

# THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

## Coryule Chorus

The **Coryule Chorus** will present an afternoon of Christmas music on **Wednesday 25 November at 2pm at St James Anglican hall** in Drysdale

A delicious afternoon tea will follow

Come along and get into the Christmas spirit and support St James building fund. Hope to see some of you there!

## 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.

## Geelong Chorale

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

Full orchestra and soloists:

Tickets \$25/\$20 Phone 5222 3595 or email the [geelonachorale@gmail.com](mailto:geelonachorale@gmail.com)

## 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:

- Western Heights, Rev Isobel Greenall and Ministry Team
- 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.

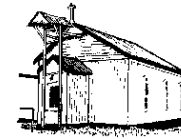
*Amen*

God of our lives, in your truth, the marginalised are role models, the voiceless sing words of hope the world needs to hear, the powerless gain strength from your faithful witness. Reign over us, tender God, so we may dwell in the beauty of your realm.

*Amen*

## Rosters for 29 November Combined Service at Portarlington

**Managers:** Keith Knights, Peter Gibbs  
**Pastoral Care & Prayers:** Graham Vohmann  
**Reader:** Brenda Vohmann



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

## Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday, 22 November 2015

Kingship, both human and divine, focuses today's readings. Though a flawed vessel, King David is portrayed as an ideal king and ruler. The conclusion of 2 Samuel is an oracle, spoken through the mouth of King David, proclaiming the commitment of his house and lineage to God's everlasting covenant. David trusted the Lord. In Psalm 132, David forswears sleep until a resting place is found for the ark of God. Yet, even David's piety, and God's promise of an everlasting covenant, cannot keep David's line from falling into sin. Divine kingship alone is faithful. Revelation 1 and John 18 herald this kingship. Those who are entrenched in this world cannot see it, but everyone who belongs to the truth listens to the voice of Christ, their king. Ultimately, all human rulers fail us. Christ alone is our rightful king and sovereign.

*Abingdon Worship Annual*

## LECTIONARY

22 November Christ the King/ Reign of Christ	2 Samuel 23: 1-7 Revelation 1: 4b-8	Psalm 132: 1-12, (13-18) John 18:33-37
29 November Advent 1	Jer 33: 14-16 1 Thes 3: 9-13	Psalm 25: 1-10 Luke 21: 25-36

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

### Sunday, 22 November

#### Portarlington

9.00 am Drysdale Lay Team - Pat & Ken Handley

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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

### Monday, 23 November

12.30 pm St Leonards UCAF

### Wednesday, 25 November

9.15 am - noon Drysdale mainly music

### Thursday, 26 November

9.00 am Portarlington Choir Practice  
9.30 am Drysdale Choir Practice

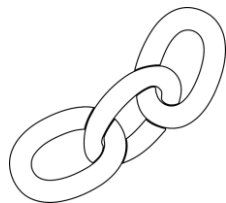
### Friday, 27 November

9.15 am Drysdale Friday School

### Sunday, 29 November

#### Portarlington

9.00 am Linked Congregations Combined Service, Rev David Walker  
Please come along and support this service.



## OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

### DRYSDALE

#### 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 Merilyn 0439966370, as soon as possible if you would like to join us for this special event.

## QRAR Thanks

Bruce and Merilyn have taken two parcels of toiletries and cleaning products to QRAR. They are very grateful for our help so please keep up your generous support.

### 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

#### Short Term Housing Available

The unfurnished manse is available for short term accommodation for a family in need. It would be on a month by month basis with a maximum of six months. If members of the congregations know of anyone please contact Graeme Dryden on 0409 431835 for details.

#### Portarlington JAM Ministry Team

The Port JAM Ministry Team are planning a fund raiser for Lentara Asylum Seeker and Refugee Program in April next year.

As part of the preliminary preparations, we are anxious to hear from anyone who has a tiered cake stand. Please inform Joy Porter (0406 307 433), or Merilyn Bertram (0439 966 370) if you can help.

## OpShop

The AGM was held on 9 November, with the UCC's Emergency Relief Coordinator giving an most interesting presentation. All office bearers were reappointed and it is pleasing to report a profit of \$33,000. Well done everyone.

The Committee are looking for new volunteers, so if you think this is something you would like to do please contact the Roster Manager, Lindsay James on 5251 5037.

### Newsheet for Linked Congregations

This newsheet is put together each week by a small team of volunteers on a roster basis. Thanks to Wilma Mansell for her faithful service to this task over a number of years. Wilma has decided to retire from this duty and we are needing more volunteers next year, especially in the winter months. You don't have to be able to write articles, or prepare text for the newsheet. All information is sent to the office via the church office email ([drysdaleuc@yahoo.com.au](mailto:drysdaleuc@yahoo.com.au)) or hand written for retyping. Other information is available in a folder for including into a word template.

This task takes a couple of hours a week, on a roster basis. The completed newsheet needs to be completed by 11.00am Wednesday for proof reading and copying ready for distribution to our congregations.

Is this something you could do? Please speak to Val Lestrangle, phone 52513125.