and pen, or laptop. Inquiries to Marilyn Bertram on 5251 1102.

Change of date: for the Portarlington Justice and Mission Ministry Team: The new date is Monday September 8th 7.30pm

ST LEONARDS

The next **UCAF** for St Leonards will be on August 25th at 2pm, at the home of Geoff and Kaye Baulch. It will be 'High Tea'. Please bring your own cup, saucer and plate and goodies to eat; nice and small. Further information from Margo Jones 5257 1221.

Heaven's Table

Matthew 15:21-28

*Because it was her daughter,
she came out
to plead from the passing
provider
a meagre measure
of what was left over
from the healing of the crowds.*

*Because it was her daughter,
the mercy would flow through her;
and she would not be silenced
or sent away,
excluded from the feast.*

*Because it was her daughter,
she came and knelt before Him,
not as an outsider,
but as one already present
to the suffering that was before
Him,
around Him and within Him,
not exclusive to the flock.*

*Then, because He is God's Son,
He let the veil be torn
and opened heaven's table
and let the river of blessing run*

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