

Listening to the Language of the Service

Every Friday at 1.30 pm, the people of the Body of Christ in the Uniting **Bible** Exerpts from a book by Lois Tverberg.

Words in Living Colour **Me'odekah** With all your strength.

In the second phase of the *Shema* (Deuteronomy 6:5) we are told to love the Lord your God with all your soul and with all your *me'okedah*. Literally, the phrase means 'with all your very' or 'muchness', which sounds odd even to Hebrew speakers. Traditionally, it is translated 'strength' or 'might'. If you Have ever undertaken a fitness regime, you know the challenge of lifting that weight for just one more repetition or adding a few more kilos to your weight-lifting routine. Sometimes, at the end of a long walk or a busy day, it becomes a struggle to take just one more step. This kind of straining with all your being is to experience what the word *me'odekah* means. Some people describe it as 'oomph'. But it means so much more. She we are asked to take up the challenge and love the Lord with all your *me'odekah!*

God of storm and sea,
when we thought you
asleep in the stern,
you cracked an eye
to say to our fear
"Be still, quiet."
May we in turn calm
the fears of each other
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, USA

Presbytery of Port Phillip West – Prayer Cycle

We remember today:

- Footscray Community - Rev Laviingi Fine Tupot.
Uniting Church - Rev. Hung Quoc Ly.
- Jieng Faith Community - Rev. Daniel Kuol.

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

Rosters for 28 June

Portarlington

Managers: Keith Knights & Peter Gibbs
Morning Tea: Wendy & Robert Sharp.
Pastoral Care: Barry Ruler.
Prayers & Readings : Port Lay Team
Power Point Prep: Catherine Eagleson

Drysdale, Worship @ 9:

Kitchen: Denise's Team
Counting: Margo Jones
Drysdale, 10.45
Duty Elder: John MacGillivray

Readings & Prayers: Port Lay Team
Welcome: Mary Grieve
Morning Tea: Val Place & Audrey Shepherd
Flowers: Val Place

St Leonards

Welcome: Margo Jones
Reading & Prayers: Port Lay Team
Flowers: Helen Steogen

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Pentecost 4

Sunday, 21 June 2015

God is on the side of the oppressed and defenceless, defending the powerless and lifting up the downtrodden. While the Hebrew Scriptures portray God's vindication through earthly violence and military might, the epistle speaks of overcoming evil through weapons of righteousness. The Gospel depicts the one who carried no sword as having power over the very elements of earth and water. God's presence in our lives gives us the courage to face danger and overcome our fears, for God listens and responds to those who call on the name of the Lord.

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

21 June	1 Sm 17:1a, 4- 11	Psalm 9:9-20
Pentecost 4	2 Cor 6: 1-13	Mark 4: 35-41
28 June	2 Sm 1:1, 17- 27	Psalm 130
Pentecost 5	2 Cor 8: 7-15	Mark 5: 21-45

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 21 June

Portarlinton

9.00am Rev Marion Latham.

Drysdale

9.00 am W@9 Denise's Team,

10.45 am Rev Marion Latham

St Leonards

9.00 am Rev Marion Latham, *HC*
Loose Change & Food Bank

Monday, 22 June

12.30 pm St Leonards UCAF

Wednesday, 24 June

9.30am mainly music

Thursday, 25 June

9.00 am Portarlinton Choir practice

9.30 am Drysdale Choir Practice

Friday, 26 June

9.15 am Friday School Drysdale

10.15 am Portarlinton Letter Writing

1:30 pm Drysdale Prayer Service

Sunday, 28 June

Portarlinton

9.00am Port Lay Team. Bruce &
Merylyn Betram

Drysdale

9.00 am Rev. Marion Latham,
Denise's Team assisting.

10.45 am Port Lay Team. Bruce &
Merylyn Betram

St Leonards

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OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Advance Notice

The mainly Home made Fete/Garage
Sale .

Sat 17th Oct 9am-1pm

Co_ord. Lynda Smith.

Church Roof

Church Council recently decided to
accept a quote of \$4,000 to make
repairs to the church roof, without the
major cleaning previously thought
necessary. The profit from the church
dinner will be used to start off a one-off
appeal to the congregation for donations
to fund this repair work. Donations can
be made directly to Wayne Myers or by
placing in a named envelope in the
offering plate.

Coffee and Chat

This group is in recess until further
notice.

PORTARLINGTON

Portarlinton Rosters

I am about to prepare rosters for the
second half of the year. Some of you
have already advised me of your known
absences and I thank you for that.
For those who haven't, please email me
urgently at bruler@bigpond.com within
the next day or two so I can complete
the rosters within the next week.

Thanks for your help.

After Church Lunch

Our "After Church Lunch Series"
continues with a booking for noon on
Sunday July 12th at the Portarlinton
Golf Club. Please reserve your place at
the table by letting Lorraine know in
person, by phoning 5259 2364 or
emailing hughestwo@bigpond.com. by
Monday 6th July.

ST.LEONARDS

U.C.A.F.

The next meeting of the St. Leonards
U.C.A.F. will be on Monday 22 June
12.30 pm . Please note the earlier time
as it is our Bush Lunch.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

Social Justice Letter writing Group

The Social Justice Letter Writing Group
will meet at St Andrew's hall,
next Friday, 26th June at 10:15am. All
welcome, inquiries to Merylyn Bertram,
0439966370.

Preaching Plan

The preaching plan for July and August
is available now. The planning
group did not plan for September due to
Marion's retirement leaving many
gaps. We cannot expect our retired
ministers to fill them all. So some
decisions will need to be made which the
planning group felt are out of
their jurisdiction.

In July Marion will be on Annual
Leave. Many thanks to Rev. Margaret

Manning for generously offering to fill
gaps in the preaching plan for
that month, but she will not be available
to do so much in the future.

Marion's Retirement

Previously Marion did not feel able
to give a definite date for her
finishing date in this placement.
After talking with a few other
ministers who suggested that it is
not good for any of us for a retiring
minister to remain longer than three
months and with a new contact with
my house-building firm, the date has
been set as 31 August . Thank you
for your patience in my lack of
decision before this..

St James Anglican Church

Drysdale will hold a fund raising
concert on Wednesday June 24th @
2pm in their beautifully
restored Hall .

Coryule Community Choir will sing
some melodious 4 part harmonies to
entertain you and the St James ladies
will provide a delicious Devonshire tea
at the conclusion of the concert.
Bookings are preferred to assist with
catering. Ring Pauline on 5253 2717 @
Pat on 0418 520 206. \$10 entry.

Live simply.
Love generously.
Care deeply.
Speak kindly.

Leave the rest to God.

Anon