

## FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

### **OUT of the DARKNESS Exhibition**

7th-15th February 2015 10am - 5pm  
Uniting Church Hall, Queenscliff  
FREE ENTRY Out of the Darkness' combines paintings, fibres, graphics, photography, sculpture and text. Be encouraged to stand together to reinstate the UN Refugee Convention into Australian law and confirm that we, as a humane and caring society, can shine a light in the darkness.

### **Listening to the Language of the Bible. Exerpts from a book by Lois Tverberg.**

Lessons for Our Lives. *Emunah* Faith and Faithfulness.  
Christians historically have emphasised the importance of believing God's promises, instead of working to earn our salvation. But it is important to understand that the key word, *emunah*, which we translate 'believe', has a different emphasis in Hebrew than we tend to hear. In English and in Greek, it's primary meaning is to assent to a factual statement, to agree with the truth of certain ideas. The word *emunah* does mean 'to have faith', but it has a broader meaning that has implications for what God calls us to as a people of faith. It also contains the idea of steadfastness or persistence. The word *emunah* is also used to describe God's faithfulness. This has implications about what it means to be a Christian. What God asks for goes beyond an academic decision to believe that a certain set of facts are true. He wants *faith* in his promises that results in steadfast *faithfulness* to him.

## Rosters for 8 February

### **Portarlington**

**Managers:** David & Elizabeth Thompson  
**Morning Tea:** Bruce & Merilyn Bertram  
**Pastoral Care & Prayers:** Dorothy Knights  
**Reader:** Elizabeth Kefaloukas  
**Communion:** Dorothy Knights (Prep) Lorraine & David Hughes, Barry Ruler  
**Power Point Preparation:** Catherine Eagleson

### **Drysdale**

**Worship @ 9:**  
**Kitchen:** Wayne's Team  
**Counting:** Sue Polley  
**10. 45 am**  
**Duty Elder & Prayers:** Pat Handley  
**Readings:** Tony Freemantle  
**Welcome:** Ken Handley  
**Morning Tea:** Marjory McLeod & Audrey Shepherd  
**Flowers:** Vera Mills

### **St Leonards** (Combined Anglican)

**Brass & Flowers:** Wyn Moriarty, Marie Alexander

The biggest lie I tell myself is .. "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it!"

## THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

## Epiphany 4

Sunday, 1 February 2015

Knowledge. Authority. Who has them? From whom do they come? These are familiar questions, not only in biblical times, but in the twenty-first century as well. Who should we listen to? How will we know who is speaking the truth and acting from good intentions? Scripture's answer is clear: Knowledge and authority come from the one true God, and the mark and manner of that God is love. When people act in love, considering others before themselves, and keep God's covenant, they are worth listening to and following, for they will lead us in the way of God and the footsteps of Jesus.

*Abingdon Worship Annual*

## LECTIONARY

1 February	Dt 18: 15-20	Ps 111
Epiphany 4	1 Cor 8: 1-13	Mk 1: 21-28
8 February	Is 40: 21-31	Ps 147: 1-11, 20c
Epiphany 5	1 Cor 9: 16-23	Mk 1: 29-39

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

### Sunday, 1 February

#### Portarlington

9.00 am Rev. Margaret Manning

#### Drysdale

9.00 am Worship @ 9 Rev Marion Latham, Denise's team assisting

10.45 am Rev. Marion Latham HC, *Loose Change & Food bank both services*

#### St Leonards

7.00 pm Rev Marion Latham

### Monday, 2 February

7.30 pm Drysdale Growing & Learning Team Meeting

### Tuesday, 3 February

7.30 pm Portarlington Worship C'ttee

### Wednesday, 4 February

9.30 am mainly music, Drysdale  
10.00 am Drysdale Coffee and Chat  
1.30 pm Portarlington Growing & Learning & COER Meeting  
7.30 pm Portarlington Justice & Mission Team Meeting

### Thursday, 5 February

9.00 am Portarlington Choir practice  
9.30 am Drysdale Choir Practice  
7.30 pm Drysdale Pastoral Care Mtg

### Friday, 6 February

9.15 am Friday School

### Sunday, 8 February

#### Portarlington

9.00 am Rev Marion Latham HC  
Loose change & Food Bank

#### Drysdale

9.00 am Worship @ 9 Jenni's team  
10.45 am Brian & Thelma Shaw  
5.00 pm Messy Church

#### St Leonards

9.00 am Combined HC Anglican

## OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

### DRYSDALE

#### Pancake Dinner –by popular demand

On Tuesday, 17 February, 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm with a savory and sweet all you can eat pancake meal, \$15 adults, \$5 under 12.

All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to UnitingCare. How about you get a table of your friends to come along for wonderful food and fellowship and supporting a great cause?

While tickets can be purchased on the night we encourage you to purchase your tickets before-hand to help with catering. Tickets available from Val LeStrange or Jenni Nickelson.

#### Congregation Annual Meeting

The congregation annual meeting will be held on Sunday 29 March as part of the 10.15 am combined service. There will be a shared lunch afterwards. Please mark the date now and look out for further information.

#### Offering and Envelopes

If you would like to use offering envelopes this year please contact Wayne Myers to get a set. Offering envelopes are a great way to make a

commitment to the church for a regular offering. There is no requirement to commit to a specific amount and although the envelopes are numbered offering counters cannot identify the giver. Another offering method is direct deposit from your bank account to the church account. Wayne can provide bank details if you are interested in that method.

No matter what method you choose we are grateful for your contribution; without it we cannot meet our church expenses. This year is going to be very difficult financially so if you are able to increase your offering that would be fantastic. The financial statement and budget will be provided at the Annual meeting but we are predicting a shortfall of \$5000 without including the cleaning of the church roof.

#### Loose Change Offering

This year our offerings will go to **World Vision for their "bicycles for girls" project**. Each bicycle costs \$100 and so we are aiming to cover the cost of at least 15. We look forward to your involvement in this aspect of our congregation life.

#### Messy Church

Our first Messy church service for 2015 will be on Sunday 8 February at 5.00 pm.

The theme will be **"The Armour of God."** The activities have all been set and the discussion questions are being prepared. Please help us to get a good attendance.

**mainly music** starts again this week. Thank you to all our volunteers. The team appreciates your input in so many ways. If you would like to try mainly music in a volunteer capacity come and visit on Wednesday morning or see Lynda Smith if you would like to go on the morning tea roster.

### PORTARLINGTON

#### Portarlington Fellowship Breakfast

The first breakfast meeting for 2015 will be on Saturday, 14 February, commencing at 7.30 am. Late last year, David & Lorraine Hughes spent time visiting Myanmar (Burma) and will tell us of their journey. All members of the Linked congregations and their friends are warmly invited to attend. Acceptances please to Barry Ruler by Thurs. evening 11th Feb. on 5259 3304.

**Loose Change** contributions by St Andrews and St Leonards towards Kids Plus in Geelong and the Sudan Midwifery Project for December and January, were \$236.90.

#### U.C.A.F.

The Commitment Service to start the year's program will be on Monday, 9th February at 1.30pm in the church. Anyone is welcome to join in this service of commitment and hope which includes the sacrament of communion. The offering will be forwarded to Samaritan House, an outreach to homeless people in Geelong. If you need more information, please phone Elizabeth, 52592442.