

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

ROSTERS FOR 27 JULY

Portarlington

Pastoral Care : Barry Ruler

Prayer & Reader: Port Lay Team

Managers: Keith & Heather
Pigdon

Morning Tea: Geoff & Pammi
Pryor

Power Point presentation:

Margaret Campbell

Lawns: Contractor

Drysdale

Flowers: Wilma Mansell

9:00am

Kitchen: Denise's team

Counting: Margo Jones

10:45am

Elder : Vince King

Prayer & Reader: Port Lay Team

Door: Mary Grieve & Marg

MacGillivray

Counting: Pat Handley / Harvey
Davis

Morning Tea: Irene & Bob
Stevenson

St Leonards

5:00pm

Welcome: Margo Jones

Reading & Prayers: Port Lay
Team

Brass & Flowers: Beryl
Woodcock

Pentecost 6

Sunday, 20 July 2014

The theme of God's searching love unfolds and deepens with each successive scripture reading. As he sleeps, Jacob dreams of a ladder rising to heaven with angels of the Lord ascending and descending upon it. The psalmist proclaims that God pursues us everywhere, from the farthest reaches of the sea to the very depths of Sheol. Paul urges us to give thanks for life in the Spirit by living as children of God rather than as children of the flesh. Jesus tells his disciples the parable of the wheat and the tares to remind them that though children of darkness surround us, our task is to focus on living as children of light. God's salvific love does not just appear in one spot of hallowed ground in the desert, it pursues us every minute of every day. God's searching love heals us (and all creation), making us children of adoption, children of the Most High. Our proper response to such love is deep gratitude, not hostility to those who have not yet found their way.

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LECTIONARY

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
27 July <i>Pentecost 7</i>	Genesis 29: 15-28 Romans 8: 26-39	Ps 105:1-11, 45b or Ps 128 Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

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

Monday, 21 July

9.30am Drysdale KYB @ Lynda's

7.30pm Presbytery Conversation

Wednesday, 23 July

9:00-12:45 mainly music

10.00 am Drysdale Coffee & Chat

Thursday, 24 July

9.00 am Portarlinton Choir practice

9.30 am Drysdale Choir practice

Friday, 25 July

9.15-10:00 am Friday School

Saturday, 26 July

8:00 am Drysdale Prayer Breakfast
Café Zoo

Sunday, 27 July – Pentecost 7

Portarlinton

9:00 am Port Lay Team

Marg Manning & Marg Campbell

Drysdale

9:00 am W@9 Wayne's team

10.45 am Portarlinton Lay Team

St Leonards

5:00 pm Portarlinton Lay Team
Rev. Margaret Manning

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.

Safe Church Training

Synod are holding a Safe Church Worship on Saturday 9 August at East Geelong UC 9.30am – 1.30pm. This is open to those in leadership and pastoral roles, involved with young people, or interested in the making church property safe. Contact Barry Ruler or Wayne Myers if you would like to attend.

Presbytery Conversation

Members of the Linked congregations are advised that our Presbytery are holding meeting (called a Facilitated Conversation) with members of the Church Councils. This conversation was requested by the Joint Co-ordinating Committee of the Linked Congregations and with the agreement of Rev Marion Latham. The purpose is to review where the congregations are at in their worship and witness, what we want to achieve in the future, what can be done to help Marion in her role and what Marion can do to help the congregations further. Please pray for this meeting and those taking part.

DRYSDALE

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



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 who 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

Weeds and Wheat

(Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43)

We are both
weeds and wheat
where we begin
there these two meet
and flourish side by side

the sower
takes the soil
and plants for life
one comes to spoil
and both seeds
wait and hide

we grow towards the light
and break the soil
forsake the night