

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

ROSTERS FOR 12 th October

Portarlington

Managers: Heather & Harold Gould

Morning Tea: Margaret Hutcheon, Sue Handley & Sylvia Bleggs

Pastoral Care: Heather Gould

Prayers: Heather Gould

Readings: Elaine Farnell

Communion: Heather Gould, Catherine & Alex Eagleson, Barry Ruler.

PowerPoint: Joy Porter.

Drysdale

9.00 am

Kitchen: Jenni's team

Counting: Ian McLaverty

10.45 am

Duty Elder: Bob Stevenson.

Prayers: Bob Stevenson

Readings: Marilyn Lloyd.

Door: Ken Handley

Communion Elder: Mary Grieve

Morning Tea: Marguerite & Gerald Edgar

Flowers: Pat Handley

St Leonards

9.00 am

Anglican Combined Service

Brass & Flowers: Helen Steogen

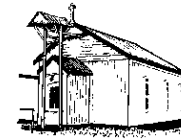


Listening to the Language of the Bible

Exerpts from a book by Lois Tverberg.

1. Listening through Jesus' ears. Anyone who studies the Bible will notice right from the start that it often speaks in words and phrases that are difficult to understand. We need to remember that the Scriptures come to us from languages and cultures very different from our own. If we delve further into the minds of the Bible's authors, we often discover that their strange-sounding language actually contains rich insights that are not always apparent in the English translation. These insights are often the key to understanding the text and applying it to our lives.

Jesus' Bible, the Old Testament, reflects an ancient culture very different from our own. It was written almost entirely by Jews growing up in a Hebrew/Aramaic-speaking, Semitic-thinking culture. We can be greatly blessed by studying the ancient Jewish cultural context of the Bible – something that many Christians may have neglected in the past. Jesus' words take on new depth when heard in their original setting.



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Pentecost 17

Sunday, 5th October, 2014

The law, the teachings, the parables—these are easy to read, but very hard to live authentically. In a society that values individual freedom, law is a hard sell. But these are the very teachings the world needs, not to curtail freedom but to enable us to be truly free in the life God offers. In a world of violence, we need these words of guidance and radical, transforming love. These are the words that can bind us together in spite of differences of language and custom.

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

5 October <i>Pentecost 17</i>	Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9,12-20 Philippians 3: 4b-14	Psalm 19 Matthew 21: 33-46
12 October <i>Pentecost 18</i>	Exodus 32: 1-14 Philippians 4:1-9	Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 Matthew 22: 1-14

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 5 October– Pentecost 17

Portarlington

9:00 am Rev. Margaret Manning

Drysdale

9:00 am Rev. Marion Latham HC
Loose change & Food bank
(Jenni's Team Assisting)
10.45 am Rev. Marion Latham HC
Loose change & Food bank

St Leonards

7.00 pm Rev. Marion Latham

Monday, 6 October

9:30 am Drysdale KYB

Tuesday, 7 October

7:30 pm Drysdale Bible study

Wednesday, 8 October

9.00-12.45 Drysdale mainly music
10.00 am Drysdale Coffee & Chat

Thursday, 9 October

9.00 am Portarlington Choir practice
9.30 am Drysdale Choir practice

Friday, 10 October

9:15-10.00 am Drysdale Friday School

Sunday, 12 October– Pentecost 18

Portarlington

9:00 am Rev. Marion Latham HC
Loose change & Food bank

Drysdale

9:00 am Wayne's Team
10.45 am Mr. Martin Kent

St Leonards

9.00 am Combined Holy Communion
Anglican

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Forward Notice

Garage Sale

8:00 am – 1:00 pm, Saturday
22nd November, 2014
Please start preparing now, growing and
clearing out your garage or garden shed.

Advance notice

Bible Studies

Two bible studies will be held:-
Date: Tuesday 7th October 2014
Tuesday 14th October 2014
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Unit 6. Bellview. 66 Wyndham St.
Drysdale/home of Pat & Ken Handley
NB. Will those attending please park in
Wyndham Street.
Topic: "How we got our Bible"
An historical look at the development of
scripture.
Everyone welcome. Please come along.

PORTARLINGTON

U.C.A.F.

The U.C.A.F. will meet at 1.30pm on
Monday 13th of October in the meeting
room for the Annual Review to look back
at what we have done and to plan for

the year ahead. Your comments and
ideas will be most welcome. Enquiries to
Elizabeth (52592442) please.

Backpacks for Kids Backs.

The 'Backpack' program provides basic
school requirements for children in the
Pacific Islands to assist with their
education. During October, the U.C.A.F.
will be collecting donations for this
program and these can be given to
Heather Gould.

Fellowship Breakfast

The next Portarlington breakfast
meeting will be on Sat. 11th October,
commencing at 7-30am. Guest Speaker
will be Mr. Andrew Meager. Andrew is a
school chaplain and will tell us about his
work. Andrew is a friend of Graham &
Brenda Vohmann, members of the Port.
congregation. All members of the Linked
Congregations and their friends are
warmly invited to attend. Acceptances to
Barry Ruler on 5259 3304 by Thursday
evening 9th October, please.

Christmas Cards

Frontier Service Christmas Cards
Yes it is that time again to order your
Frontier Services Christmas Cards
Wendy Quill will be taking orders this
morning after church and until the end of
September

DVD to borrow.

The DVD *Mary and Mohammed* shown a
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.

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

ALL CONGREGATIONS

'Fearless Women'

An upcoming event to bring the women
of the Bellarine Peninsula Churches
together.

This event will be held on Friday
October 17th, 7.30 to 9.00 pm at the
Wave, Ocean Grove. See notice board
for more details.

Thoughts on the Lectionary

This week's readings offer a glimpse of
the impact of words and actions that
come from God through humanity –
Moses, David, Paul, and Jesus. Words
from Moses that define life-changing
behaviour, words from David that
describe the impact of God's words, and
words expressed through the example of
Paul and through storytelling by Jesus in
the gospel are "words of life." The
delivery of ten commandments (Exodus
20) is given to Moses on Mount Sinai as
he leads the people of Israel toward a
new life and a land of promise. A
summary of the law will resonate in the
silence of the desert journey (Psalm 19)
while Matthew and the letter to the
Philippians speak of the spirit of the law
as given by Jesus.

Seasons of the Spirit

