

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Pentecost 5

Sunday, 13 July 2014

God is the sower, we are the seed. Matthew's parable of the Sower mirrors the reality of our world. The word of God simply does not seem to take root in some people; or if it does, it quickly burns out. And despite God's life-giving precepts and teachings, some people choose to follow their baser instincts, which Paul calls "lives based on selfishness" (v. 5). In the church, we believe that the soil of our lives can change. The cares of the world sometimes choke the word that people hear but it need not be so forever. Yet, it always seems to be a struggle - a struggle reflected in our Genesis reading. Rebekah's children struggle within her. Two parents struggle to love their children, yet each has a favourite. Two brothers struggle to find their place in God's world as they answer God's call. Today's scriptures reflect these struggles, even as they offer a lamp to our feet and light for our journey as we grow in the Spirit.

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

13 July <i>Pentecost 5</i>	Genesis 25: 19-34 Romans 8: 1-11	Psalms 119: 105-112 Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23
20 July <i>Pentecost 6</i>	Genesis 28: 10-19a Romans 8: 12-25	Psalms 139: 1-12, 23-24 Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

LINKED MINISTER:

Phone

Email:

Mobile:

Rev. Marion Latham

5253 2199

marlat41@optusnet.com.au

0414383101

CHURCH OFFICE:

Phone:

Email:

Web

Drysdale Church Centre

5253 1336

drysdaleuc@yahoo.com.au

<http://drysdale.unitingchurch.org.au>

UNITINGCARE OPSHOP:

Phone:

Village Walk Drysdale

5251 3640

THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 13 July – Pentecost 5

Portarlinton

9:00 am Rev. Bob Stevenson HC
Loose change & food bank

Drysdale

09:00 am W@9 Denise's team
10.45 am Rev. Margaret Manning

St Leonards

9:00 am Combined HC, UCA
Rev. Margaret Manning

Monday, 14 July

9.30am Drysdale KYB
12:30 pm Portarlinton UCAF

Tuesday, 15 July

10.30am Drysdale Grove Service
7:30 pm Drysdale Worship Teams

Wednesday, 16 July

9:00-12:45 mainly music
10.00 am Drysdale Coffee & Chat

Thursday, 17 July

9.00 am Portarlinton Choir practice
9.30 am Drysdale Choir practice
11:00 am Ann Nichol Service

Friday, 18 July

9.15-10:00 am Friday School

Saturday, 19 July

8:00 am Drysdale Prayer Breakfast
Café Zoo

Sunday, 20 July - Pentecost 6

Portarlinton

9.00 am Dr Barry Edwards

Drysdale

9.00 am Café Church
10.45 am Dr Barry Edwards

St Leonards

5.00 pm Rev. Ann Key HC
Loose change & food bank

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

ALL CONGREGATIONS

Marion's Annual Leave

Marion is away until August 5. If you have any pastoral concerns please contact your Elder or pastoral team visitor as you normally do. If you need a minister to visit, your Elder will arrange for someone to call.

Uniting World Visitor

Reminder - Sunday 27 July, 2:30 pm
Rev. Paul Bartlett from the Uniting World Sydney office will be visiting. He will provide an update on the work of Uniting World, the national Assembly's aid arm. Members of all congregations are invited to come to hear Paul at Drysdale Uniting Church at 2.30 pm for about one hour, afternoon tea included.

PORTARLINGTON

Fellowship Lunch

TODAY - Sunday 13th July at the Golf Club. Please contact **Jan Hall** if you would like to attend.

U.C.A.F.

TOMORROW – 12:30 pm, Mon, 14 July
This year's Mid-winter Lunch will be at the Clifton Springs Golf Club. Everyone is welcome to join in with the U.C.A.F. If you are planning to attend, please let Elaine Farnell know beforehand on 52571955.

DRYSDALE

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.

Fund Raising Film Afternoon

Sunday, 17 August,
Film Afternoon at Leopold Theatre –
'The Butler'
For those that haven't been to this theatre, it is a very pleasant, cosy and intimate venue. Seats are limited though, so buy your tickets NOW from Margaret Freemantle

ADVANCED NOTICE

Garage Sale

Saturday 15th November
Start preparing now!
Clear out your garden shed or garage.
Storage is available in the church garage (small furniture items only)
Contact Lynda Smith 5253 1007

The sower

(Matthew 13: 1-9; 18-23.)
Reckless story sower
casting seeds
in random exuberance
not stopping.

ROSTERS FOR 20 JULY

Portarlinton

Pastoral Care & Prayer:

Graham Vohmann
Reader: Brenda Vohmann
Managers: Keith & Heather Pigdon
Morning Tea: Geoff & Pammi Pryor
Power Point presentation:
Catherine Eagleson
Lawns: Barry Ruler, Alex Eagleson

Drysdale

9:00am

Kitchen: Jenni's team

Counting: Sue Polly

Flowers: Jonnie Mander

10:45am

Elder / Prayers: Vince King

Readings: Win Baker

Door: Ken Handley

Counting: Pat Handley / Harvey Davis

Morning Tea:

Lavina Howard & Merrilyn Lloyd

St Leonards

5:00pm

Welcome: Miriam Tobin

Reading: Margo Jones

Prayers: Margo Jones

Brass & Flowers: Sheryl Ratcliff