

# THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Easter 2

Sunday, 12 April 2015

Thomas, given his own opportunity to be face to face with Jesus, in the community of the disciples, has his own experience of the Resurrection. So, too, those in the Acts community and the community to which 1 John is addressed respond out of their own experience. Faith in each of the readings for this week is always lived out in community. Our relationship with Christ cannot be separated from our relationship with each other. So as this week we explore what it means to experience the Resurrection as individuals we also explore what the Resurrection means for our lives together.

Seasons of the Spirit

## LECTIONARY

12 April Easter 2	Acts 4: 32-35 1 John 1: 1-22	Psalms 133 John 20: 19-31
19 April Easter 3	Acts 3: 12-19 1 John 3: 1-7	Psalms 4 Luke 24: 36b-48

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## Rosters for 19 April

### Portarlington

**Managers:** David & Lorraine Hughes

**Morning Tea:** Pam & Geoff Pryor

**Pastoral Carer:** Dorothy Knights

**Prayer:** Dorothy Knights

**Reader:** Jan Hall

**Power Point Prep:** Bruce Bertram

### Drysdale.

**Worship@9**

**Kitchen:** Jenni's Team

**Counting:** Sue Polley

### 10.45 am

**Duty Elder & Prayers:** Ken Handley

**Reading:** Gerald Edgar

**Welcome:** Wilma Mansell

**Morning Tea:** Irene & Bob  
Stevenson

**Flowers:** Irene Stevenson

### St Leonards

**Welcome:** Shirley Hadden

**Reading:** Marj Wilson

**Prayers:** Marj Wilson

**Brass:** Sandra Giddings  
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The day after on the second day of the week: Salome spent nearly three hours at the doctor's office with a croupy kid; Pilate and Herod had their troops out searching all the dumpsters for the missing body; 11 ordinary looking guys joined the ever-growing lines at the local unemployment office; and Jesus played hopscotch with the kids, using the stone which had sealed his fate to mark his place, then waving bye, he danced through the streets, high-fiving all those ear-budded teens twittering the good news to their networks.

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## Sacred Music at the Basilica'

The Choir of Newman College presents *The Great War in Song*, on Sunday, 31 May at 3 pm. More details at [www.musicatthebasilica.org.au](http://www.musicatthebasilica.org.au)

## Presbytery of Port Phillip West – Prayer Cycle

We remember today:

- Belmont church and Rev Sr Miriam and Mr Geoff Aitken

*Loving God, thank you for our sisters and brothers in Belmont. Help them to show your love to their neighbours. Give them confidence in the work you have called them to do and make this work fruitful. Amen*

## Discovering the Bible's Rich Imagery. *Mayin Hayim* Living water flowing.

The ancient Jews found pictures of theological concepts in the world around them, and God used those pictures to communicate with them. Because Jesus also used these images to tell about himself, we need to have them in mind to grasp his message. One image, that of *living water*, is known around the Middle East, where water is scarce and precious. The hills are brown and barren much of the year, but after a time of rain, they spring to life in green meadows and flowers. And lush vegetation surrounds rivers and springs, while only yards away, all is barren. From this arose the idea of *mayim hayim*, life-giving water of rain, rivers and springs as picture of God's Spirit in the world.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

### Sunday, 12 April, Easter 2

#### Portarlington

9:00 am Rev Marion Latham, H/C  
*Loose change and food bank*  
Following worship AGM Portarlington /  
St Leonards,

#### Drysdale

9. 00 am Denise's Team  
10. 45 am Ken Handley and Friends

#### St Leonards

9:00 am Combined Holy Communion  
with Anglicans.

### Monday 13 April

9.30 am KYB @ Lynda's  
1.30 pm Portarlington UCAF

### Wednesday, 15 April

9.30am mainly music  
10.00 am Drysdale Coffee and Chat  
6.30 pm Asylum Seeker Dinner @ Port

### Thursday, 16 April

9.00 am Portarlington Choir practice  
9.30 am Drysdale Choir Practice

### Friday, 17 April

1:30 pm Port. Communal Prayer.

### Saturday 18 April

8.00 am Prayer Breakfast @ The Zoo  
Café Drysdale

### Sunday, 19 April, Easter 3

#### Portarlington

9:00 am Rev Marion Latham

#### Drysdale

9. 00 am Graeme's Team  
10.45 am Rev Marion Latham  
2.30 pm. 'High Tea'  
Afternoon tea around Drysdale & Clifton  
Springs.

### St Leonards

5:00 pm Rev Marion Latham, H/C  
*Loose change & Foodbank*

## OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

### DRYSDALE

#### Drysdale Loose Change

Another great contribution of \$160.85 for our loose change this month, which equals more than one and a half bicycles. Thank you all.

#### Drysdale Uniting Church Working

##### Bees

Change of dates for 2015.  
Please alter your calendar for these new dates 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 8<sup>th</sup> August and 7<sup>th</sup> November. We will start at 8.00am and finish at 12.00 pm Lots of jobs around the church to be done.

#### Thanks and good news from

##### Jen Davis

Jen writes: *A big thank you to my church family for covering me in prayer over the last week, including your concern for Harvey's welfare. ... Such a wonderful relief to find there was no cancer.... If anyone feels the need for prayer, please do not hesitate to speak to Wayne, because the prayer chain in our Church helps immeasurably.*

#### And from Andrea Lindsay

*Thanks everyone who jumped in at such short notice to cover my rostered work. The first stage of my cochlea implant is complete. Next there will be 3 months of programming the sound processor and training my brain to recognise the new sounds. It is so good that this is an Australian invention and the leading*

*work on bionic ears happens here in Melbourne. Thank God for these wonderful brains He has given people. Anyone who wants more information on cochlea implants, email me at [dr.andrea.lindsay41@gmail.com](mailto:dr.andrea.lindsay41@gmail.com) or leave a message in my pigeon hole.*

### PORTARLINGTON

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

Would you like to visit Hawaii? On Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm in the meeting room, Brenda Vohmann will speak about the Hawaii 'beyond the tourist sites'. Brenda has visited Hawaii a few times for triathlons. Everyone is welcome so just come along. Enquiries to Elizabeth, 52592442..

### FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

#### Prayers of the Body

Communal prayer of the Body of Christ will be held at both Drysdale and St. Andrews on Friday afternoons at 1.30 pm on alternating weeks. The prayer service will follow the guidelines in our Uniting in Worship book. Please join us, on April 10 at Drysdale. If you would like to be part of our praying together, but cannot come on Fridays at 1.30 pm, please speak with Marion.

#### News from the Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees,

##### Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March.

*The Age* reported a large crowd of 15,000 walked through the centre of Melbourne to express its support for people seeking refuge in Australia from danger and fear and its opposition to cruel and unjust treatment of these

people by Australian governments. Many showed that their stand is based on their Christian beliefs and the teachings of Christ. We can continue our support through the Asylum Seeker / Refugee week detailed below

### Asylum Seeker /Refugee Week

#### Community Dinner

Wednesday 15 April, 6.30pm St Andrew's Uniting Church Portarlington. Cost \$15. Speaker: A founding member of newly formed Grandmothers Against Detention of Refugee Children. 2 course dinner and entertainment from Duo: Suzette Herft & Patrick Evan.

Please wear a touch of purple (the colour the *Grandmothers* have adopted to highlight the plight of children in detention). Inquiries by 8 April to Joy Porter 5259 2538 or Margaret Manning 0409 334 480.

#### Special Church Service

Sunday 19 April, St Andrew's Portarlington, 9 am. Led by Rev Marion Latham. All welcome

God of peace,  
you bring tranquility into our  
conflicted lives.  
You raised Jesus from the still tomb;  
yet we continue to be entombed  
behind the closed locked doors of  
our fear.  
Open wide our doors and windows  
to the fresh air of new life.  
As Jesus showed his disciples his  
hands and feet,  
may we show ours to those waiting  
for our love.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our  
Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever. Amen  
Bob Eldan, Lander, Wyoming