

# THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

**Pentecost 13**

**Sunday, 23 August 2015**

With the exception of the reading from John, prayer is a unifying theme of these texts. Solomon prays at the dedication of the temple in Jerusalem. The psalmist prays for Israel and the joys of being in God's house. And Paul enjoins Christians to put on the full armour of God and pray in the Spirit at all times. To tie in the Gospel reading, worship leaders could show how communion and prayer in the Spirit allow us to abide in Christ.

Abingdon Worship Annual

## LECTIONARY

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

30 August Song 2:8-13 Psalm 45:1-2,6-9  
Pentecost 14 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

## Listening to the Language of the Bible

Exerpts from a book by Lois Tverberg.

The Importance of Family **Ach** My brother's keeper.

We can miss the major points of biblical texts if we don't take into account the wording and poetry of the story. Often, a word is repeated over and over in the story to make a point in a subtle way. The ancient composers were very sensitive to word repetition and pattern, and to repeat a word many times emphasised its centrality to the story. The Bible also uses the ancient logic that the first of a kind represents all of its kind; so because Adam was the first man, he represents all of humanity. The first time we read the word 'brother' is when Eve gives birth to Abel after having Cain. The first person in all the Bible to have a brother was Cain. So Cain and Abel represent all of us as brothers. Knowing this implies we are *all* our brothers' keepers (Genesis 4: 9-10). The minute we forget our obligation to care for our brothers, sin is crouching at our door, pointing us down Cain's path that may even end in murder. Only when we remember that other people are our brothers and sisters, and that we must love them as ourselves, will we begin to live as God wants us to live.

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Abiding God,  
you in Jesus, Christ enduring in us,  
we in you,  
to whom else can we go?  
Your son's words of eternal life  
empower us to stand steadfast  
with each other in you  
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

## Rosters for 30 August

**Portarlington**  
Combined Service

**Drysdale, W@ 9**  
Combined Service  
**Drysdale, 10.45**  
Combined Service

**Combined Service 10.15 am**  
**at Drysdale**

**Duty Elder:** Pat Handley  
**Prayers & Readings:** Combined Service Team  
**Welcome:** Ken Handley  
**Morning Tea:** W@9  
**Flowers:** Brenda Jacobs

**St. Leonards**  
Combined Service  
**Flowers & Brass.** Margo Jones

## FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

### Prayer Services.

The weekly Friday Prayer services this week will be Drysdale (Friday 28 August)

Dates and venues for the services.  
August 28 Drysdale  
**Presbytery of Port Phillip West – Prayer Cycle**

- We remember today:
- Lara - Rev Iose Tuigamala

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

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

### Monday, 24 August

1.30 pm KYB at Lynda's  
2.00 pm UCAF St Leonards

### Wednesday, 26 August

9.30 am mainly music

### Thursday, 27 August

9.00 am Portarlington Choir practice  
9.30 am Drysdale Choir practice  
11.00am Bible Study Drysdale

### Friday, 28 August

9.15 am Friday School Drysdale  
1.30 pm Prayer Service at Drysdale

### Sunday, 30 August

### Portarlington, Drysdale & St Leonards

**Combined** At Drysdale  
10.15am Rev Marion Latham

## 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

### 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

### 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.

### PORTARLINGTON

### Fellowship Breakfast

The next Fellowship Breakfast meeting at Portarlington is on Saturday 12th Sept, commencing at 7-30am, in the church hall. Guest Speakers will be Bruce & Marilyn Bertram. Bruce and Marilyn have not long returned from their grand overseas tour and will tell us all about it!

All members of the Linked Congregations and their friends are warmly invited to attend. Acceptances to Barry Ruler by Thursday evening 10th Sept. on 5259 3304.

### Pleasant Sunday Afternoon at Portarlington .

Coryule Chorus will present an afternoon of choral music to suit all tastes at Portarlington in the church hall on **SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER** at 2-00pm. Tickets \$10 at the door or from Barry Ruler 5259 3304. Cuppa with home made biscuits and slices will follow the performance. All most welcome.

### Melbourne Opera, Essendon Choral Society bring THE MESSIAH back to Portarlington.

Three years ago at Portarlington, we experienced a musical and faith treat with a quality performance of Handel's Messiah. You can repeat that experience or if you were not present three years ago, you can attend Parks Hall, Portarlington on **SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER, at 2-30pm.** 4 Quality soloists, 20 piece orchestra conducted by the renowned Greg Hocking and choral work by the augmented Essendon Choral Society will ensure a wonderful afternoon. Tickets a very reasonable \$30 per head, children under 10 years free and students under 18 years, \$15. Please note this important date in your diary and encourage your friends and neighbours to attend. Tickets available in September from Barry Ruler on 5259 3304.

### 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" at Kayes.

### FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

### 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.