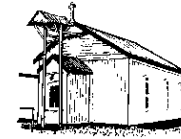


THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

ROSTERS FOR 5 th October

Portarlington

Managers: Heather & Harold Gould

Morning Tea: Margaret Hutcheon, Sue

Handley & Sylvia Bleggs

Pastoral Care: Elaine Farnell

Prayers: Elaine Farnell

Readings: Elizabeth Kefaloukas

PowerPoint: Joan Kelly

Lawns: Harold Gould, Peter Gibbs & Len Stratton.

Drysdale

9.00 am

Kitchen: Graeme's team

Counting: Lynda Smith

10.45 am

Duty Elder: Pat Handley

Prayers: Pat Handley

Readings: Marg MacGillivray

Door: Ken Handley

Communion Elder: Mary Grieve

Morning Tea: Win Baker & Andrea

Lindsey

Flowers: Mary Grieve

St Leonards

7.00 pm

Welcoming: Marj Wilson

Reading: Margo Jones

Prayer: Margo Jones

Brass & Flowers: Shirley Hadden

metanoia

Matthew 21:23-32

when you asked me

to go and work

for you

I was too busy resisting to agree

because I always resist,

it's my default position

then I think it over

and usually the job gets done

when you asked me

to go and work

for you

I was too busy agreeing to resist

because I always agree

it's my default position

then I think it over

and usually nothing gets done

if only you had another child

who didn't have the blocks that we have

stubborn resistance

and empty acceptance

who could hear your request

and go

with the flow

then they could do all the work

and you wouldn't have to

ask us any more

and we wouldn't have to

keep on changing our minds

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Pentecost 16

Sunday, 28 September, 2014

The Lectionary changes tack a little this week – at least from the perspective of the Gospel. While the continuous Old Testament readings continue to follow the Israelites in the desert (with a similar story to last week's, but focussed on water and thirst, rather than food and hunger), Matthew describes a moment of confrontation between Jesus and the religious leaders, in which two questions are raised – where Jesus' authority originates, and who is finding their way into God's Kingdom. The water image becomes a captivating one for this week's worship – because like water that flows into any crack it can find, and that is not easily controlled or contained, God's reign appears in surprising places, and flows into the lives of those that we might prefer to keep out of God's kingdom.

Sacredise

LECTIONARY

28 September
Pentecost 16

Exodus 17: 1-7
Philippians 2: 1-13

Psalm 78: 1-4 ,12-16
Matthew 21: 23-32

5 October
Pentecost 17

Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9,12-20
Philippians 3: 4b-14

Psalm 19
Matthew 21: 33-46

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

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.

Monday, 29 September

9:30 am Drysdale KYB

Wednesday, 1 October

10.00 am Drysdale Coffee & Chat
7.30 pm Portarlinton Pastoral Care

Thursday, 2 October

9.00 am Portarlinton Choir practice
9.30 am Drysdale Choir practice

Sunday, 5 October– Pentecost 17

Portarlinton

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

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.

Preaching Plan change

Preacher at Drysdale 10.45 for
October 12 will be Mr. Martin Kent, from
Queenscliff.

PORTARLINGTON

Portarlinton Fete

A reminder to all Portarlinton members.
Our annual "Blooming Plants and
Home Made Fete" is on Saturday
November 15th. Some members are
already busy growing pelargoniums and
other plants for sale and we ask
everyone to consider baking cakes for

the cake stall and making things for the
Home Made stall.

Please mark this date in your calendar.
for further information contact Barry
Ruler . 5259 3304

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 Portarlinton 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
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.

Thoughts on the Lectionary

Followers of Christ are sent to work in
the vineyard. Will they respond or evade
the call? If they say yes, than action is
implied. Christ offers repentance to
those who hold back, while those who
say yes, but then fail to act, are judged.
Relationship with Christ demands our
actions match our intentions.

James Kirk, *When We Gather*.

What does being a servant look like?
Philippians describes Jesus'
servanthood as one of humility and
obedience to God. In Matthew, John's
servanthood comes from faithfully
preparing the way. The servanthood of
the two sons is judged, not by what they
said they would do, but by what they did
in the end.

Ministry Matters