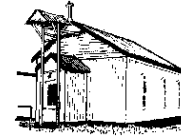


# THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

## Presbytery of Port Phillip West – Prayer Cycle

We remember today:

- Barwon Heads Wesley, Rev Jong Soo Park
- Centre for Life Enrichment (Geelong), Michael Nolan (CEO)

*Lord, give these people confidence in your love and the work that you have given them to do for you. May they bring your love and comfort to the communities in which they live and labour, for your glory.*  
Amen

## Asylum Seeker /Refugee Week

### Fellowship Breakfast

Saturday 11 April @ 7.30am, St Andrew's Uniting Church Portarlington Cost: \$5. Speaker: Linda Cusworth on the work of the Combined Refugee Action Group. Inquiries to Barry Ruler 5259 3304

### Community Dinner

Wednesday 15 April @ 6.30pm St Andrew's Uniting Church Portarlington. Cost \$15. Speaker: A founding member of newly formed Grandmothers Against Detention of Refugee Children. 2 course dinner. PLUS entertainment from Duo: Suzette Herft & Patrick Evan. Please wear a touch of purple (the colour the Grandmothers have adopted to highlight the plight of children in detention). Dinner inquiries by 8 April to Joy Porter 5259 2538 or Margaret Manning 0409 334 480.

### Special Church Service

Sunday 19 April at St Andrew's Portarlington, at 9 am. Led by Rev Marion Latham. All very welcome.

## Prayer of the Body

Communal prayer of the Body of Christ will be held at both Drysdale and St. Andrews on Friday afternoons at 1.30 pm on alternating weeks.

The prayer service will follow the guidelines in our Uniting in Worship book. Please join us, on March 27 at Drysdale. If you would like to be part of our praying together, but cannot come on Fridays at 1.30 pm, please speak with Marion.

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## Rosters for 29 March

### Portarlington and St Leonards

Combined service

**Managers:** Keith Knights and Peter Gibbs

**Morning Tea:** Ken and Elaine Farnell

**Pastoral Care and Prayer:**

Lorraine Hughes

**Reader:** Margo Jones

**Power Point Prep:** Joy Porter

### Drysdale,

Combined service

**Duty Elder:** Jen Davis

**Welcome:** Hazel Wyllie

**Morning Tea:** Worship@9

**Flowers:** Denise McLaverty

### St Leonards

Combined service with Portarlington

**Brass:** Margo Jones

Lent 5

Sunday, 22 March 2015

We worship a God of renewal. The prophet Jeremiah proclaims that the days are surely coming when God will make a new covenant with Israel—a covenant written on the heart, not on parchment. The psalmist declares that God will put a new and right spirit within us. Jesus proclaims that renewal is neither easy nor free, but requires sacrifice, even death. For unless a grain of wheat dies and is buried, it yields no fruit. The author of Hebrews says that Christ has made the sacrifice necessary for this renewal in our lives.

Abingdon Worship Annual

## LECTIONARY

|             |                     |                       |
|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 22 March    | Jeremiah 31: 31-34  | Psalm 119: 9-16 or    |
| Lent 5      | Hebrews: 5:5-10     | Psalm 51: 1-12        |
|             |                     | John 12: 20-33        |
| 29 March    | Isaiah 50:4-9a      | Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 |
| Palm Sunday | Philippians 2: 5-11 | Mark 11: 1-11 or      |
|             |                     | John 12: 12-16        |

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

### Sunday, 22 March

#### Portarlington

9:00 am Drysdale Lay Team

#### Drysdale

9.00 am Rev Marion Latham,  
Graeme's team assisting

10. 45 am Drysdale Lay Team

#### St Leonards

7:00 pm Drysdale Lay Team

### Monday, 23 March

1:30 pm KYB at Lynda's

1.30pm St. Leonards UCAF

7.30 pm Lenten Studies, Drysdale

### Tuesday, 24 March

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

### Wednesday, 25 March

9.30 am mainly music, Drysdale

10.00 am Drysdale Coffee and Chat

1.30pm Drysdale UCAF

### Thursday, 26 March

9.00 am Portarlington Choir practice

9.30 am Drysdale Choir Practice

### Friday, 27 March

9.15 am Friday School, Drysdale

1.30pm Communal prayer at Drysdale

### Sunday, 29 March

#### Portarlington and St Leonards

9:00 am Rev Marion Latham;  
Combined Portarlington and  
St Leonards service, at St  
Andrews

## Drysdale

10. 15 am Rev Marion Latham (Jenni's  
team assisting); Combined  
service followed by Annual  
Congregational Meeting

## OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

### DRYSDALE

#### Drysdale UCAF

Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm  
"Easter Devotions" Everyone Welcome"

#### Election of Elders

Election of the following elder  
nominations will be held at the annual  
meeting next week: Jennifer Davis, Val  
Lestrangle, John MacGillivray, Lynda  
Smith.

#### Congregation Lunch

Please bring a plate of finger food if you  
are able for the congregation lunch to be  
held following the combined service next  
week.

#### Lenten Bible Studies

These studies will continue on Monday  
nights at 7.30pm to 30 March. The  
theme is 'Journey with Jesus'. Come  
along and join us at the Drysdale Church.

#### DUC List of Activities

If you missed getting this document last  
week copies are available on the church  
notice board table. You will notice that  
instead of a 'Garage Sale' we will be  
having 'Mainly Home Made Fete'. More  
details to come.

Also note the date of our Annual Dinner  
to be held on 23 May this year!

## PORTARLINGTON

**Lenten Studies** Continue on Tuesdays,  
at St John's Anglican Church at  
11.00 am. Enjoy a cuppa and fellowship  
at 10.30am before the study.

#### Portarlington Election of Elders & Church Councillors & Annual Congregation Meeting

Nominations for Elder are: Margo Jones,  
Keith Pigdon, Bruce Bertram, Barry  
Ruler and for Church Councillor are: Ken  
Farnell, Graham Vohmann, Neil Bell.  
Keith Pigdon has retired as a Church  
Councillor but has nominated as Elder to  
keep our numbers in balance. Elaine  
Farnell and Marj Wilson have retired as  
Elders but will continue as pastoral  
carers. Graham Vohmann has  
nominated for church Council and Ken  
Farnell has renominated.

This will bring our Elder numbers to 7  
and Church Councillors to 5 plus  
Presbytery rep, Marilyn Bertram,  
Despite their being no excess  
nominations, under UCA regulations an  
election must be held to allow  
congregation members to express their  
views about the nominees. The ballot will  
take place on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2015,  
and all members are asked to cast their  
vote prior to commencement of the  
service.

#### The Social Justice Letter Writing Group

The Social Justice Letter Writing Group  
will meet again next Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March  
at 10.15am, in St Andrew's Hall.  
All Welcome, inquiries to Marilyn  
Bertram, 0439 966 370.

## ST LEONARDS

#### St. Leonards UCAF

The next meeting of St. Leonards UCAF  
is Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1.30pm. Meet at  
the church for our visit to Geelong  
Gardens.

## FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

#### Palm Sunday Walk for Justice

Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March.

The Walk for Justice for Refugees will  
commence at the State Library, corner  
Swanston & Latrobe Streets,  
Melbourne. There will be music from  
1.30pm, speakers from 2 – 2.30pm, and  
then the crowd will Walk down Swanston  
Street to the Queen Victoria Gardens  
(opposite the National Gallery of Victoria)  
where there will be more music,  
speakers and activities.

Speakers include Mary Crooks (Victorian  
Womens Trust), Greg Lake (former  
senior public servant in Dept of  
Immigration), Mohammad Baqiri –  
Afghani refugee, Daniel Webb (human  
rights lawyer), and Pamela Curr  
(ASRC). A number of choirs and  
musicians are also supporting, including  
the Mass Melbourne Gospel Choir.  
UCA people are meeting at Wesley  
church, Lonsdale Street at 1:30pm.  
*Winchelsea Refugee Support Group* is  
hiring a bus to take Church member to  
the walk. If you would like to travel with  
them contact Joan McKenzie on 0407  
506 119.