

Presbytery of Port Phillip West – Prayer Cycle

Each week we will be asked to pray for Uniting Church Agencies, Congregations and Schools together with the Ministry Agents who serve God in their various placements. We remember today:

- UnitingCare Geelong, Mr Des Younghusband (Acting CEO)
- The Geelong College Rory Chambers, Chaplain, Strathmore Secondary College

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

Amen

Listening to the Language of the Bible. Excerpts from a book by Lois Tverberg. Lessons for Our Lives.

Pesel. Idols in the Land

In our modern culture, it is hard to imagine being tempted by idolatry. Because we are strict monotheists, we simply don't believe any other gods. Exist besides God, so idolatry seems pointless. In the ancient Middle East, people believed that each nation had its own gods, and that the gods had limited powers and territories. Those gods did not make moral demands; they only required worship and sacrifices for them to grant favour. Israel's God, YHWH, challenged his people by how different he was. Unlike any of the other gods, God demanded that his people act ethically. Even though we are monotheists, we can still fall prey to living much like idol worshippers did. If we are serving God, we do things God's way, but once something else has become a greater 'god' to us, we overrule God and act as we please.

Rosters for 22 February

Portarlington

Managers: Margaret Hutcheon, Sue Handley

Morning Tea: Keith & Dorothy Knights

Pastoral Care: Barry Ruler

Prayers & Reader: Portarlington Lay Team (Keith Pigdon & Dorothy Knights)

Power Point Preparation: Catherine Eagleson

Drysdale

Worship @ 9:

Kitchen: Denise's Team

Counting: Glenda Vuillermin
10.45 am

Duty Elder: Ken Handley

Prayers & Readings: Portarlington Lay Team

Welcome: Margaret MacGillivray

Morning Tea: Lavinia Howard & Merrilyn Lloyd

Flowers: Wayne Myers

St Leonards

Welcoming: Margo Jones

Reading & Prayers: Portarlington Lay Team

Brass & Flowers: Wyn Moriarty, Marie Alexander

So why is a Car's WINDSHIELD so large and the Rear View Mirror so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, Look Ahead and Move on.

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Epiphany 6

Sunday, 15 February 2015

Today's readings reveal God coming into the world. Each text presents a variation of the idea that God is active in the world and in the lives of the faithful. When this happens, it may leave us a bit awestruck or even dumbstruck. These readings also present an important vocal component: Elijah and Elisha's conversation culminates in the transfer of power from the master to the pupil; the psalm proclaims that God does not keep silent; Paul acknowledges that we must proclaim Jesus Christ; and in contrast, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep silent about him until the proper time.

Ministry Matters

LECTIONARY

15 February	2 Kings 5: 1-14	Psalms 30
Epiphany 6	1 Cor 9: 24-27	Mk 1: 40-45
15 February	2 Kings 2: 1-12	Psalms 50: 1-6
Transfiguration	2 Cor 4: 3-6	Mark 9: 2-9
22 February	Genesis 9: 8-17	Psalms 25: 1-10
Lent 1	1 Peter 3: 18-22	Mark 1: 9-15

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 15 February

Portarlington

9.00 am Rev Marion Latham

Drysdale

9.00 am Worship @ 9 Denise's team
10.45 am Rev Marion Latham
Harvest Festival both services
with produce going to Cottage
By The Sea

St Leonards

7.00 pm Rev Marion Latham, HC,
Loose Change & Food Bank

Monday, 16 February

9.30 am KYB

Tuesday, 17 February

10.30 am Worship @ Drysdale Grove
5.30 – 7.30 pm Drysdale Pancake
Dinner for UnitingCare
7.30 pm Drysdale Worship Committee

Wednesday, 18 February

9.30 am mainly music, Drysdale
10.00 am Drysdale Coffee and Chat
4.30 pm Preaching Plan planning
group, @ Drysdale

Thursday, 19 February

9.00 am Portarlington Choir practice
9.30 am Drysdale Choir Practice
7.30 pm Drysdale Church Council

Friday, 20 February

9.15 am Friday School

Saturday, 21 February

7.30 am Prayer Breakfast @ Zoo Café,
Drysdale

Sunday, 22 February

Portarlington

9.00 am Portarlington Lay Team, Keith
Pigdon & Dorothy Knights

Drysdale

9.00 am Rev Marion Latham, Jenni's
team assisting
10.45 am Portarlington Lay Team, Keith
Pigdon & Dorothy Knights

St Leonards

7.00 pm Portarlington Lay Team, Keith
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OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Pancake Dinner

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

Have a night off cooking and enjoy the
company of others. All proceeds from
this fundraiser will go to UnitingCare.
See Val Lestrangle for tickets or just turn
up on the night, everyone welcome!

Drysdale UCAF

Drysdale UCAF will commence our year
with a commitment service on
Wednesday, 25 February at 1.30 pm.

New members and visitors are invited,
including males. Come along and enjoy
the fellowship.

Lenten Bible Studies

Monday nights @ 7.30pm beginning on
23 February to 30 March. The theme is
'Journey with Jesus'. Come along and
join us at the Drysdale Church.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

Linked Worship Workshop

It has become obvious through lack of
attendance that this regular workshop is
no longer felt to be useful. Thank you to
those who have supported this group
over the past few years. Marion still
would like suggestions as to the best
way to support lay worship teams and to
help us all keep on improving our
preparation and leadership skills.

As we will not be meeting each quarter,
there will not be the same opportunity for
us to look together at the readings and
themes for worship services for the
following quarter. Marion will allocate to
people involved in worship teams
readings from the lectionary and ask
that, in your own time, you choose
readings and suggested theme for a
specific week so that a list can be made
for us all to work with. You may or may
not be given the readings for a week
when you will be leading worship. The
readings for the April - June quarter will
be given out soon.

World Day of Prayer

'The Bahamas' written by The Bahamas
WDP Committee

Friday, 6 March, 10.30 am at St Thomas
Catholic Church, Peninsula Drive,
Drysdale. Everyone welcome.

The **Social Justice Letter Writing
Group** will re-convene for 2015 at St
Andrew's Portarlington, on Friday, 27
February, in the Hall at 10.15am. Please
bring laptop or paper and pens. Various
issues are discussed and all are
welcome. Inquiries to Marilyn Bertram
0439 966 370.

OpShop Planning Meeting

A meeting is to be held on Monday, 23
February at 2.00pm at Drysdale Uniting
Church to further discuss a possible
move of the OpShop to the Drysdale
church property.

This meeting is open to all interested
people from both congregations and
from the OpShop.

Community Wills Program

During the month of March, The
Salvation Army invites you to make an
appointment with a volunteer solicitor in
the Bellarine Peninsula area to write or
update a simple Will.

It will only cost \$50 and proceeds
support the local work of the Salvation
Army.

**Music at the Basilica Inc – Sacred
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