

# THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

## ROSTERS FOR 26 October

### Portarlington

9.00 am

**Managers:** Keith & Heather Pigdon  
**Morning Tea:** Harold & Heather Gould  
**Pastoral Care:** Barry Ruler  
**Prayers:** Drysdale Lay Team  
**Readings:** Drysdale Lay Team  
**Power Point:** Catherine Eagleson

### Drysdale

9.00 am

**Kitchen:** Wayne's team  
**Counting:** Jenni Nickelson  
**10.45 am**  
**Duty Elder:** Pat Handley  
**Prayers:** Drysdale Lay Team  
**Readings:** Drysdale Lay Team  
**Door:** Marg MacGillivray & Mary Grieve  
**Morning Tea:** : Marj McLeod & Audrey Shepherd  
**Flowers:** Jennifer Davis

### St Leonards

7.00 pm

**Welcoming:** Margo Jones  
**Reading:** Drysdale Lay Team  
**Prayer:** Drysdale Lay Team  
**Brass & Flowers:** Helen Steogen



how

how do i love you  
 when my mind  
 is so easily distracted  
 by the yelling on television,  
 the anger on the roadways,  
 the dullness of my life?

how can i love you  
 when my heart  
 is so broken by  
 the hatred among believers,  
 the bitterness of friends,  
 the forgiveness which eludes me?

how should i love you  
 when my soul  
 thirsts for a companion,  
 hungers for empathy,  
 longs for a respite from its weariness?

maybe,  
 just maybe,  
 if i stop hanging on  
 to all my questions,  
 let go of all my answers,  
 and be caught by your grace,  
 i will be able to love  
 YOU  
 with all i am,  
 all i have,  
 all i hope to ever be.

Amen.

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St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

**Pentecost 19**

**Sunday, 19th October, 2014**

In this week's reading the presence of God is experienced in creation, through the Spirit, and in human experience. The God of history is also the God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. This is reality for us, where our lived experience confirms again and again the presence of God in the heartbeat of life. While Moses is on Mount Sinai for 40 days, the people of Israel drift away from their focus on God. However, the overcoming of this temporary separation in turn enhances the centrality of God in their lives. "I know you by name," God says to Moses, and expresses the desire of the human heart; to know that God is at the core of our being and that we are known by the Holy Mystery that at the heart of everything.

Seasons of the Spirit

## LECTIONARY

19 October <i>Pentecost 19</i>	Exodus 33: 12-23 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Psalm 99 Matthew 22: 15-22
26 October <i>Pentecost 20</i>	Deuteronomy 34: 1-12 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Psalm 90:1-6,13-17 Matthew 22: 34-46

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

### Sunday, 19 October– Pentecost 19 Portarlington

9:00 am Rev. Marion Latham

### Drysdale

9:00 am Café Church

10.45 am Rev. Marion Latham

### St Leonards

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

### Monday, 20 October

9:30 am Drysdale KYB

1.30 pm Portarlington UCAF

### Tuesday, 21 October

10.30 am Drysdale Grove Service

7:30 pm Drysdale Worship

### Wednesday, 22 October

11.00 am Drysdale Coffee & Chat

1.30 pm Drysdale UCAF

### Thursday, 23 October

9.00 am Portarlington Choir practice

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### Friday, 24 October

9:15-10.00 am Drysdale Friday School

10.30 am Portarlington Letter writing  
Group.

### Sunday, 26 October– Pentecost 20

### Portarlington

9:00 am Drysdale Lay Team  
Jen & Harvey Davis

### Drysdale

9:00 am Rev. Marion Latham  
Graeme's team assisting

10.45 am Drysdale Lay Team  
Jen & Harvey Davis

### St Leonards

7.00 pm Drysdale Lay Team  
Ian & Denise McLaverty

## OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

### DRYSDALE

#### U.C.A.F.

Drysdale U.C.A.F members are advised that the Peninsula Christmas Lunch will be held at Ormond Rd, East Geelong on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November, at 11.30am for church service Cost \$20  
Please reply at our next meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> October with money.

### PORTARLINGTON

#### Letter Writing Group

The Social Justice Letter Writing Group will meet again at St Andrews next Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> October, at 10:30am. Please bring paper and pens or laptop.  
All welcome any Inquires to Merilyn Bertram. 0439 966 370.

### ST. LEONARDS

#### U.C.A.F

The next U.C.A.F meeting at St . Leonards will be our AGM which will be held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm  
Further information:  
Marj 52571096 or Margo 52571221

## ALL CONGREGATIONS

### Op Shop A.G.M.

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

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



### Thoughts on the Lectionary

We strive to have the ways of God revealed in concrete and tangible ways. Yet, with our limitations, we fail to recognize that God is revealed through all things. Moses needs assurance that God will not leave him alone and pleads to see God's face so that he can trust God's presence at all times. The psalmist proclaims that God is revealed in the quaking of the earth, the pillars of clouds, and in the high mountains. All of the earth belongs to God, revealing God's goodness and love of justice. In response, we are called to break into glorious songs of praise. In 1 Thessalonians, God's love is revealed through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through the power of the Spirit, we respond to Christ by being steadfast in hope, as we labour

in love, revealing Christ's love to all people. In Matthew, Jesus reveals that the ways of God are not narrow but, rather, broad and all-encompassing.  
Ministry Matters

[Listening to the Language of the Bible](#)  
Exerpts from a book by Lois Tverberg.

2. Hebraic insights that deepen our thinking – ***Da'at Elohim***  
*Da'at Elohim* Knowledge of God. When English speakers use the verb “to know”, we think of our mental grasp of the facts. The Hebrew idea of *yadah*’ (to know) stresses knowing from experience and relationship, and acting on that knowledge. The Hebrew view is that knowledge of God does not mean proving God's existence and explaining God's nature, but having a life relationship with God. Hebraically, knowledge is not just knowing who someone is, it is devotion to them as well. Jews see knowledge of God as intimacy with God, knowing him as a child does a father, as a wife does her husband.



### Children in Church

The Sunday School teacher asks, “Now Johnny , tell me frankly do you say your prayers before eating?”  
“No ma'am,” little Johnny replies, “I don't have to . My mum is a good cook”