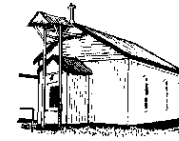


# THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

## Listening to the Language of the Bible

Exerpts from a book by Lois Tverberg.

The Importance of Family. Ben. A son like his father

The Hebrew word for 'son', ben, is used for a wide variety of purposes in the Bible, and it carries some assumptions and cultural understandings. Along with its literal use to mean the son of a father or mother, it is often used to mean later descendants as well. In the genealogies of the Bible, only significant ancestors are reported because it was normal to speak of a later descendant as a 'son'. The assumption behind the word 'son' was that descendants would share in the characteristics of their forefathers.

Usually, children took on the family profession and worshipped the family gods. It was assumed that children would even tend to take on their ancestors' personalities: if their father was wise, they would be wise; if he was warlike, they would be warlike. When Jesus is described as the 'Son of David', it suggests that he is a descendant of David, and that, like him, he is a powerful king. Another use of the word 'son' is to describe a disciple of a rabbi. The relationship was understood to be like that between a father and a son. They would emulate the rabbi's ways and become like them in character.

## Rosters for 23 August

### Portarlington

**Managers:** Keith & Heather Pigdon  
**Morning Tea:** Keith & Dorothy Knights

**Pastoral Care:** Barry Ruler.

**Prayers :** Drysdale Lay Team

**Readings:** Drysdale Lay Team

**Power Point Prep.** Catherine Eagleson

**Lawns:** David Hughes, Graeme Dryden, Graham Vohmann.

### Drysdale, W@ 9

**Kitchen:** Denise's Team

**Counting :** Colleen Diamond

**Drysdale, 10.45**

**Duty Elder:** John MacGillivray

**Prayers & Readings:** Drysdale Lay Team

**Welcome:** Ken Handley

**Morning Tea:** Win Baker & Andrea Lindsey.

**Flowers:** Marguarite Edgar

### St. Leonards

**Welcome:** Margo Jones

**Reading & Prayer.** Drysdale Lay Team

**Flowers & Brass.** Beryl Woodcock

## Pentecost 12

**Sunday, 16 August 2015**

We live in a culture that makes many competing demands on our time, yet we have more leisure time available to us than generations past did. God calls us to be mindful of the ways in which we spend our time, whether in leisure or in worship. Time is a precious gift and resource to be managed wisely. Faith communities can help people create space in their lives to focus on simpler living, practice thanksgiving and other forms of prayer, and take time to discern God's will. Understanding God's ways requires not only opening our hearts, but also using our heads. Faithful discernment is marked by experience and reason. As we reflect on our experiences, God continues to reveal Godself to us. Today's readings emphasize the importance of wisdom in using our time in Christ-like living.

Seasons of the Spirit

## LECTIONARY

16 August	1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14	Psalm 111
Pentecost 12	Ephesians 5: 15-20	John 6: 51-58
23 August	1 Kings 8:1,6,10-11,22-30,41-43	Psalm 84
Pentecost 13	Ephesians 6: 10-20	John 6: 56-69

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

### Sunday, 16 August

#### Portarlington

9.00am Rev Marion Latham

#### Drysdale

9.00 am W@9 Denise's team

10.45 am Rev. Marion Latham

#### St Leonards

5.00pm Rev Marion Latham.

HC Loose change & food bank

### Monday, 17 August

9.30 am KYB at Lynda's

### Tuesday, 18 August

10.30am Drysdale Grove Service

7.30 pm Drysdale Worship Team

### Wednesday, 19 August

9.30 am mainly music

### Thursday, 20 August

9.00 am Portarlington Choir practice

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11.00am Portarlington Arcare service

7.30 pm Drysdale Church council

### Friday, 21 August

9.15 am Friday School Drysdale

1.30 pm Prayer Service at Portarlington

### Sunday, 23 August

#### Portarlington

9.00am Drysdale Lay team.

Bob and Irene Stevenson

#### Drysdale

9.00 am W@9 Rev. Marion Latham

Graeme's team assisting

10.45 am Drysdale Lay team.

Bob and Irene Stevenson

#### St Leonards

5.00pm Drysdale Lay team.

Bob and Irene Stevenson

## OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

### DRYSDALE

#### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



The filling of a shoebox with gifts for a child in an under-developed country has become a part of Christmas for the Drysdale Uniting Church, and again this year we will aim to fill as many boxes as possible to bring joy to a child and the knowledge of God's love to his/her family. **Gifts will be collected until the end of September for dispatching early October. Please place in the basket provided in the vestry.**

Items required this year are:

1. something to love
2. something special
3. Some things for school
4. something to play with
5. Something to wear
6. something for hygiene

**Please note:** NO lollies, toothpaste, items that may leak, used or damaged items (including worn clothing), breakable items, anything racial, political or war-related

#### Bible Study

Bible Study- begins Thurs. 27 Aug. 11am-12.pm

Study 1-Good News & the mission of God. 'A New Season'- 6 week study exploring "Who is God calling us to become in this new season of the UnitingChurch?"

Refreshments provided. All Welcome.

Continues Sept 3,10,17,24 & 1 Oct.

#### Working Bee.

Thank you to all the helpers who came to the working bee last Saturday.

We completed a lot of jobs.

#### Mainly Home Made Fete/Shed Sale,

October date to be confirmed.

Only 2 months away. Start preparing plants, take cuttings, make chutney, sauces, etc, knit some items or plan what you might bake.

Co-ord. -Lynda Smith 52531007

## ST LEONARDS

#### .St. Leonards UCAF

The next meeting will be the Monday 24 Aug at 2.00 pm.

This month it is our "High Tea"

## FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

#### Prayer Services.

The weekly Friday Prayer services this week will be Drysdale (Friday 21 August)

Dates and venues for the services.

August 21 Portarlington

August 28 Drysdale

#### Marion's Farewell

The final service for Rev Marion Latham will be on Sunday 30 August. This will be a combined service at Drysdale at 10.15am. It will be followed by a shared lunch and presentation.

#### Presbytery of Port Phillip West – Prayer Cycle

- We remember today:
- Keilor East  
Rev Samasoni Nafatali.
- Lancefield- Pray for the Lay Leadership Team

Lord guide and bless your work in our Presbytery that it may flourish for the good of the people and for your glory.

#### Orchestra Geelong

There has been a change of date for the next concert "Music of the Stage" which will now be held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August at The Geelong College, Aphrasia Street, Newtown

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God of flesh and blood,  
when we are truly hungry and thirsty,  
spiritually malnourished,  
you give us your son  
to feed on,  
to satisfy our longing hearts.  
Give us courage  
to pass on this eternal nourishment  
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