

Listening to the Language of the Bible

Exerpts from a book by Lois Tverberg.

Words in Living Colour *Tzelem Elohim*

In the image of God

What is the significance of saying that we are 'made in God's image'? The phrase would have had several meanings to the people who first heard it. In ancient times, kings were often said to be the 'images' of the gods, meaning that they were appointed by the gods to reign as their representatives on earth. The Genesis passage also expresses the idea that we are God's representatives on earth and are to reign over (and care for) God's creation. The idea that all human kind is made in God's image also means that no person is so evil as to be worthless in God's sight. Because we bear God's likeness, to abuse or kill another person is an affront to God himself. All are precious in God's sight.

An ecumenical Bible Reflection and

Meditation will be held at St Paul's Anglican Church, St Leonards on 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month at 9.30 am commencing on 11 June.

As the Meditation group lead by the Catholic Church members is unable to continue, the Anglican church of St Paul's would like to take the initiative in providing a similar time of reflection on a fortnightly basis.

Members of all churches and their friends are invited to participate. For information please contact Wyn Moriarty, 5257 1441.

Presbytery of Port Phillip West – Prayer Cycle

We remember today:

- Drysdale, Rev Marion Latham
- Essendon (St. Johns) Rev Mark Dunn

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 14 June

Portarlington

Managers: Bruce & Marilyn Bertram

Morning Tea: Graham & Brenda Vohmann

Pastoral Care & Prayers: Dorothy Knights

Reader: Elaine Farnell

Communion Pre/Serve: Dorothy Knights

Communion Serve: John & Jan Hall, Keith Pigdon

Power Point Prep: Bruce Bertram

Drysdale, Worship @ 9:

Kitchen: Wayne's Team

Counting: Val Lestrangle

Drysdale, 10.45

Duty Elder/Prayers: Jen Davis

Readings: Harvey Davis

Welcome: Brenda Jacobs

Morning Tea: Marguerite & Gerald Edgar

Flowers: Wilma Mansell

St Leonards 9.00 am combined with Anglican

Flowers: Helen Steogen

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Pentecost 2

Sunday, 7 June 2015

We move into Kingdomtide or Ordinary Time, and the Lectionary begins the journey of challenging us again to live out the message and mission of Jesus that we have been remembering through the events of the Church Calendar so far. This year the new season begins with a confrontational question – to what will we give our allegiance: the Reign of God or some other power? The message of this week is that life is hard and will bring suffering, especially when we try to live with integrity and faith. However when we keep our allegiance with God we have God's promise that God will sustain us, and we have the hope in the eternal life that God promises us. Finally, in this life, we also have the joy of a family of faith with whom we can share our tears, our joys and our hope, while helping one another to stay faithful to God.

Sacredise

LECTIONARY

7 June	1 Samuel 8: 4-11 (12-15)	16-20 (11: 14-15)
Pentecost 2	Psalm 138	2 Cor 4: 13-5:1
	Mark 3: 20-35	
14 June	1 Sm 15: 34- 16:13	Psalm 20
Pentecost 3	2 Cor 5: 6-10 (11-13)	14-17 Mark 4: 26-34

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 7 June

Portarlington

9.00am Rev Ian Porter

Drysdale

9.00 am W@9 Rev Marion Latham,
Jenni's team assisting

10.45 am Rev Marion Latham
HC, *Loose Change & Food
Bank both services*

St Leonards

5.00 pm Rev Marion Latham

Monday, 8 June

9.30 am KYB Bible Study @ Lynda's

Tuesday, 9 June

7.30 pm Joint Coordinating Committee

Wednesday, 10 June

9.30am mainly music

Thursday, 11 June

9.00 am Portarlington Choir practice

9.30 am Drysdale Choir Practice

Friday, 12 June

9.15am Friday School Drysdale

1:30 pm Portarlington Prayer Service

Saturday, 13 June

7.30 am Port. Fellowship Breakfast

Sunday, 14 June

Portarlington

9.00am Rev Marion Latham, HC

Loose Change & Food Bank

Drysdale

9.00 am W@9 Graeme's Team,

10.45 am Mrs Michele Hardy

St Leonards

9.00 am Combined HC Anglican

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

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

U.C.A.F.

The Celtic Festival theme will continue on Tuesday 9 June when the U.C.A.F. will have a Scottish Day, featuring all things Scottish, family connections, travel experiences, music, dancing, household items and artefacts, and history. The meeting will be in the meeting room at 1-30 pm, and please wear some tartan or traditional Scottish jewellery if possible. Any questions? Phone Elizabeth 52592442.

Fellowship Breakfast

The next breakfast meeting will be on Saturday 13 June, commencing at 7.30am. Guest Speakers will be Keith & Dorothy Knights who have recently

returned from a trip to Japan and they will tell us of their journey.

All members of the Linked Congregations and their friends, are warmly invited to attend. Acceptances please to Barry Ruler on 5259 3304 by Thursday evening 11 June.

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. Thanks you for your patience in my lack of decision before this.

Prayer Service

Every Friday at 1.30 pm, the people of the Body of Christ in the Uniting Churches of the Linked Congregations have an opportunity to meet together in a service of worship that is worship through prayer. It is based on an order of service in our Uniting in Worship book.

The prayer service alternates between Drysdale and St. Andrews Portarlington. This service has the potential of becoming the 'powerhouse' of our congregations. It is a time when we praise God, bring to God our concerns for others and for the world, share with God our joys and our plans and ask for God's guidance in decisions and in the life of our congregations. If you do not have a regular commitment at that time, why not try to make yourselves free to be there to pray together.

Father of our family,
you sent your first born son
to gather your children
into one household.
May we always do your will
as true mother, brother and sister,
eternal kin
of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen

Bob Eldan