

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Pentecost 14

Sunday, 30 August 2015

God's word invites us to delight in both creation and the love we have for one another. The psalmist knows that it is God who inspires the words of the pen that honour God's servant, the king. James speaks of the danger of angry words, invites us to listen to God's transforming word, and calls us to act upon God's word of freedom. Jesus rebukes those who speak empty words and calls people to live in ways that speak God's word of purity and love. The sensual delight of the Song of Songs and Psalm 45 remind us that joy is a gift from God. These scriptures also contain a deep call for justice. James reminds us that the deepest devotion to God is to care for those in need. Finally, these scriptures present a wonderful balance between being and doing. The sensual delights of the Song of Songs and the psalm speak of the gift of the senses to God's creatures. James and Mark invite us to act in ways that reflect God's love.

Abinadon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

30 August Pentecost 14	Song 2:8-13 James 1:17-27	Psalm 45:1-2,6-9 Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23
6 September Pentecost 15	Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23 James 2:1-10,(11-13),14-17	Psalm 125 Mark 7:24-37

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Listening to the Language of the Bible

Exerpts from a book by Lois Tverberg.

The Importance of Family **Bayit** In the house of the Lord

The Hebrew concept of house, *bayit*, has a wide range of meanings. It can refer to a house, a temple, a family or a lineage, among other things. In fact, the name of God's temple in many places in the Bible is simply 'the house'. It underlines the fact that the desire of God is to dwell with humanity. The broad meaning of *bayit*, in many instances, makes an interesting and important wordplay. For instance, Psalm 23 says we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Do we read this as meaning we spend our entire life in a church building? We might also understand the phrase as pointing toward heaven. Another understanding is possible if we consider that the word *bayit* can mean 'family, lineage, or household'. The house that Jesus is building is that of the family of believers, not a brick or mortar building. It may mean that we will 'dwell in God's family for ever.'

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

Presbytery of Port Phillip West – Prayer Cycle

- We remember today:
- Lorne Joint Anglican UCA - Rev Lynton Wade (Anglican)

Rosters for 6 September

Portarlington

Managers: John & Jan Hall

Morning Tea: Geoff & Pammi Pryor

Pastoral Care: Bruce Bertram.

Prayers : Bruce Bertram

Readings: Marilyn Bertram

Power Point Prep. Pammi Pryor

Lawns: Barry Ruler, Alex Eagleson & Keith Knights

Drysdale, W@ 9

Kitchen: Graeme's Team

Counting : Glenda Vuillermin

Drysdale, 10.45

Duty Elder: John MacGillivray

Communion Elder: Margaret MacGillivray

Prayers: John MacGillivray

Readings: Margaret Freemantle

Welcome: Ken Handley

Morning Tea: Val Place & Audrey Shepherd

Flowers: Hazel Wyllie

St. Leonards

Welcome: Margo Jones

Reading: Kaye Baulch

Prayer. Margo Jones

Flowers & Brass. Marj Wilson & Joan Sadler

THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 30 August

Portarlington, Drysdale & St Leonards Combined At Drysdale
10.15am Rev Marion Latham

Monday, 30 August
9.30 am KYB at Lynda's

Tuesday, 1 September
5.00 pm mainly music . Family Night

Thursday, 3 September
9.00 am Portarlington Choir practice
9.30 am Drysdale Choir practice
11.00am Bible Study Drysdale

Friday, 4 September
9.15 am Friday School Drysdale
1.30 pm Prayer Service at Portarlington

Sunday, 6 September

Portarlington
9.00am Rev. Margaret Manning

Drysdale
9.00 am W@9 Rev. Ian Porter
HC Loose change and Food Bank
Jenni's team assisting
10.45 am W@9 Rev. Ian Porter
HC Loose change and Food Bank

St Leonards
5.00pm W@9 Rev. Ian Porter
HC Loose change and Food Bank

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-Thurs. 3 Sept. 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 10,17,24 & 1 Oct.

PORTARLINGTON

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.

Loose Change Offering

Portarlington and St Leonard's have contributed a Small Change offering of \$91.60 in August to Samaritan House and to medical clinics in Timor Leste.

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.

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.

Creator God,
all you have made is good,
even very good.
We in our divided minds
separate your creation
into clean and unclean.
Clear our minds to see you
both in what we call profane
as well as in the sacred.
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