

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

Presbytery of Port Phillip West – Prayer Cycle

We remember today:

- Geelong East (incorporating Sth Geelong) & Leepold - Rev. Ikani Vaitohi & Rev. Nicholas Randell
- Geelong St Andrews & St. Albans Park - Pray for the Congregation and supply Ministry.

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

Listening to the Language of the Bible

Exerpts from a book by Lois Tverberg.

Words in Living Colour **Levav** Heart and Mind

In Hebrew, the heart (*lev* or *levav*) is the centre of human thought and spiritual life. We tend to think that the heart refers mainly to our emotions, but in Hebrew it refers to one's mind and thoughts as well. Because the Hebrew uses physical things to express abstract concepts, the heart became a metaphor for mind and all mental and emotional activity. Western culture tends to separate the intellect from emotions, and we may believe what while worship and prayer are essential, study is less important to our relationship with God. In Jesus' time, study was considered "the highest form of worship" Great emphasis was put on education throughout life. If we are to love God with all of our *levav*, "heart and mind", we should dedicate all of our mental abilities to God.

Rosters for 5 July

Portarlington

Managers: David & Lorraine Hughes

Morning Tea: Ken & Elaine Farnell

Pastoral Care: Malcolm Campbell.

Prayers : Malcolm Campbell

Readings: Margeret Campbell

Power Point Prep. Joy Porter

Drysdale, Worship @ 9:

Kitchen: Graeme's Team

Counting: Sue Polley

Drysdale, 10.45

Duty Elder: Jen Davis

Communion : Irene Stevenson

Readings: Margaret Freemantle

Prayers: Jen Davis

Welcome: Ken Handley

Morning Tea: Brenda Jacobs & Alma Milvain

Flowers: Margaret Freemantle

St Leonards

Welcome: Marj Wilson

Readings: Margo Jones

Prayers: Marj Wilson

Flowers: Wyn Moriarty, Marie Alexander



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Pentecost 5

Sunday, 28 June 2015

Today's texts address the reality of human suffering: lives lost in battle, the debilitating cost of chronic disease, the death of a child, the cry of despair. God comes to those in pain with healing and grace, restoring life and hope, offering the abundance of steadfast love, bringing peace to troubled souls. This is the vision of living in shalom, a world of God's peace, where all find healing and peace and where everyone has enough to thrive. In response to God's amazing gifts, we are called to build that community as we live generous lives, offering from our abundance, that others might simply live.

Ministry Matters

LECTIONARY

28 June	2 Samuel 1:1, 17- 27	Psalm 130
Pentecost 5	2 Corinthians 8: 7-15	Mark 5: 21-45
5 July	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10	Psalm 48
Pentecost 6	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

Sunday, 28 June

Portarlington

9.00am Port Lay Team. Bruce & Merylyn Bertram

Drysdale

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

10.45 am Port Lay Team. Bruce & Merylyn Bertram

St Leonards

5.00 pm Port Lay Team. Bruce & Merylyn Bertram

Monday, 29 June

12.30 pm KYB Bible Study @Jen's

Thursday, 2 July

9.00 am Portarlington Choir practice

9.30 am Drysdale Choir Practice

Friday, 3 July

9.30 am Portarlington JAM team

1:30 pm Drysdale Prayer Service

Sunday, 5 July

Portarlington

9.00am Rev. Margaret Manning

Drysdale

9.00 am W@9 Rev. Bob Stevenson, HC, Jenni's Team assisting.

10.45 am Rev. Margaret Manning, HC
Loose Change & Food Bank both services.

St Leonards

5.00 pm Rev. Margaret Manning

DRYSDALE

Advance Notice

The Mainly Home-made Fete/Garage Sale .

Sat 17th Oct 9am-1pm

Co-ordinator 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.

Next breakfast meeting will be held on Saturday 11th July, commencing at 7-30am. Speaker will be our own Graham Vohmann and his topic will be "Insights/Refections/Influences, 6 Decades On." All members of the Linked Congregations and their friends are warmly invited to attend. Acceptances please by Thursday evening 9th July to Barry Ruler on 5259 3304.

After Church Lunch

Our "After Church Lunch Series" continues with a booking for noon on Sunday July 12th at the Portarlington 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.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

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..

Mirthful God,
you laugh together with us
when joy brings tears to our eyes.
The dreadful mourners
laughed at Jesus in their pessimism.
May we learn to always laugh with
each other,
never at each other.
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

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Congregational Meeting

Following Worship next Sunday, 5th July, there will be a short congregation meeting to discuss some proposed changes to the church refurbishment project. Written details will be available at church today to enable consideration prior to the congregation meeting. Barry Ruler. 5259 3304.