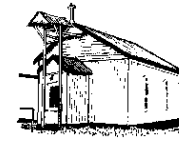


THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Listening to the Language of the Bible

Exerpts from a book by Lois Tverberg.

Words in Living Colour **Makor**. Looking for the source

The Hebrew word *makor* means 'source, fountain, or spring' James Michener's book *The Source* is set in a fictional location called 'Tel Makor'. It weaves a story about the archaeological digs as this fictitious tel which has a source of water – the reason for its name. As artefacts are discovered from each time period, the story explains how the artefact came to be in a particular location. The Bible presents a frequent image of God as the *makor* of living water which is often pictured as flowing out of Jerusalem. (Jeremiah 2: 13; Psalm 36: 7-9; Revelations 22: 1-2)

God of truth,
 God of truth-sayers,
 by your grace your prophets dare all
 to speak your word.
 Grace us, as you did John the Baptist,
 to have the pluck to speak truth.
 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

Rosters for 19 July

Portarlington

Managers: Keith Knights & Peter Gibbs

Morning Tea: Ken & Elaine Farnell

Pastoral Care: Lorraine Hughes

Prayers : Lorraine Hughes

Readings: David Hughes

Power Point Prep: Joan Kelly

Communion Prep/Serve:: Heather Gould

Communion Serve: Keith Pigdon ,
 Heather Pigdon, Barry Ruler

Drysdale, Worship @ 9:

Kitchen: Wayne's Team

Counting: Denise McLaverty

Drysdale, 10.45

Duty Elder: Bob Stevenson

Readings: Marilyn Lloyd

Prayers: Bob Stevenson

Welcome: Wilma Mansell

Morning Tea: Win Baker & Andrea
 Lindsey

Flowers: Jonnie Mander

St Leonards

Welcome: Miriam Tobin

Readings & Prayers: Marj Wilson

Flowers & Brass. Marj Wilson

Pentecost 7

Sunday, 12 July 2015

Dancing has a long and conflicted history in the church. Many seniors in our churches remember a time when dancing was considered taboo for "good Christians." But dancing as a joyful response to God's blessings dates back to at least the time of Moses, when Miriam led worship on the shores of the Red Sea. Second Samuel relates the tale of King David dancing with abandon before the Lord. Even here, however, such unfettered exuberance and praise was met with Michal's disapproval. The Mark passage, meanwhile, shows us that dancing (like any other activity) can be twisted and exploited when it is not an act of worship. The Ephesians reading is full of the Good News of God's love for us in Jesus Christ. Together with David and Miriam and a whole host of others, let us dance for joy in response to God's abundant blessings!

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

12 July Pentecost 7	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 Ephesians 1:3-14	Psalm 24 Mark 6:14-29
19 July Pentecost 8	2 Samuel 7:1-14a Ephesians 2:11-22	Psalm 89:20-37 Mark 6:30-34,53-56

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 12 July

Portarlington

9.00am Keith Pigdon
12.00 pm Portarlington "After Church Lunch Series"

Drysdale

9.00 am W@9 . Wayne's Team
10.45 am Rev. Margaret Manning

.St Leonards

9.00 am Combined HC UCA
Rev. Margaret Manning

Monday, 13 July

9.30 am KYB Bible Study @Linda's
1.30 pm Portarlington UCAF

Wednesday, 15 July

9.30 am mainly music

Thursday, 16 July

9.00 am Portarlington Choir practice
11.00 am Arcare Chapel Service

Friday, 17 July

9.15 am Friday School Drysdale
1:30 pm Drysdale Prayer Service

Saturday, 18 July

8.00 am Prayer Breakfast -Zoo Cafe

Sunday, 19 July

Portarlington

9.00am Rev.Margeret Manning, HC
Loose Change & Food Bank

Drysdale

9.00 am W@9 . Jenni's Team
10.45 am Rev. Margaret Manning

St Leonards

5.00 pm Rev.Margeret Manning, HC
Loose Change & Food Bank

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Loose Change Offering.

Thank you to all contributors for this month's loose change offering which resulted in \$178.85.This adds an extra one and a half bicycles.

Choir Recess

The choir will be in recess until the beginning of August. The next practice will be the 6th of August.

Church Roof

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Roof Fund which has resulted in \$6600 and exceeded our target. We praise God for the generosity of members of the congregation and others from outside of our congregation. Work on the roof will commence next week.

Special Birthday Tea

Members wishing to attend the special birthday tea on Sunday 12 July are asked to write their name on the list in the foyer or to contact Wayne Myers.

PORTARLINGTON

U.C.A.F.

The U.C.A.F. will meet at the home of Brenda and Graham Vohmann, 1/19 Bennett St, Drysdale on Monday, 13 July at 1.30pm where we will watch a DVD of 'The Hedghog', an interesting French subtitled movie. Please direct enquiries to Elizabeth, 52592442.

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. U.C.A.F.

Our next meeting is Monday 27 July and will be for "Sammy stamp". Please bring your stamps and scissors.

If you are planning on coming with us to the Queenscliff / Pt Lonsdale musical afternoon on 13 August please advise Denise 5257 1969 by Wednesday 15

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

Prayer Services.

The weekly Friday Prayer services will still be continuing in July . This week will be Drysdale. (Friday 17 July)

Rev Marion Latham on leave.

Rev Marion Latham will be on leave during July. Please contact your elder with any concerns.

Presbytery of Port Phillip West – Prayer Cycle

We remember today:

- Wesley Geelong . Rev. Peter Gador-Whyte and Lay ministry Team.
- Detention Centre and Defence Chaplains. Rev. Chris Howard (Maribyrnong Immigration detention centre = MIDC), Rev Ian Ferguson (MIDC) Rev Neil Tolliday (MIDC) , Rev Mark Dunn (Army) and Rev. Ron Rosinsky.(Army)

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

We like our agendas, Jesus, we like to set priorities and plan outcomes; and we want the world to follow. But, too often our agendas are not yours; and that can't be good for us or for our world.

So we pray, that your agenda would prevail in our hearts, in our words, in our priorities, in our relationships, in our actions.

May our world be captured by the beauty and grace that flow from your Kingdom purposes; wherever there is violence, wherever there is division, wherever there is disease, wherever there is need, wherever there is grief, wherever there is despair, may human experience be shaped by your awesome, creative reign.

John vaJn de Laar