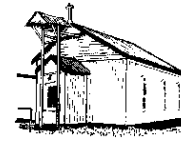


THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Melbourne Opera, Essendon Choral Society bring THE MESSIAH back to Portarlington.

Parks Hall, Portarlington on Sunday 29 November, at 2.30pm.
Four quality soloists, 20 piece orchestra conducted by the renowned Greg Hocking and choral work by the augmented Essendon Choral Society will ensure a wonderful afternoon.

Tickets are a very reasonable \$30 per head, children under 10 years free and students under 18 years, \$15. Please note this important date in your diary and encourage your friends and neighbours to attend. Tickets from Barry Ruler on 5259 3304.

Towards Gender Equality, Prevention of Violence Forum

This all day forum, organised by Barwon Centre Against Sexual Assault, will be held on Tuesday, 24 November, (register by 17 November). For details go to their website or contact Louise at events@barwoncasa.org, phone 5222 4318.

God of our life, impatiently we stamp our feet, yelling "now"! Yet empty, we are filled with your life; desperate, we are gifted with your hope; unable to see your future, you open our eyes to faith. May it be in the waiting that we find you.

Amen

Rosters for 22 November

Portarlington

Managers: Keith Knights, Peter Gibbs

Morning Tea: Bruce & Marilyn Bertram

Pastoral Care: Barry Ruler

Prayer: Drysdale Lay Team

Reader: Drysdale Lay Team

Power Point:

Drysdale

Worship @ 9

Kitchen: Denise's Team

Counting: Glenda Vuillermin

10.45

Duty Elder: Bob Stevenson

Prayers: Drysdale Lay Team

Readings: Drysdale Lay Team

Welcome: Marg Macgillivray

Morning Tea: Win Baker & Andrea Lindsey

Flowers: Lynda Smith

St Leonards

Welcome: Margo Jones

Reading: Drysdale Lay Team

Prayer: Drysdale Lay Team

Flowers: Helen Steogen

Christ heals today in the same way as He healed in the days of His earthly ministry, but now He uses our faith, yours and mine.

Jim Glennon

Pentecost 25

Sunday, 15 November 2015

We always want to set up earthly hierarchies, and then worship whatever or whoever is at the top. Even in our churches, we delude ourselves into thinking our buildings themselves are sacred, and somehow the sanctuary is "holier" than the fellowship hall. Jesus assures us that there is nothing sacred about anything as temporary as bricks and mortar. As an infertile woman at the lowest levels of her culture's hierarchy, Hannah was certainly not allowed access to the inner temple, yet God heard and answered her prayers. Hebrews tells us that Jesus himself has given us all access to the true inner temple: the holy heart of God.

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

15 November	1 Samuel 1: 4-20	Psalms 16
Pentecost 25	1 Samuel 2: 1-10 Mark 13: 1-8	Hebrews 10: 11-14 (15-18), 19-25
22 November	2 Samuel 23: 1-7 Christ the King/ Reign of Christ	Revelation 1: 4b-8 Psalms 132: 1-12, (13-18) John 18:33-37

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 15 November

Portarlington

9.00 am Rev Jan Taylor

Drysdale

9.00 am Wayne's Team and Baptism

10.45 am Rev Jan Taylor

St Leonards

7.00 pm Graeme Dryden

Monday, 16 November

9.30 am Drysdale KYB at Lynda's

2.00 pm Joint Nominating Committee and Church Councils Meet at Drysdale

Tuesday, 17 November

10.30 am Drysdale Grove Service

7.30 pm Drysdale Worship Meeting

Wednesday, 18 November

9.15 am - noon Drysdale mainly music

Thursday, 19 November

9.00 am Portarlington Choir Practice

9.30 am Drysdale Choir Practice

11.00 am Portarlington Arcare Service

7.30 pm Drysdale Church Council

Friday, 20 November

9.15 am Drysdale Friday School

Saturday, 21 November

8.00 am Drysdale Prayer Breakfast @ the Zoo Cafe

9.00 am onwards Portarlington Blooming Plants and Home Made Fair

Sunday, 22 November

Portarlington

9.00 am Drysdale Lay Team - Pat & Ken Handley

Drysdale

9.00 am Cafe' Church

10.45 am Drysdale Lay Team - Pat & Ken Handley

St Leonards

7.00 pm Drysdale Lay Team - Pat & Ken Handley

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Baptism

We welcome today family and friends of Cameron Miller for his baptism.

Advent Bible Studies

There will be two bible studies - looking and discussing the scriptures relating to advent.

Everyone is welcome to come along and bring your thoughts and ideas.

Dates: Tuesday, 1 December and Tuesday, 8 December

Time: 7.30 pm, studies will last approximately 60 minutes

Venue: Unit 6, Bellview 66 Wyndham Street Drysdale (home of Pat and Ken Handley)



PORTARLINGTON

Advent Study

You are invited to join in an intriguing Advent study over 4 Monday evenings beginning Monday 23 November. The study is titled "Having the Dickens of an Advent" and explores- A Christmas Carol- using the novel, scripture, a film version and contemporary songs to think through the meaning of Christmas. This study is by the same author who gave us "The Making of the Messiah" last year. Booklets are \$5.50. Please speak to Lorraine 52592364, or Marilyn 0439966370, as soon as possible if you would like to join us for this special event.

ST LEONARDS

UCAF

The next meeting of the St. Leonards UCAF will be Monday 23 November at 12.30 pm.

This is our Christmas meeting and the last one for 2015.

Please bring a non perishable Christmas food item for the Portarlington Food Bank.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

Combined Service

The combined linked congregations service will be held on Sunday, 29 November at 9.00 am at Portarlington, to be led by Rev David Walker.

We look forward to great support for this service.

Prayer Cycle : Presbytery of Port Phillip West

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

- Torquay - Rev Helen Robinson

- Werribee - Rev Mike Lewis

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

Amen

Final Reminder!

Blooming Plants and Home Made Fair

Portarlington's Garden Fête will take place on Saturday 21 November from 9:00am. There will be: Pelargoniums galore and other garden plants, craft stall, cake stall, Devonshire tea or coffee and competition with prizes. Come along, have a look, have morning tea and enjoy what's on offer. More details from Barry Ruler, 5259 3304 / bruler@bigpond.com

Geelong Choral

Presentation of **Haydn's Creation**, Saturday, 5 December 5.00 pm, at Wesley Uniting Church, 100 Yarra Street, Geelong.

Full orchestra and soloists:

Soprano - Lee Abrahmsen

Alto - Kathleen Rawson

Tenor - Daryl Barclay

Bass - Manfred Pohlenz

Tickets \$25/\$20 Phone 5222 3595 or email the geelongchorale@gmail.com