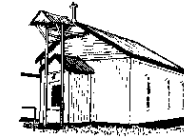


THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Easter 5

Sunday, 3 May 2015

God is love. Those who abide in love, abide in God. And those who abide in Christ's love, abide in Christ. For Christ is the vine and we are the branches. By abiding in the vine, we bear the fruit of love. Apart from the vine, we can do nothing. In Acts, Philip meets an Ethiopian eunuch and teaches him the meaning of Isaiah's suffering servant song, and helps him abide in the vine. The psalmist speaks of the servant who leads the people to abide in God. John writes that true love casts out fear and offers us Jesus' commandment to love one another. Truly, God is love. Those who abide in love, abide in God.

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

3 May Easter 5	Acts 8: 26-40 1 John 4:7-21	Psalms 22: 25-31 John 15: 1-8
10 May Easter 6	Acts 10: 44-48 1 John 5: 1-6	Psalms 22: 25-31 John 15: 9-17

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Rosters for 10 May

Portarlington

Managers: Keith and Heather Pigdon

Morning Tea: David & Lorraine Hughes

Pastoral Carer: Elaine Farnell

Prayers: Elaine Farnell

Reader: Brenda Vohmann

Communion Prep/Serve: Barry Ruler

Communion Serve: Elaine Farnell, Ken Farnell, Heather Gould

Power Point Preparation: Joan Kelly

Lawn Roster: 13-14 May
Contractor

Drysdale.

Worship@9

Kitchen: Wayne's Team

Counting: Denise McLaverty

10.45 am

Duty Elder: Jen Davis

Reading: Margaret Freemantle

Prayer: Jen Davis

Welcome: Vince King

Morning Tea: Win Baker and

Andrea Lindsey

Flowers: Jonnie Mander

St Leonards, 9.00 am Combined

Welcome: Sandra Giddings

Reading: Margo Jones

Prayers: Margo Jones

Brass & Flowers: Moriarty, Marie Alexander

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 and Light Tea

Sunday, 24 May at 2.30 pm
Western Heights UC, Douglass Street, Herne Hill

Admission by ticket only, \$15 pp

Contact Barry 5241 78073

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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:

- Broadmeadows – Campbellfield (Scots) – Pray for the Congregation and Rev Dr John vander Reest
- Uniting Aboriginal & Islander Christian Congress – State Council and staff of Narana Creations

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

Amen

THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday 3 May

Portarlington

9.00am Rev Margaret Manning

Drysdale

9.00 am W@9 Rev Marion Latham
10.45 am Drysdale Rev Marion Latham
Holy Communion, Loose
change & food bank at both
services

St Leonards

5.00pm Rev Marion Latham

Monday, 4 May

9.30 am Bible Study at Lynda's

Tuesday, 5 May

7.30 pm Portarlington Worship
Committee

Wednesday, 6 May

9.30am mainly music – special
mother's day morning teas
10.00 am Drysdale Coffee and Chat
1.30 pm Portarlington G&L & COER

Thursday, 7 May

9.00 am Portarlington Choir practice
9.30 am Drysdale Choir Practice
7.30 pm Drysdale Pastoral Care Team

Friday, 8 May

9.15 am Friday School Drysdale
1:30 pm Drysdale Communal Prayer

Saturday, 9 May

7.30 pm Portarlington Fellowship
Breakfast

Sunday 10 May

Portarlington

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

Drysdale

9.00 am W@9 Jenni's team
10.45 am Rev Margaret Manning

St Leonards

9.00 am Combined HC UCA Rev Marion
Latham

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Messy Church

Don't forget to come along next Sunday
night, 10 May (Mother's Day). The theme
is "Women of the Bible".

Commencing at 5.00 pm in the hall with
craft and discussion questions, ending
with a shared tea by 6.30 pm.

You are encouraged to bring your friends
and/or 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! (Vegetarian or 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.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

Portarlington Fellowship Breakfast

The next breakfast meeting will be on next
Saturday, 9 May, commencing at 7.30 am.
Guest Speaker will be our own Nathan
Morsillo. Nathan, Bec and daughter
Catherine came to us about a year ago
and previously worshipped at Alice
Springs Uniting Church. Nathan will tell us
a little of his life and career.

All members of the Linked Congregations
are warmly invited to attend. Acceptances
please by Thursday, 30 April to Barry on
5259 3304.

Faith Formation with Children and their families, Monday 4 May 1.00 pm – 3.30 pm or 7.00 pm – 9.30 pm, Geelong

The focus of this FREE event, suitable for
ministers, parents and children and
families ministry leaders, will be Faith
Formation with Children and their
Families. This is a great opportunity to
catch up with Dave Csinos. Davie, one of
the emerging leaders internationally in the
area of faith formation with children and
their families, has authored *Children's
Ministry that Fits*, co-authored *Children's
Ministry in the Way of Jesus* with Ivy
Beckwith and edited *Faith Forward*. Dave
is a co-founder of the *Faith Forward
Conference*, has published articles such
as *Four Ways of Knowing God: Exploring*

Children's Spiritual Styles and is
particularly passionate about ..

- Re-imaging faith formation
- Faith formation in smaller
churches
- The end of Sunday School (and
why it's a good thing)

More information and registration at the
website Dave Csinos 2015 Visit
https://ucavt.goregister.com.au/davecsino_svisit2015/registration/

Come along and be inspired, challenged
and prompted to more effective ministry
with children and their families.

Listening to the Language of the Bible

Exerpts from a book by Lois Tverberg.

Discovering the Bible's Rich Imagery.

Tal The refreshment of dew
Often in the Bible, the imagery of rain
(*geshem*) or dew (*tal*) is used to denote
great blessing. Similar to our weather,
between the spring rains that end in April
and the autumn rains that begin in
October, six months go by with clear skies
over Israel. By autumn, all the grass dies
and stored water supplies dwindle. When
the rain returns again, it is seen as a
blessing directly from God's hand. During
the summer months, dew (*tal*) is critical to
vegetation in that land. Without the dew,
most plant life would die. To the ancient
people who were so dependent on their
crops, dew was almost like manna – a
nightly gift from God that showed his
constant care. When we see the dew in
the morning, it reminds us of God's daily
provision of just enough living water to let
grass grow to feed us for tomorrow.

