

# THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

**Pentecost 4**

**Sunday, 6 July 2014**

This week, we have a chance to focus on the power of stories of love. Genesis gives us a chance to meet and get to know Rebekah and Isaac, a story that is an important part of our collective story of faith. The readings for this week – on their own and encountered together – invite worshippers into a space of reflection on the theme of love. Each reading provides a different context or lens: the love that is between Isaac and Rebekah, and Rebekah's choice to marry Isaac; the love and praise for God, as described in Psalm 45; the poetry of the beloved in Song of Solomon; and the mutuality and love that is inherent within the Trinity.

Seasons of the Spirit

## LECTIONARY

6 July <i>Pentecost 4</i>	Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Romans 7: 15-25a	Psalm 45:10-17 or Solomon 2:8-13 Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30
13 July <i>Pentecost 5</i>	Genesis 25: 19-34 Romans 8: 1-11	Psalm 119: 105-112 Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

### Sunday, 6 July

#### Portarlinton

9:00 am Rev. Margaret Manning

#### Drysdale

09:00 am Rev. Ian Porter HC  
W@9 (Graeme's team assisting)  
Loose change & food bank

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#### St Leonards

5:00 pm Mr Keith Pigdon

### Monday, 07 July

9.30am Drysdale KYB

### Wednesday, 09 July

10.00 am Drysdale Coffee & Chat

### Thursday, 10 July

9.00 am Portarlinton Choir practice

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### Saturday, 12 July

7:30 am Portarlinton Fellowship  
Breakfast

### Sunday, 13 July - Pentecost 5

#### Portarlinton

9.00 am Rev. Bob Stevenson HC  
Loose change & food bank

#### Drysdale

9.00 am Denise's Team  
10.45 am Rev. Margaret Manning

#### St Leonards

9.00 am **Combined Holy  
Communion, UCA**  
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

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 Breakfast

The next breakfast meeting at Portarlinton is on Saturday July 12th, commencing at 7-30am. Guest Speaker will be Mr. Gary Tomlins from the Queenscliff Coast Guard. All members of the Linked Congregations and their friends, are warmly invited to attend. Acceptances please to Barry Ruler on 5259 3304 by Thursday evening 10th July.

#### Fellowship Lunch

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

### U.C.A.F.

This year's Midwinter Lunch will be at the Clifton Springs Golf Club on Monday, 14th of July at 12-30pm. Everyone is welcome to join in with the U.C.A.F. If you are planning to attend, please let Elaine Farnell know beforehand. Her ph. no is 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.

#### Finding Rest

(Thoughts on Matt. 11: 28-30)  
"Come to me," says our Lord.  
Those of you who work for bread,  
all who daily need to labour,  
all whose joy in work is dead:  
Come, and he will give you rest.  
Take this yoke and work together,  
straining for a higher goal.  
Know this burden will not break you if  
you accept His loving tether.  
Know that God will not forsake you but  
will rest your aching soul.  
"Learn from me," says our Saviour.  
"To be humble, gentled, lowly.  
"Pride is truly not enough,  
accept the peace that makes us holy.  
Come, and he will give you rest.  
Take this yoke and work together,  
looking to a higher goal.

## ROSTERS FOR 13 JULY

### Portarlinton

**Pastoral Care & Prayer:** Keith Pigdon

**Reader:** Jan Hall

**Communion:**

Prep. & Serve - Lorraine Hughes  
Serve -Lorraine & David Hughes  
Barry Ruler, Jan Hall

**Managers:** Marg Hutcheon,  
Sue Handley, Sylvie Blegg

**Morning Tea:** Alex & Cath Eagleson

**Power Point presentation:** Joy Porter

**Lawns:** Barry Ruler, Alex Eagleson

### Drysdale

**9:00am**

**Kitchen:** Graeme's team

**Counting:** Jonnie Mander

**Flowers:** Colleen Diamond

**10:45am**

**Elder / Prayers:** Bob Stevenson

**Readings:** Vince King

**Door:** Ken Handley

**Counting:** Pat Handley / Harvey Davis

**Morning Tea:**

Joy Krahe / Vince King

### St Leonards

**5:00pm**

**Welcome:** Margo Jones

**Reading:** Margo Jones

**Prayers:** Marj Wilson

**Brass & Flowers:** Beryl Woodcock