



LECTIONARY



Date	Day	1 st Reading	Psalms	2 nd Reading	Gospel
Dec 21	Advent 4	2 Samuel 7-11, 16	Lk 1: 47-55 or Ps 89: 1-4, 19-26	Rom 16:25-27	Lk 1: 26-38
The Christmas-Epiphany season includes Christmas Eve/Day and the twelve days of Christmas. It recalls the stories of the birth and infancy of Christ. The Church in this time celebrates the wonder of the incarnation; the season concludes with Epiphany.					
Dec 25	Christmas Day 1	Is 9: 2-7	96	Tit 2: 11-14	Lk 2: 1-14, (15-20)
	Christmas Day 2	Is 62: 6-12	97	Tit 3: 4-7	Lk 2: (1-7), 8-20
	Christmas Day 3	Is 52: 7-10	98	Heb 1: 1-4 (5-12)	Jn 1: 1-14
Dec 28	Christmas 1	Is 61: 10-62:3	148	Gal 4: 4-7	Lk 2: 22-40
Jan 1	Naming of Jesus	Num 6: 22-27	8	Gal 4: 4-7 or Phil 2:5-11	Lk 2: 15-21
Jan 1	New Year's Day	Ecc 3: 1-13	8	Rev 21: 1-6a	Mt 25: 31-46
Jan 4	Christmas 2	Jer 31: 7-14	147: 12-20	Eph 3: 1-14	Jn 1: (1-9), 10-18
Jan 6	Epiphany	Is 60: 1-6	72: 1-7, 10-14	Eph 3: 1-12	Mt 2: 1-12
Jan 11	Baptism of Jesus	Gen 1: 1-5	29	Acts 19: 1-7	Mk 1: 4-11
Jan 18	Epiphany 2	1 Sm 3: 1-10, (11-20)	139: 1-6, 13-18	1 Cor 6: 12-20	Jn 1: 43-51
Jan 25	Epiphany 3	Jon 3: 1-5, 10	62: 5-12	1 Cor 7: 29-31	Mk 1; 14-20

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



Advent 4

Sunday 21 December 2014

God is in our midst, yearning to be at the centre of our worship and our lives. From ancient conversations with Samuel and David to the Spirit's in-breaking into Mary's young life, from the Pentecost miracle to the modern celebration of Christmas, God is in our midst. The Spirit is breaking into our lives, and God is moulding us to be a household, not only of faith, but of love and justice. God has looked with favour upon all who welcome God into our midst. And God blesses us with the opportunity to be and become the realm of God's presence here on earth.

Abingdon Worship Annual

The Holy One cannot be confined, not even in a beautiful house of sweet-smelling cedar. Rather, God is eternal, planted in us through the ages. It begins with God's promise to Abraham and is reflected in Nathan's words to David, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for God is with you." God is surely with Elizabeth, and God is with Mary, the favoured one in whom the Holy One is made manifest. In our faith and in our waiting, Christ is planted in us and in our global society for the generations to come. Nothing is impossible with God.

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SERVICES FOR OUR CONGREGATIONS

Sunday 21 December

Portarlington

9.00 am Rev Ian Porter
Choral Service

Drysdale

9.00 am Jenni's team
10.45 am Rev Ian Porter

St Leonards

7.00 pm Christmas Story in Song,
Portarlington UC Choir all
welcome, supper to follow.
Loose change and food bank

Wednesday 24 December

Christmas Eve

Portarlington

11.30 pm Combined with Portarlington
Anglicans @ St Johns.

Drysdale

11.30 pm @ Drysdale. Rev. Ann Key

St Leonards

Combine with St John's Anglican
Church, Portarlington or Drysdale UCA

Thursday 25 Dec. Christmas Day

8.00 am Drysdale Rev. Marion Latham
9.00 am Portarlington/St Leonards
combined at Portarlington
Rev. Marion Latham

Sunday 28 December

Portarlington

9.00 am Drysdale Lay Team

Drysdale

9.00 am Worship @ 9 Rev Marion
Latham, Jenni's Team
assisting

10.15 am Drysdale Lay Team

St Leonards

7.00 pm Drysdale Lay Team

Sunday 4 January

Portarlington

9.00 am Rev. Brian Giddings

Drysdale

9.00 am W@9 Rev. Bob Stevenson
HC, Wayne's Team assisting

10.45 am Rev. Bob Stevenson
HC, Loose change & Food Bank both

St Leonards

7.00 pm Ian & Denise McLaverty

Sunday, 11 January

Portarlington

9.00 am Rev. Marion Latham HC
Loose change and Food Bank

Drysdale

9.00 am W@9 Denise's Team
10.45 am Mr Martin Kent

St Leonards

9.00 am Combined UCA. HC tba

Thursday, 15 January

11.00 am Service @ Arcare,
Portarlington

Sunday, 18 January

Portarlington

9.00 am Rev. Marion Latham

Drysdale

9.00 am W@9 Graeme's Team
10.45 am Rev. Marion Latham

St Leonards

7.00 pm Rev. Marion Latham HC
Loose change & Food Bank

Tuesday, 20 January

10.30 am Service @ Drysdale Grove

Sunday, 25 January

Portarlington

9.00 am Drysdale Lay Team: Ken &
Pat Handley

Drysdale

9.00 am W@9 Rev. Marion Latham
Graeme's team assisting

10.45 am Drysdale Lay Team: Ken &
Pat Handley

St Leonards

7.00 pm Drysdale Lay Team: Ken &
Pat Handley

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Pilgrimage

Saturday 3 January is the date for our
2015 Pilgrimage with the theme of 'Sea
of Life'. We will commence at 10.00 am
at Jenni Nickelson's home (31 Highridge
Drive, Clifton Springs) and conclude at
about 1.30pm at The Dell, Clifton
Springs. Lunch is provided and there is
no cost.

As the tide will be in, part of the trail will
be by car, but you can also travel by car
on other sections if you would prefer.

Drivers to transport participants in the
Pilgrimage from Edgewater Drive to The
Dell at about 11.30 am are needed. If
you can help or would like to participate
please call Wayne Myers, 5251 2210.

This is a wonderful way to start the new
year and all are welcome.

ALL OUR CONGREGATIONS

Rosters for January

Please check your own personal rosters
to see if you are on duty.

Listening to the Language of the Bible Exerpts from a book by Lois Tverberg.

Continues in 2015 with 'Lessons for Our Lives' and Rich Imagery of the Bible.

Church News Sheet

The next news sheet will be published
on Sunday, 25 January 2015. Email
content to drysdaleuc@yahoo.com.au or
put in pigeon hole @ Drysdal by
Tuesday, 20 January.

If you could spare a few hours to help
prepare the news sheet, on a roster
basis, please speak to Val LeStrange,
more helpers would be appreciated.

Madonna and Child

So young, so young to bear the One
to bear the weight
of all the world
inside your womb
and yet...
to bear that weight
has always been
a woman's fate,
her lot.

So small, so small first-born for all
who bears the weight
of pain and weeps
and heals the wounds
and yet...
who bears that weight
as Son of Man
for pure love's-sake,
as God.

Nikki Macdonald