

Presbytery of Port Phillip West – Prayer Cycle

We remember today: Bucchus Marsh, Rev Ian Pearse.

Lord, be close to Ian Pearse so that he may find joy in your work and be a channel of your love and peace to the people in Bacchus Marsh.
Amen

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, beginning on March 13 at Drysdale, then on March 20 at St. Andrews. 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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Lessons for Our Lives:

Having a 'good eye':

All languages have figures of speech that don't make sense literally, such as 'raining cats and dogs', or 'beating around the bush'. Often phrases Jesus says in the gospels make little sense until we understand that they were Hebraic figures of speech. For instance, when Jesus talks about our eyes, as in 'The eye is the lamp of the body', he is using a Hebraic saying that was used to describe a person's attitude towards others. A person who has a 'good eye' is generous. She or he sees the needs of others and wants to help them.

By contrast, one with a 'bad eye' is focussed on his/her own self gain. Another closely related saying is that a person with a 'single eye' which means s/he has a sincere, selfless outlook on life.

Ayin-Tovah,
Exerpt from a book by Lois Tverberg.

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Rosters for 15 March

Portarlington

Managers: Harold and Heather Gould

Morning Tea: Wendy and Robert Sharp

Pastoral Care & Prayers: Graham Vohmann

Reader: Brenda Vohmann

Power Point Prep: Catherine Eagleson

Drysdale

Worship @ 9

Kitchen: Jenni's Team

Counting: Lynda Smith

10.45 am

Duty Elder & Prayers: Ken Handley

Readings: Pat Handley

Welcome: Mary Grieve

Morning Tea: Val Place and Audrey Shepherd

Flowers: Alma Milvain

St Leonards

Welcoming: Shirley Hadden

Reading: Sandra Giddings

Prayer: Margo Jones

Brass & Flowers: Margo Jones
(no flowers)

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Lent 3

Sunday, 8 March 2015

The nature of God's word is far beyond all human understanding. How can we possibly comprehend the act of creation when the Lord spoke and all that exists came into being? Yet for all its mystery and majesty, God's word is equally personal and intimate, and is to be lived in our lives: law and wisdom (Exodus 20 and 1 Corinthians 1), action and power (John 2 and Psalm 19), treasure, life, and ultimately love.

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

8 March Lent 3	Exodus 20: 1-17 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25	Psalm 19 John 2: 13-22
15 March Lent 4	Numbers 21: 4-9 Ephesians 2: 1-10	Ps 107: 1-3, 17-22 John 3: 14-21

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 8 March

Portarlington

9.00 am Rev Marion Latham, HC,
loose change and food bank

Drysdale

9.00 am Café Church
10. 45 am Rev Margaret Manning

St Leonards

9.00 am Combined HC UCA Rev
Margaret Manning

Monday, 9 March

7.30 pm Lenten Studies, Drysdale

Tuesday, 10 March

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

Wednesday, 11 March

9.30 am mainly music, Drysdale
10.00 am Drysdale Coffee and Chat

Thursday, 12 March

9.00 am Portarlington Choir practice
9.30 am Drysdale Choir Practice
11.00 am ARCARE Portarlington chapel

Friday, 13 March

9.15 am Friday School
1.30 pm Communal prayer, Drysdale

Saturday 14 March

7:30 am Portarlington Fellowship
Breakfast

Sunday, 15 March

Portarlington

9:00 am Rev Marion Latham

Drysdale

9.00 am Wayne's team
10. 45 am Rev Marion Latham

St Leonards

7:00 pm Rev Marion Latham, HC, loose
change and food bank

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Election of Elders

Nominations are called for election of elders at the congregation annual meeting on Sunday 29 March. Nomination forms are available from Wayne Myers and are to be submitted by 16 March. All current elders would be happy to explain the role to those interested. The following elder's term concludes, but they may renominate: Jennifer Davis, Val Lestrangle, John MacGillivray and Lynda Smith.

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.

Loose Change Offering

Our loose change offering last week resulted in \$134:95. Thank you all. This gives another bicycle for "Bicycle for girls" programme through Uniting World.

Working Bees – Advance Notice

Please note, working bees to do jobs around the church property will be held

on the following dates - 8.00 am to noon on Saturdays, 9 May, 6 August and 7 November. Place the dates in your diary, and come along and help if you can.

Christmas Shoe Boxes

Val Lestrangle has requested help to make skirts and draw string bags for the Christmas Shoe Boxes. She would like any cord, tape or 1 cm wide elastic that you might no longer need.

PORTARLINGTON

UCAF Outing

On Monday 16 March, UCAF is planning to visit *Summer Sensations* Cafe and Berry Farm, 1440 Bannockburn - Shelford Rd, Teesdale. We welcome anyone wishing to come on this outing with us. We will carpool and leave the church car park at 11.15 am. Booking is essential for catering and must be made with Elizabeth Thompson by Friday, 6 March, (email, peldan7@gmail.com or phone, 52592442). Enquiries to Elizabeth.

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 and Church Councillors and Annual Congregation Meeting.

The following Elders and Church Councillors terms have expired and these people are eligible for re-election if they choose to nominate:

Elders: Elaine Farnell, Margo Jones, Marj Wilson, Barry Ruler.

Church Councillors: Ken Farnell, Keith Pigdon, Neil Bell.

Other members of the congregation who may wish to serve in either of these roles are invited to speak to David or Lorraine Hughes or Barry Ruler. Nomination forms are in the Narthex and should be completed and handed to Secretary Barry Ruler no later than Sunday 15th. March. Election will be held on Sunday 29th March. The Annual Congregation Meeting will take place on Sunday 12th April, immediately following Worship.

Enquiries to Barry Ruler

Fellowship Breakfast at Portarlington

The next fellowship Breakfast meeting at Portarlington will be on Saturday 14 March at 7.30 am. Guest Speaker will be Mr Adolph Deppe. Adolph is a Psychologist who has worked in prisons; written books used by universities and for the past 20 years has researched the influence of colour and light on mood. All members of the Linked Congregations and their friends, are warmly invited to attend. Acceptances to Barry Ruler on 5259 3304 by Thursday evening 12 March please.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

Crossroads Uniting Church film night,

The film *The Connections, Mind your Body* will be shown at Crossroads Uniting Church Hall on Friday 13 March. Please see the notice board for details.