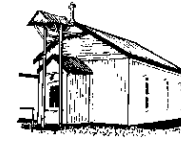


# THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

## Drysdale

### Synod Opening

This year's Synod starts with Worship at 7:30pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September at Latrobe University.

Wayne Myers will be attending and has seats available in the car if others would like to attend.

Please contact Wayne if you would like to travel with him.

### Congregation Meeting

A congregation meeting, open to all, will be held at 7:00pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September in the church hall.

The purpose is to discuss the papers from the Assembly on Marriage. Copies are available on the noticeboard (60 pages)

### Forward notice

#### Garage Sale

Time: 8:00am – 1:00pm

Date: Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2014

Please start preparing, growing and clearing out your garden shed or garage.

## Wedding Count

A little boy was attending his first wedding.

After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?"

"Sixteen," the boy responded.

His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly, "How do you know that?"

"Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the Pastor said, 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."



## Pentecost 12

Sunday, 31 August 2014

Through the readings this week we are given attention to life's journey and God's calling along the way. Through the notorious story of the call of Moses we listen for resonations to our own call stories. Paul offers instruction on how to live well with others. Through elements of peace, appreciation, love, mutual affection, Paul's emphasis on the importance of God's call to proper community living is revealed. Jesus teaches the importance of not holding on to the physical things in life and says, "For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it." Christ helps us to release the things in life on which we place emphasis but really are not that important.

Seasons of the Spirit

## LECTIONARY

31 August Pentecost 12	Exodus 3: 1-15 Romans 12: 9-21	Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c Mathew 16: 21-28
7 September Pentecost 13	Exodus 12: 1-14 Romans 13: 8-14	Psalm 149 Mathew 18: 15-20

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

### Sunday, 31 August

#### Drysdale

10.15am Combined Service  
Rev Marion Latham  
(Wayne's team assisting)

#### Portarlington & St Leonards

5:00pm Combined Worship at  
St Leonards  
Rev Marion Latham

### Monday, 1 September

9.30am Drysdale KYB

### Tuesday, 2 September

5:00pm mainly music  
Father's Day Pizza Night

### Wednesday, 3 September

10.00am Drysdale Coffee & Chat

### Thursday, 4 September

9.00am Portarlington Choir practice  
9.30am Drysdale Choir practice  
7:30pm Linked Worship Workshop at  
Drysdale

### Friday, 5 September

9.15-10:00am Drysdale Friday School

### Saturday, 6 September

8:00am Prayer Breakfast, Café Zoo

### Sunday, 7 September

#### Portarlington

9.00am Rev. Margaret Manning

#### Drysdale

9.00am Rev. Marion Latham HC  
Loose change & food bank  
Graeme's Team assisting  
10.45am Rev. Marion Latham HC  
Loose change & food bank

#### St Leonards

5.00pm Rev. Marion Latham

## OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

### ALL CONGREGATIONS

#### SEPTEMBER FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The September breakfast meeting will be on **Sat. September 13th**, commencing at **7-30am**.

Instead of a guest speaker, there will be a short DVD shown, entitled:

#### **"Mary Meets Mohommad"**

The video deals with an elderly Christian woman's meeting with a young asylum seeker for whom she knitted a beanie and shows how their relationship develops from there.

The DVD is sponsored by the Portarlington Justice and Mission Team.

All members of the Linked congregations and their friends are warmly invited to attend.

Acceptances please to Barry Ruler, 5259 3304, no later than Thursday evening 11th Sept.

#### Portarlington

##### U.C.A.F.

The next meeting is on Monday, 8th September at 1.30 pm in the meeting room. Margaret Campbell will lead a meditation on the 'Parable of the Sower'. Everyone from the linked congregations is welcome to attend. Please phone Elizabeth on 52592442 if you have an enquiry.

## Notice to all members of the Linked Congregations

The Synod of Victoria and Tasmania is currently undertaking a Major Strategic Review. The Review Team has offered and agreed to hold an information session in Geelong  
Location: Wesley, Yarra St  
Date: Thursday 4 September  
Time: 7pm.

There is an open invitation for all interested to attend this session – not just Church Councillors and other leaders, but also members of congregations.

The invitation has come from the Review Team following an earlier meeting with our Church Council.

All are welcome and urged to attend this opportunity to have input into the review and to hear of progress that has been made to this point.

#### Portarlington Fete

An early reminder to all Portarlington members. Our annual "**Blooming Plants and Home Made Fete**" is on Saturday November 15th. Some members are already busy growing pelargoniums and other plants for sale and we ask everyone to consider baking cakes for the cake stall and making things for the Home Made stall.  
Please mark the date in your calendar.  
For further information contact Barry Ruler. 5259 3304.

## ROSTERS FOR 7 SEPTEMBER

#### Portarlington

**Managers:** David & Elizabeth Thompson  
**Morning Tea:** Margaret Hutcheon,  
Sue Handley & Sylvia Blegg

**Pastoral Care:** Marilyn Bertram

**Prayers:** Marilyn Bertram

**Readings:** Bruce Bertram

**PowerPoint:** Margaret Campbell

**Lawns:** Contractor

#### Drysdale

**9.00 am**

**Kitchen:** Graeme's team

**Counting:** Jonnie Mander

**10.45 am**

**Communion Elder:** Jen Davis

**Duty Elder:** Ken Handley

**Prayers:** Ken Handley

**Readings:** Harvey Davis

**Door:** Wilma Mansell

**Morning Tea:** Alma Milvain &  
Brenda Jacobs

**Flowers:** Hazel Wyllie

#### St Leonards

**Welcome:** Marj Wilson

**Reading:** Marion McGillivray

**Prayer:** Margo Jones

**Brass & Flowers:** Miriam Tobin