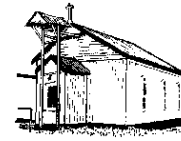


# THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

## 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:

- Bellbrae church and minister Rev Helen Robinson
- Footscray Outreach, Wesley Mission Victoria.

*Loving God, thank you for our sisters and brothers in Bellbrae and Footscray. 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*

## Early on the First Day (John 20: 1-8)

*Yes, You got there before us,  
Death's rock-hard hold already breached,*

*Like an earthenware jar;  
You smashed open the old order  
Shedding shards at our fumbling, furtive feet,  
And morning waters broke,  
Pouring forth fragrant, blessed emptiness  
Where we had expected  
The pungent, acrid aroma of defeat.*

*And whatever we held in our hands  
Was ridiculously redundant;  
And whatever you saw in our faces  
Was neither recognition nor relief.  
We were simply searching for the thief  
Who stole the only marker we had left to hold,  
Your body, crucified and cold*

*Until you spoke ....*

## Rosters for 12 April

### Portarlington

**Managers:** David and Lorraine Hughes

**Morning Tea:** John & Jan Hall

**Pastoral Care and Prayer:** Keith Pigdon

**Reader:** Elaine Farnell

**Communion:** Heather Pigdon (prep), Graham and Brenda Vohmann and Keith Pigdon (serve)

**Power Point Prep:** Joan Kelly

### Drysdale.

**Worship@9**

**Kitchen:** Wayne's Team

**Counting:** Colleen Diamond

### 10.45 am

**Duty Elder:** John MacGillivray

**Prayers:** John MacGillivray

**Reading:** Hazel Wyllie

**Welcome:** Wilma Mansell

**Morning Tea:** Pat and Ken Handley

**Flowers:** Andrea Lindsay

### St Leonards

Combined service with Anglicans

**Brass & Flowers:** Judy Godfrey

## Easter Sunday

Sunday, 5 April 2015

### **Nephesh. Loving God with all your life:**

The command to love God with all our heart, soul, strength and mind is the greatest commandment. It is part of the *Shema*, the prayer that Jesus and all Jews since him have prayed morning and evening to commit themselves to follow the Lord. We tend to pass by the phrase, 'heart and soul' quickly, thinking that we should love God with our spirit and emotions, and very passionately. *Nephesh* means 'life' as well as 'soul' The prayer means that we should love God with all our lives - every moment throughout our lives. It is the opposite of being a one-hour-a-week Christian whose thoughts are largely filled with the distractions of work, politics, hobbies, investments, sporting events and entertainment. Squeezing God in as an afterthought is exactly the opposite of this phrase of the *Shema*.

Lois

## LECTIONARY

5 April	Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalm 118:1-2,14-24
Easter Day	1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8
12 April Easter 2	Acts 4: 32-35 1 John 1: 1-22	Psalm 133 John 20: 19-31

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

### Sunday, 5 April, EASTER DAY

#### Portarlington

9:00 am Rev Margaret Manning  
H/C

#### Drysdale

9. 00 am Rev Marion Latham (Denise's team assisting); H/C & Baptism of Owen March  
*Loose change and food bank.*  
10. 45 am Rev Marion Latham team H/C  
*Loose change and food bank.*

#### St Leonards

5.00 pm Rev. Marion Latham.

### Wednesday, 8 April

10.00 am Drysdale Coffee and Chat

### Thursday, 9 April

9.00 am Portarlington Choir practice  
9.30 am Drysdale Choir Practice

### Friday, 10 April

1:30 pm Drysdale, Communal Prayer.

### Saturday, 11 April

7:30 am Portarlington Fellowship  
Breakfast,

### 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.

## OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

### DRYSDALE

#### Baptism of Owen March

We welcome today the family and friends of Owen March, who come to celebrate in his baptism. God's blessing be with 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, 12th 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

#### Prayer 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

##### **Fellowship Breakfast**

Saturday 11 April, 7.30am, St Andrew's Uniting Church Portarlington, Cost: \$5. Speaker: Linda Cusworth on the work of the Combined Refugee Action Group. Inquiries to Barry Ruler 5259 3304

##### **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