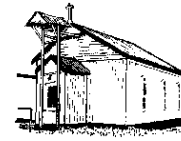


THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



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.

Rosters for 5 April

Portarlington

Managers: Keith Knights and Peter Gibbs

Morning Tea: John & Jan Hall

Pastoral Care and Prayer:

Malcolm Campbell

Reader: Margaret Campbell

Power Point Prep: Bruce Bertram

Power Point 2 & 3 April: Margaret Campbell

Drysdale.

Good Friday

Duty Elder and Prayers: Bob Stevenson

Readings: Worship@9

Welcome: Ken Handley

Worship@9

Kitchen: Graeme's Team

Counting: Val Lestrangle
10.45 am

Duty Elder: Jen Davis

Communion Elder: Margaret MacGillivray

Prayers: Jen Davis

Reading: Harvey Davis

Welcome: Ken Handley

Morning Tea: Lavina Howard & Marilyn LLOYD

Flowers: Jen Davis

St Leonards

Welcome: Marj Wilson

Reading: Marion MacGillivray

Prayer : Margo Jones

Brass & Flowers: Margo Jones

Palm Sunday

Sunday, 29 March 2015

The long journey of Lent is over. We have reached Holy Week with its glorious beginning and tragic, painful end. With so much happening this week, it is impossible to cover it all. This is a day to convey the joy, the anger, the love, the betrayal, the struggle of souls trying to know what to do- a day to show or foreshadow the horrific ending no one in the story really expected. Our task is to help our people experience, in new and vital ways, an all too familiar story.

The Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

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| 29 March Palm Sunday | Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2: 5-11 | Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 Mark 11: 1-11 or John 12: 12-16 Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 |
| 5 April | Acts 10:34:43 or Isaiah 25:6-9 | Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 |
| Easter Day | 1Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43 | John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8 |

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

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 including Annual
Congregational Meeting

Monday, 30 March

9:30 am KYB at Lynda's
7.30 pm Lenten Studies, Drysdale

Tuesday, 31 March

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

Wednesday, 1 April

10.00 am Drysdale Coffee and Chat

Thursday, 2 April

9.00 am Portarlington Choir practice
9.30 am Drysdale Choir Practice
7.30 pm Maundy Thursday service
Portarlington . Rev Marion
Latham.

Friday, 3 April Good Friday

Portarlington

9.00am Rev Marion Latham

Drysdale

10.00am Combined. Rev Marion
Latham
11.15am Walk of Witness
Meet at St James. Anglican

Sunday, 5 April Easter

Portarlington

9:00 am Rev Margaret Manning
H/C

Drysdale

9. 00 am Rev Marion Latham (Denise's
team assisting); HC
& Baptism
Loose change and food bank.
10. 45 am Rev Marion Latham team HC
Loose change and food bank.

St Leonards

5.00 pm Rev. Marion Latham.

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

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 Working Bees

Change of dates for 2015.
Please alter your calendar for these new
dates 2nd May, 8th August and 7th
November. We will start at 8.00am and
finish at 12.00 pm Lots of jobs around
the church to be done.

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.

Thank you

The combined Small Change offering
from St Leonard's and St Andrew's for
March was \$122.40. This was our
final donation to the Sudan Midwifery
Project and Kids Plus. The next two
years Small Change offerings will be
directed to Samaritan House in Geelong
and to the Uniting World Project in Timor
Leste supporting the establishment of
medical clinics.

We have received a letter of thanks
from Uniting World for our support
through 2012 - 2014/5.

The Act For Peace Christmas Bowl
offering was \$596. Act for Peace has
written and expressed thanks for
providing support to help Burmese
refugees like Mae Li to have enough to
eat until it is safe to return home.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

Palm Sunday Walk for Justice

Sunday, 29th 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).

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.

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 April 10 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.

Birthing God, you give us new life
when suffering comes our way.
When we hurt and pain
you hover by our side
with a tear in your eye.
When we think our life is useless and
hopeless,
you stand ready with purpose and
meaning.
When our hearts are troubled,
take our hands
as we follow Jesus
through the gates of earthly hell
to fullness of life eternal.
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