

Sacred Music at the Basilica

The Choir of Newman College presents *The Great War in Song*, on Sunday, 31 May at 3 pm. More details at www.musicatthebasilica.org.au

Wesley Hymnfest & Light Tea

Sunday, 24 May at 2.30pm
Western Heights UC, Douglass Street, Herne Hill
Admission by ticket only \$15 pp
Contact Barry 5241 78073

Presbytery of Port Phillip West – Prayer Cycle

We pray for Uniting Church Agencies, Congregations and Schools together with the Ministry Agents who serve God in their various placements. We remember today:

- Manor Lakes Uniting Age Well (Wyndham Vale) Chaplain Mrs Robyn Tomkins, staff and residents
- Kingsville Uniting Age Well Chaplain Rev Judy Angwin, Staff and residents

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

When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.

Rosters for 17 May

Portarlington

Managers: Keith & Heather Pigdon
Morning Tea: Keith & Dorothy Knights
Pastoral Carer: Rev Margaret Manning
Prayers: Rev Margaret Manning
Reader: Neil Bell
Power Point Prep: Margaret Campbell

Drysdale.

Worship@9
Kitchen: Jenni's Team
Counting: Ian McLaverty

10.45 am
Duty Elder: Bob Stevenson
Reading: Irene Stevenson
Prayer: Bob Stevenson
Welcome: Vince King
Morning Tea: Brenda Jacobs and Alma Milvain
Flowers: Colleen Diamond

St Leonards

Welcome: Shirley Hadden
Reading: Margo Jones
Prayers: Margo Jones
Brass & Flowers: Sheryl Ratcliff, Marj Wilson



THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Easter 6

Sunday, 10 May 2015

It is still Easter! We are Easter people invited to trust God faithfully and to love others fully. First John insists that Christians cannot separate loving God from loving Jesus—the one who lived, died, and was raised in the flesh. John's Gospel tells us that we love God and remain true to Jesus only as we love one another. It is not enough to love one another within our own communities and families, the power of the resurrection is not content to stop there. The Holy Spirit sends Peter to the Gentiles and insists that these "outsiders" are actually part of the Christian family. In the book of Acts "Gentile Pentecost," Peter ends up converted every bit as much as his non-Jewish listeners are. Easter demands that we live in God's ever-widening circle of love. Far from being the mascot of our faith community, or the household god of our particular family, God is Love, demanding from us an ever deeper and deeper loving response. *Abingdon Worship Annual*

LECTIONARY

10 May	Acts 10: 44-48	Psalm 98
Easter 6	1 John 5: 1-6	John 15: 9-17
14 May	Acts 1: 1-11	Psalm 47 or 93
Ascension Day	Ephesians 1: 15-23	Luke 24: 44-53
17 May	Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26	Psalm 1
Easter 7	1 John 5: 9-13	John 17: 6-19

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday 10 May

Portarlington

9.00am Port: Rev Margaret Manning, *HC, Loose Change and Food Bank*

Drysdale

9.00 am W@9 Jenni's Team
10.45 am Rev Margaret Manning
5.00 pm Messy Church Drysdale

St Leonards

9.00 am Combined HC UCA Rev Marion Latham

Monday, 11 May

9.30 am Bible Study @ Lynda's
1.30 pm Portarlington UCAF
7.30 pm Drysdale Growing & Learning Team

Tuesday, 12 May

7.30 pm Drysdale Property Committee

Wednesday, 13 May

9.30am mainly music
10.00 am Drysdale Coffee and Chat
7.30 pm Portarlington Property & Resources

Thursday, 14 May

9.00 am Portarlington Choir practice
9.30 am Drysdale Choir Practice
7.30 pm Portarlington Church Council

Friday, 15 May

9.15am Friday School Drysdale
1:30 pm Portarlington Prayer Service

Saturday, 16 May

8.00 am Drysdale Prayer Breakfast (Zoo Cafe) all welcome

Sunday 17 May

Portarlington

9.00am Rev Marion Latham

Drysdale

9.00 am W@9 Graeme's Team
10.45 am Rev Marion Latham

St Leonards

5.00 pm Rev Marion Latham *HC, Loose Change and Food Bank*

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Messy Church - Tonight

Commencing at 5.00pm in the hall with craft and discussion questions on the theme of 'Women of the Bible', ending with a shared tea by 6.30pm.

Bring your friends and/or your neighbours to this special time of worship.

Annual Dinner and Concert

Our Annual Winter Fundraising Dinner will be held on Saturday, 23 May, 6.00 pm for 6.15 pm in the Drysdale Church Hall. Cost remains at \$15 an adult, \$7 child U12, a bargain price for a home cooked three course dinner! (gluten free available)

Dinner will be followed by community singing, led by our Worship @ 9 Band.

All members of the Linked Congregations and friends are invited to come along for a great night out. Tickets available now from Val LeStrange, phone 52513125.

Loose Change Offering

Our special offering this month resulted in \$147.40, which will provide another one and a half bicycles for girls to get to school in Africa. Thank you.

Retreat

Our 2015 Retreat is on Saturday 30 May at the Portarlington Guide Hall from 9.30 am to 5pm. There is no cost and all are invited.

Record your name on the list or tell Wayne Myers. The theme is "Regeneration". Guest presenter is Rev Rose Broadstock from Presbytery. Others involved in sessions are Lynda Smith, Graeme Dryden, Rev Marion Latham, Margo Jones, Wayne Myers and Angela Tutty (talking about Gallipoli).

We hope you will join us.

PORTARLINGTON

U.C.A.F.

The meeting tomorrow will be in the meeting room at 1.30pm when the Rev. Marion will lead a bible study. All welcome.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

Listening to the Language of the Bible

Exerpts from a book by Lois Tverberg.

Discovering the Bible's rich imagery.

Yovel A year of Jubilee
In Leviticus, God gave Israel an intriguing law about observing a year of Jubilee.

Every fifty years, a year of 'liberty' (*deror*) was to be proclaimed when all debts would be cancelled, all who were imprisoned because of debt would be freed, and anyone who had sold his ancestral land could reclaim it. Only those in desperate poverty took on debt or sold their land, and the Jubilee would give them a chance to start again. The word 'Jubilee' comes from *yovel*, the ram's horn that was used to proclaim the new year. The prophets associated the Jubilee with the coming of the messianic King. At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus read from Isaiah 61: 1-2 in his hometown synagogue and said, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing". (Luke 4:21)

It was an obvious claim to being the Messiah who was bringing the Jubilee. So the 'good news' is that the Messiah has come and brought full forgiveness of debt (sin) for those who repent and enter his kingdom.

Fountain head of all love,
you fashioned the world out of your ever abiding care.
You love your son
with the same love he passes on to us.
May we continue and remain in this love,
to be able to lay down our lives
in selfless
giving for each other.

Bob Eldan, Lander, Wyoming