

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

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 Merilyn 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.

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:

- Anglesea, Rev Helen Robinson
- UnitingCare ReGen, Laurence Alvis (CEO)

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

Amen

Community Wills Program

During March, The Salvation Army invite you to write or update a simple will for only \$50, proceeds to support the local work of the Salvation Army.

Rosters for 1 March

Portarlington

Managers: Keith & Heather Pigdon

Morning Tea: Keith & Dorothy Knights

Pastoral Care & Prayers: Bruce Bertram

Reader: Merilyn Bertram

Power Point Preparation: Pammi Pryor

Lawn Roster 4-5 March Barry Ruler, Keith Knights, Alex Eagleson

Drysdale

Worship @ 9

Kitchen: Graeme's Team

Counting: Denise McLaverty

10.45 am

Duty Elder & Prayers: Pat Handley

Readings: John MacGillivray

Welcome: Margaret MacGillivray

Morning Tea: Tony & Margaret Freemantle

Flowers: Linda Smith

Food Bank: Nicola Morrish

St Leonards

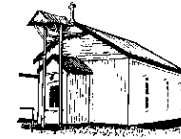
Welcoming: Marj Wilson

Reading: Kaye Baulch

Prayers: Margo Jones

Brass & Flowers: Margo Jones (no flowers)

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Lent 1

Sunday, 22 February 2015

On this first Sunday in Lent, we revisit Jesus' baptism against the backdrop of covenant, mercy, and salvation. In Genesis, God makes an everlasting covenant with Noah, his family, and every living creature. As a sign of God's promise to never again destroy all flesh with a flood, God set a rainbow in the sky. The psalmist seeks God's mercy and protection, truth and teachings. Extolling God's salvation, the psalmist proclaims God's steadfast love and faithfulness for all who keep God's covenant and decrees. The epistle hearkens to the flood of Noah, and to the salvation offered through the waters of Christ's baptism. Finally, the Gospel recounts John's baptism of Jesus and the beginning of Christ's ministry to spread the good news that God's kingdom has come near.

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

22 February Lent 1	Genesis 9: 8-17 1 Peter 3: 18-22	Psalms 25: 1-10 Mark 1: 9-15
1 March Lent 2	Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 Romans 4: 13-25	Psalms 22: 23-31 Mark 8: 31-38

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

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 Pigdon & Dorothy Knights

Monday, 23 February

2.00 pm OpShop Planning Meeting
2.00 pm St Leonards UCAF
7.30 pm Lenten Studies, Drysdale

Tuesday, 24 February

10.30 am Lenten Study St. John's Anglican, Portarlington

Wednesday, 25 February

9.30 am mainly music, Drysdale
10.00 am Drysdale Coffee and Chat
1.30 pm Drysdale UCAF

Thursday, 26 February

9.00 am Portarlington Choir practice
9.30 am Drysdale Choir Practice

Friday, 27 February

9.15 am Friday School
10.15 am JAM Letter Writing, Port.

Sunday, 1 March

Portarlington

9.00 am Rev Margaret Manning
12 noon. St. Andrews Congregation lunch @ Port Golf Club

Drysdale

9.00 am Rev Marion Latham, Wayne's team assisting
10. 45 am Rev Marion Latham, *Loose change, food bank and HC both services*

St Leonards

7.00 pm Rev Marion Latham Harvest Thanksgiving

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Drysdale UCAF will commence 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.

Working Bees – Advance Notice

Please note, working bees to do jobs around the church property will be held on the following dates - 8.00am to noon.

Saturday, 9 May
Saturday, 6 August
Saturday 7 November.

Place the dates in your diary, and come along and help if you can.

Pancake Dinner Success!

Thanks to everyone who supported our Pancake Dinner, we made a total of \$711.25 profit for UnitingCare!

Baptism

We welcome today the family and friends of Luke Myers who come to celebrate in his baptism.

PORTARLINGTON

UCAF Outing

On Monday 16 March, the UCAF are planning to visit Summer Sensations Cafe and Berry Farm, 1440 Bannockburn - Shelford Rd, Teesdale, where we will enjoy lunch, purchase their produce if we like, and inspect their gardens. We will carpool and leave the church car park at 11.15am and we welcome anyone wishing to come on this outing with us.

Booking is essential for catering purposes and must be made with Elizabeth Thompson no later than Friday, 6 March, by email, peldan7@gmail.com or by phone, 52592442. Enquiries to Elizabeth.

Loose Change

The Loose change offering for February from Portarlington and St Leonards was \$132.55. This will be shared between Kids Plus and the Sudan Midwifery Project.

World Day of Prayer Service will be at St. John's Anglican Church at 10.00 am on Friday 6 March 2015.

Ecumenical Lenten Studies begin on Tuesday 24 February 2015, at St John's Anglican Church at 11.00 am. Enjoy a cuppa and fellowship at 10.30am. before the study.

First "After Church Lunch" for 2015 will be at the Portarlington Golf Club on Sunday 1 March. Please let Jan Hall or Lorraine Hughes know if you will be attending.

Portarlington Election of Elders and Church Councillors and Annual Congregation Meeting.

The following Elders and Church Councillors terms have expired and these people are eligible for re-election if they choose to nominate.

Elders Term Concludes: Elaine Farnell, Margo Jones, Marj Wilson, Barry Ruler. Church Councillors term concludes: Ken Farnell, Keith Pigdon, Neil Bell.

Other members of the congregation who may wish to serve in either of these roles are invited to speak to David or Lorraine Hughes or Barry Ruler. Nomination forms are in the Narthex and should be completed and handed to Secretary Barry Ruler no later than Sunday 15th. March. Election will be held on Sunday 29th March. The Annual Congregation Meeting will take place on Sunday 12th April, immediately following Worship. Enquiries to Barry Ruler.

ST LEONARDS

UCAF

Our first meeting for 2015 will be Monday, 23 February at 2.00pm.

This will be a normal meeting with lots of laughter.