

Springdale Singers

End-Of-Year Concert will be held on Tuesday, 8 December, 1.30 pm.

All welcome. Afternoon tea provided at Springdale Hall.

Portarlington Fellowship Breakfast Meeting

Our final meeting for the year will be on Saturday 12 December, commencing at 7.30 am. Guest Speaker will be Mr. Neil Bell on "The Western Desert, the Pitjantjatjara and the Arrrente."

As usual, at this December meeting, we will charge \$5 per head, with all the money going to the Christmas Bowl appeal. We will pay for food costs out of our accumulated funds. All members of the Linked Congregations and their friends, are warmly invited to attend. Acceptances please to Barry Ruler on 5259 3304 by Thursday evening 10 December.

Prayer Cycle : Presbytery of Port Phillip West

We pray for Uniting Church Agencies, Congregations and Schools, together with the Ministry Agents who serve God in their various placements. We remember today:

- Presbytery Officers:
 - Chairperson - Rev Paul Blacker
 - Deputy Chairperson; Rev Charles Gallacher
 - Secretary; Rev Robert Renton,
 - Treasurer; Mr Ian Pooley

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

Amen

Short Term Housing Available

The unfurnished manse is available for short term accommodation for a family in need. It would be on a month by month basis with a maximum of six months. If members of the congregations know of anyone please contact Graeme Dryden on 0409 431835 for details.

Rosters for 13 December

Portarlington

Managers: Keith & Heather Pigdon

Pastoral Care & Prayers: Dorothy Knights

Reader: Elaine Farnell

Communion Prep: Dorothy Knights

Communion Serve: Alex Eagleson, Barry Ruler, Catherine Eagleson

Morning Tea: Ken & Elaine Farnell

PowerPoint: Bruce Bertram

Lawn Roster 16/17: David Hughes, Graeme Dryden, Graham Vohmann

Drysdale

Worship @ 9

Counting: Ian McLaverty

Morning Tea: Jenni's Team

10.45am

Duty Elder & Prayers: Jen Davis

Readings: Irene Stevenson

Door: Brenda Jacobs

Morning Tea: Val Place & Audrey Shepherd

Flowers: Jonnie Mander

St Leonards

9.00 am Anglican Service HC

Flowers: Judy Godfrey

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Advent 2 Sunday, 6 December 2015

The message of God's salvation is like a refiner's fire or fullers' soap, cleansing us of our impurities. While the advent of the Messiah is marked with hopeful expectation, preparing for that arrival places demands upon our lives. With words that confront our complacency, John the Baptist warns us to repent and amend our ways. Christ is coming—bringing hope, eagerness, and anticipation, but also a little fear and trepidation—like a refiner's fire and fuller's soap

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

6 December Advent 2	Mal 3: 1-4 Phil 1: 3-11	Luke 1: 68-79 Luke 3: 1-6
13 December Advent 3	Zep 3: 14-20 Phil 4: 4-7	Is 12: 2-6 Luke 3: 7-18

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 6 December

Portarlington

9.00 am Rev Margaret Manning

Drysdale

9.00 am Rev David Walker,
Graeme's Team assisting

10.45 am Rev David Walker
*HC, Loose Change and
Food Bank both services*

St Leonards

7.00 pm Rev Margaret Manning
*HC, Loose Change & Food
Bank*

Tuesday, 8 December

7.30 pm Drysdale Advent Study,
6/66 Wyndham St, Drysdale

Wednesday 9 December

9.15 am - noon Drysdale mainly music
Final Session, Christmas
Program

Thursday, 10 December

9.00 am Portarlington Choir Practice
9.30 am Drysdale Choir Practice

Friday, 11 December

9.15 am Drysdale Friday School

Saturday, 12 December

7.30 am Portarlington Fellowship
Breakfast

4.30 pm Drysdale mainly music
family breakup, Train Park
Drysdale



Sunday, 13 December

Portarlington

9.00 am Rev Jan Taylor, *HC, Loose
Change and Food Bank*

Drysdale

9.00 am Jenni's Team
10.45 am Rev David Walker

St Leonards

9.00 am Combined HC
UCA/Anglican, Anglican led

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Advent Bible Studies

The last session, looking and discussing
the scriptures relating to advent will be
held on Tuesday, 8 December.

Time: 7.30 pm, studies will last
approximately 60 minutes

Venue: Unit 6, Bellview
66 Wyndham Street, Drysdale

Everyone is welcome to come along and
bring your thoughts and ideas.

Pilgrimage

Saturday 2 January, 9.30 am start and
1.00 pm finish at Percy Cherry Park,
Curlewis. The theme is "Living Land"
with the liturgy written by members of
our congregation.

Only short distance walking or driving.
Lunch supplied. No cost. Please book in
on the sheet in the foyer or with Wayne.

Empty Christmas Tree

Members of the congregation are invited
to add a gift to the Christmas Tree.
These will be given to Uniting Care
Concern Geelong.

Special Birthday Tea

If you would like to attend the birthday
tea on Sunday, 13 December at 6.00 pm
at the Drysdale Hotel to celebrate the
special birthdays for Marg Cheale,
Norma Taylor, Jenni Nickelson and
Tracey Myers please add your name to
the list in the foyer or tell Wayne.

Congregation Service Meetings

The services survey report will be
distributed and explained at
congregation meetings on Sunday,
13 December at 10.15 am and at 11.45
am (at the end of each service) for about
10 minutes.

PORTARLINGTON

Social Justice Letter Writing Group

The Social Justice letter writing group
will meet for the last time in 2015, on
Friday 11th December, in the Fellowship
room at St Andrew's Portarlington. We
meet at 10:15 am for a cuppa then write
until about 11:30 am. Come and check
us out, especially if you think you might
join us in 2016.

Food Bank

For the next few weeks in Advent, we
are asking for special donations for the
Portarlington Food Bank, which can be

used in the Christmas hampers to be
given to our clients. Anything that might
make Christmas dinner a bit more festive
would be greatly appreciated.

ST LEONARDS

Please note that St Leonards will not
have a service on 27 December.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

Newsheet for Linked Congregations

This newsheet is put together each
week by a small team of volunteers on a
roster basis. Moore Volunteers needed.

You don't have to be able to write
articles, or prepare text for the
newsheet. All information is sent to the
office via the church office email
(drysdaleuc@yahoo.com.au) or hand
written for retyping. Other information is
available in a folder for including into a
word template.

The task requires a couple of hours a
week on a roster basis. Is this something
you could do? Please speak to Val
Lestrange, phone 52513125.

<p style="text-align: center;">Winchelsea Combined Choir presents "Born To Die" a Christmas Cantata at the Globe Theatre, Winchelsea on Sunday, 6 December at 7.30 pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Text compiled and written by Martin Reilly, music written and directed by John Burnford.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Entry \$10 with supper.</p>
