

Orchestra Geelong

Bringing music to the community

Dates for your diaries:

Concert 1 : A Touch of the British -
Sunday, 17 May, 3.00 pm

Concert 2: Music of the Stage -
Sunday, 16 August, 3.00 pm

Concert 3: Mystery and Majesty
Sunday 29 November, 3.00 pm

At Keith Humble Centre for Performing
Arts, Geelong College, Newtown
Adults \$20, Conc. \$15, U/16 Free

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:

- Coburg - Rev Robert Humphreys

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

Amen

Rosters for 24 May

Portarlington

Managers: David & Elizabeth
Thompson

Morning Tea: Keith & Dorothy
Knights

Pastoral Carer:

Barry Ruler

Prayers: Drysdale Lay Team

Reader: Drysdale Lay Team

Power Point Prep: Joy Porter
Lawn Roster: 27-28 May - Barry
Ruler, Keith Knights, Alex Eagleson

Drysdale.

Worship@9

Kitchen: Denise's Team

Counting: Lynda Smith

10.45 am

Duty Elder: Pat Handley

Reading: Drysdale Lay Team

Prayer: Drysdale Lay Team

Welcome: Margaret MacGillivray

Morning Tea: Val Place & Audrey
Shepherd

Flowers: Norma Taylor

St Leonards

Welcome: Margo Jones

Reading: Drysdale Lay Team

Prayers: Drysdale Lay Team

Brass & Flowers: Wyn Moriarty,
Marie Alexander

Thought for the Day:

WORRYING does not take away
tomorrow's TROUBLES, it takes
away today's PEACE.

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Easter 7

Sunday, 17 May 2015

Ascension Sunday is about a power that lies beyond our ordinary existence. Through the same power that raised Jesus from the dead and heals us body and soul, we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. As Jesus is lifted up to the heavens, we are reminded to look beyond earthly power to the power of the Most High God. With the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we put our faith in Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead, and whose body is the church. Proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sin in the name of Christ.

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

17 May Easter 7	Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 1 John 5: 9-13	Psalms 1 John 17: 6-19
24 May Pentecost	Acts 2: 1-21 or Ezek 37: 1-14 Rom 8: 22-27 or Acts 2: 1-21	Psalms 104: 24-34, 35b John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

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*

Monday, 18 May

9.30 am Bible Study @ Lynda's

Tuesday, 19 May

10.30 am Drysdale Grove Service

7.30 pm Drysdale Worship Meeting

Wednesday, 20 May

9.30am mainly music

10.00 am Drysdale Coffee and Chat

Thursday, 21 May

9.00 am Portarlington Choir practice

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11.00 am Portarlington ARCARE Service

7.30 pm Drysdale Church Council

Friday, 22 May

9.15am Friday School Drysdale

10.15 am Letter Writing @ Portarlington

1:30 pm Drysdale Prayer Service

Saturday, 23 May

6.00 pm Drysdale Congregation Dinner and Concert

Sunday 24 May

Portarlington

9.00am Drysdale Lay Team, Jen & Harvey Davis

Drysdale

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

10.45 am Drysdale Lay Team, Jen & Harvey Davis

St Leonards

5.00 pm Drysdale Lay Team, Jen & Harvey Davis

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Annual Dinner and Concert

It's not too late to purchase your tickets for our Annual Winter Fundraising Dinner this Saturday, 23 May, 6.00 pm for 6.15 pm in the Drysdale Church Hall. \$15 an adult, \$7 child U12, 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. Get your tickets now from Val LeStrange, phone 52513125 so we can cater for 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.

ST LEONARDS

U.C.A.F.

St. Leonards U.C.A.F. would like to invite you to our Birthday to be held on 25 May 2015 at 2.00 pm at our church hall Dudley Parade, St Leonards.

The entertainment for the afternoon is the Bellarine Community Choir, who will sing popular songs from the first world war. This will include a sing along.

There will be afternoon tea and a donation plate.

Please R.S.V.P. with numbers to Denise McLaverty (Hon Sec) 5257 1969

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

Listening to the Language of the Bible

Excerpts from a book by Lois Tverberg.

Discovering the Bible's rich imagery.

Dam The powerful imagery of the blood Throughout the Bible there is a recurring image that is mysterious to modern Christians – that of blood. It is particularly relevant in the life and death of Christ, so it is important for us to understand the ideas that the ancient Jews had about blood. The ancients believed that the blood of a creature

contained its life God used this cultural picture to allow his people to atone for their sins with the blood of animals, a substitution of the animal's life for the person's life. Blood was always used in the formation of covenants because ancient covenants were not simply business arrangements; they were more like marriages in which the lives of two parties were bound together. The blood signified that people were merging their lives together through the life of the sacrifice.

At the Last Supper, Jesus used the image to explain that the shedding of his blood on the cross was a substitution of his life for ours; and he was also saying that his blood ratifies the new covenant between God and humanity. Holy Communion is a reminder that we have been brought into a loving fellowship with God because of the covenant sealed by the blood of Christ.

Official opening of Uniting Care Geelong's Operations Centre at Grovedale

You are invited to attend this event on Sunday, 14 June.

Commencing at 9.30 am with a Church Service, including the dedication of volunteers and address by the Moderator of the UC, Mr Dan Wootton. The official opening will be at 11.30 am followed by a bbq lunch. RSVP by Friday, 29 to Vanessa Thomson, email dougathomson@hotmail.com or phone 5243 6573.