

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

Geelong Community Orchestra – Great Romantics performance

An invitation has also been received to attend a performance of aspiring young Geelong performers playing solo works with the orchestra on 9 November at 3.00 pm at McAuley Hall, Costa Centre for the Performing Arts, Sacred Heart College, Aphrasia Street Newtown.

Tickets at the door or in advance by phoning 52341 5595. (flyer on noticeboard at Drysdale).

Listening to the Language of the Bible

4. Hebraic insights that deepen our thinking – **Torah**

Torah – Law and instruction. The Hebrew word 'torah' is derived from the root word *yarah* which means 'to point out', 'teach', 'instruct' or 'give direction'. Torah could be best defined in English as 'instruction', that is, God's instruction to human beings. If God teaches us something, we are, in a sense, obligated to obey. Therefore the word 'law' is within the bounds of the definition of 'torah', but not really its main emphasis. Our English translations tend to reinforce our thinking by translating 'torah' as 'law' most of the time. The Jewish Tanakh instead translates 'torah' as 'teaching' most of the time. This emphasis helps us see God in a more positive light. Now the word 'torah' reminds us that rather than being primarily lawgiver, or a judge ready to punish us, God is a loving Father teaching his children how to live.



ROSTERS FOR 16 November

Portarlington

9.00 am

Managers: Graham & Brenda Vohmann

Morning Tea: Dorothy & Keith Knights

Pastoral Care & Prayers: Rev. Margaret Manning

Readings: Elaine Farnell

Power Point: Joan Kelly

Drysdale

9.00 am

Kitchen: Denise's team

Counting: Margo Jones

10.45 am

Duty Elder/ Prayers: Vince King

Readings: Hazel Wyllie

Door: Vince King

Morning Tea: Lavinia Howard & Margaret Lloyd

Flowers: Margaret Jeffery

St Leonards

7.00 pm

Welcoming: Miriam Tobin

Reading: Kaye Baulch

Prayer: Margo Jones

Brass & Flowers: Geoff & Sandra Giddings



Pentecost 22

Sunday, 9 November 2014

We will tell about the Lord from generation to generation, says the psalmist; but the truth is sometimes our passion for the story wears a bit thin. We start taking God for granted. Today's scriptures remind us that we need persistence, patience, and faithfulness for the long haul. Joshua's people promised long ago to witness to God; there was no stop date on that covenant. Reading the Matthew passage, we realize that we've been hearing this "Christ is coming" stuff for years—but do we live as if we still believe it? As Advent approaches, our worship can help us reclaim our passion.

Ministry Matters

LECTIONARY

9 November	Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25	Psalm 78: 1-7
Pentecost 22	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25: 1-13
16 November	Judges 4:1-7	Psalm 123
Pentecost 23	1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11	Matthew 25: 14-30

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 9 November

Portarlington

- 9.00 am Rev. Marion Latham, HC
Loose Change & Food Bank
12 noon Port Luncheon, Portarlington
Golf Club

Drysdale

- 9.00 am Jenni's team
10.45 am Rev. Malcolm Campbell

St Leonards

- 9.00 am Combined HC UCA
Rev Malcolm Campbell

Monday, 10 November

- 9.30 am Drysdale KYB
1.30 pm Portarlington UCAF
7.30 pm Portarlington Justice &
Mission Group

Tuesday, 11 November – Remembrance Day

- 7.30 pm Drysdale Property Committee

Wednesday, 12 November

- 9.00am – 12.45 pm Drysdale mainly
music
10.00 am Drysdale Coffee & Chat
1.30 pm Op Shop AGM @ Drysdale
7.30 pm Portarlington Resources
Committee

Thursday, 13 November

- 9.00 am Portarlington Choir practice
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7.30 pm Portarlington Church Council

Friday, 14 November

- 9:15-10.00 am Drysdale Friday School

Saturday, 15 November

- 8.00 am Drysdale Prayer Breakfast –
Café Zoo all welcome
9.00 am – noon Portarlington Annual
Garden Fete

Sunday, 16 November

Portarlington

- 9.00 am Rev. Marion Latham

Drysdale

- 9.00 am Graeme's team
10.45 am Rev. Marion Latham

St Leonards

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

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Garage Sale – only 2 weeks to go

Saturday, 22nd November, from 8.00 am to 1.00 pm. Thanks to those who have already donated. Please start baking for the cake stall, potting up for the plant stall. Assistance also needed for the barbeque on the day.

All hands on deck for set up, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm on Friday, 21 November. Inquiries to Lynda Smith 52531007.

Loose Change

Samaritan House benefit this month will be \$79.35 from our loose change offering. Thank you all.

PORTARLINGTON

Portarlington Justice and Mission Group

Tomorrow's meeting will be held at Marg Manning's home, 47 Tower Road Portarlington at 7.30 pm.

Blooming Plants and Home Made Fair

Our annual Fete will be held in the church hall at Portarlington on **Saturday 15th November**, from 9.00 am until early afternoon.

All members of the Linked Congregations are warmly invited to attend. Please tell your neighbours and friends too.

Heaps of potted pelargoniums to brighten your garden, other garden plants, craft items, yummy cakes and a refreshing cuppa with something to go with it, all available. Further details from Barry Ruler on 5259 3304 or 0427 513950.

U.C.A.F.

The November meeting for the UCAF will be a 'Meander and Tea' at Van Loons Nursery. Everyone, especially garden lovers, are welcome to join us on Monday, 10 November, at 1.30pm in the church car park, when carpooling will be arranged to travel to Wallington. Any enquiries? Contact Elizabeth on 52592442.

ALL CONGREGATIONS

Op Shop A G M

All are invited to help support our Op Shop by attending the AGM at Drysdale Uniting Church on Wednesday, 12th November. at 1.30 pm.

Major changes within and beyond Uniting Care Geelong, make our efforts even more important.

Mr. Des Youngusband, deputy CEO will be the guest speaker and will enlighten and encourage us in our endeavours for the community.

Tony Freemantle 52531974

Fellowship Breakfast DVD

The DVD *Mary and Mohammed* shown at the Fellowship Breakfast at Portarlington in September is available for loan to any members of our Linked Congregations. There are 2 DVDs -a shorter 26 min one and the extended 81 min version.

One member who has borrowed the DVD said "it gave her an insight into the asylum seeker issue and would highly recommend it to everyone. The extended 81 min version was definitely worth watching".

Contact Joy Porter 5259 2538 if you would like to borrow and become more informed.

Melbourne Male Voice Praise Choir

Williamstown Uniting Church free event on Sunday, 9 November at 2.30 pm.