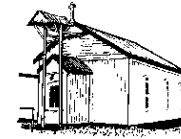


# THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

## ROSTERS FOR 28 SEPTEMBER

### Portarlington

**Managers:** Jan & John Hall

**Morning Tea:** Heather & Keith Pigdon

**Pastoral Care:** Barry Ruler

**Prayers:** Port J & M team

**Readings:** Port J & M team

**PowerPoint:** Bruce Bertram

### Drysdale

**9.00 am**

**Kitchen:** Jenni's team

**Counting:** Glenda Vuillermin

**10.45 am**

**Duty Elder:** Jen Davis

**Prayers:** Portarlington Lay Team

**Readings:** Portarlington Lay Team

**Door:** Vince King

**Morning Tea:** Pat & Ken Handley

**Flowers:**

### St Leonards

**No Service**

**Brass & Flowers:** Wyn Moriarty & Marie Alexander



## Manna

A wanderer,  
I had given up on a promised  
land.  
The world was wilderness,  
barren,  
a haunt of jackals.  
"God," I cried--  
this abject prayer aborted by the  
darkness,  
by the wind of despair.  
So I slept a desert sleep,  
never suspecting that He heard,  
that in the night He was  
preparing  
a surprise for me.  
I awakened  
in the morning of my hunger  
to an abundant earth,  
no longer depleted of  
nourishment:  
to gold streaming across the field  
from a fresh-blown sunrise,  
to hope greener than ruffled  
grass,  
to joy sung by a sparrow,  
to the taste of life again on my  
lips,  
as if toast and coffee were some  
other thing--  
a sacrament, like manna,  
the Holy One blessing me.  
Somewhere on the horizon  
a promise glimmered again.

--Timothy

Haut, Deep River, CT

## Pentecost 15

**Sunday, 21 September, 2014**

Complaining to God is not always bad. In the wilderness, it seems to have helped the hungry Hebrews. Before sending food, albeit with work required to gather it and with conditions for its use (16:4-5), God proclaims, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites" (Exodus 16:12). In fact, following God usually requires work—at its best, joyful, "fruitful labour" (Philippians 1:22). Complaining about the good that comes to others in God's vineyard will not get us far. "Are you envious because I am generous?" asks the God character in Jesus' last-will-be-first parable (Matthew 20:15). It is better to remember, with thanks, the miracles of liberation, guidance, and nourishment received by God's people (Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45).

Ministry Matters

## LECTIONARY

21 September	Exodus 16: 2-15	Psalm 105: 1-6 37-45
<i>Pentecost 15</i>	Philippians 1: 21-30	Matthew 20: 1-16
28 September	Exodus 17: 1-7	Psalm 78: 1-4 12-16
<i>Pentecost 16</i>	Philippians 2: 1-13	Matthew 21: 23-32

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

### Sunday, 21 September – Pentecost 15

#### Portarlinton

9:00 am Rev. Marion Latham

#### Drysdale

9:00 am Jenni's Team

10.45 am Rev. Marion Latham

#### St Leonards

5.00 am Rev Marion Latham HC

*Loose change & Food bank*

### Monday, 22 September

9:30 am Drysdale KYB

2.00 pm St Leonards UCAF

### Wednesday, 24 September

10.00 am Drysdale Coffee & Chat

12.00 pm Drysdale UCAF

### Thursday, 25 September

9.00 am Portarlinton Choir practice

9.30 am Drysdale Choir practice

### Sunday, 28 September – Pentecost 16

#### Portarlinton

9:00 am Port Lay Team (J&M team)

#### Drysdale

9:00 am Rev. Marion Latham

(Denise's Team Assisting)

10.45 am Port Lay Team (J&M team)

#### St Leonards

No Service.

## OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

### DRYSDALE

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

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Meet at the church by 12 pm for car pooling for lunch at "Panache" Queenscliff. Please let Jen or Pat know if you will be coming

#### Forward Notice

##### Garage Sale

8:00 am – 1:00 pm, Saturday

22<sup>nd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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

#### 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 at the Fellowship Breakfast at Portarlinton 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.

#### Letter writing

The Social Justice Letter Writing Group will meet again at Portarlinton, 10:30am, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September. All most welcome to join us. Please bring own pen and paper or Laptop. Inquiries to Marilyn Bertram 0439 966 370

### ST. LEONARDS

#### St. Leonards U.C.A.F.

An open invitation is extended to all who would like to attend "St. Leonards U.C.A.F. Dutch Auction" on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2.pm at the church hall Dudley Pde. St. Leonards  
Further information phone Margo 52571221

#### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September there will be no 5 pm service at St Leonards. Members have a choice of going to Portarlinton at 9am or Drysdale at 10.45 am.

Although God provides everything we need to live, we always seem to find something to complain about. In Genesis, the whole congregation complains of hunger and how life was better back in Egypt. The psalmist extols God's bountiful response to the people's wilderness complaining: providing quail in the evening, bread of heaven in the morning, and water from a rock. Paul complains, if only a little, about having to remain here on earth when he could be with Christ in heaven. In Matthew, the day labourers who worked a full day complain that they were treated unfairly, since all were paid the same wages, even those who worked only a short time. Yet, God will be God, showering blessings with equity—even when we complain; perhaps, especially when we complain. And that is good news.

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