

Portarlington Fellowship Breakfast Meeting

Our final meeting for the year will be on Saturday 12 December, commencing at 7.30 am. Guest Speaker will be Mr. Neil Bell. Neil has had a long association with our first peoples in the Alice Springs area and most recently has been helping them work through some legal problems. Neil will tell us a bit about what's happening.

As usual, at this December meeting, we will charge \$5 per head, with all the money going to the Christmas Bowl appeal. We will pay for food costs out of our accumulated funds. All members of the Linked Congregations and their friends, are warmly invited to attend. Acceptances please to Barry Ruler on 5259 3304 by Thursday evening 10 December.

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:

- Pilgrim Yarraville, Rev Rachel Kronberger
- Wallan, Rev Peter Weeks

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

Amen

Geelong Chorale

Presentation of **Haydn's Creation**, Saturday, 5 December 5.00 pm, at Wesley Uniting Church, Geelong. Tickets \$25/\$20 Phone 5222 3595 or email the geelongchorale@gmail.com

Full orchestra and soloists

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.

Rosters for 6 December

Portarlington

Managers: Keith & Heather Pigdon
Pastoral Care & Prayers: Geoff Pryor
Reader: Pammi Pryor
Morning Tea: Ken & Elaine Farnell
PowerPoint: Joan Kelly

Drysdale

Worship @ 9
Counting: Denise McLaverty
Morning Tea: Graeme's Team

10.45am

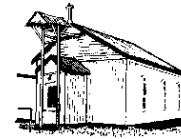
To be advised.

Flowers: Irene Stevenson

St Leonards

Welcome: Marj Wilson
Reading: Kaye Baulch
Prayer: Margo Jones

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Advent 1 Sunday, 29 November 2015

Sometimes the first Sunday of Advent feels like Chicken Little: The sky is falling! The sky is falling! The Gospel's apocalyptic signs and portents make for a surprising and gloomy start to what is such a joyous time. But it is a time of waiting and looking - a time of being alert and believing in the fulfilment of prophecy. The One promised is coming. Watch out!

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

29 November Advent 1	Jer 33: 14-16 1 Thes 3: 9-13	Psalms 25: 1-10 Luke 21: 25-36
6 December Advent 2	Mal 3: 1-4 Phil 1: 3-11	Luke 1: 68-79 Luke 3: 1-6

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 29 November

Portarlington

- 9.00 am Linked Congregations
Combined Service,
Rev David Walker
- 2.30 pm The Messiah, Parks Hall
Portarlington

Tuesday, 1 December

- 7.30 pm Drysdale Advent Study,
6/66 Wyndham St, Drysdale

Wednesday 2 December

- 9.15 am - noon Drysdale mainly music

Thursday, 3 December

- 9.00 am Portarlington Choir Practice
9.30 am Drysdale Choir Practice
2.00 pm Joint Nominating Committee
and Church Councils
Meeting at Portarlington

Friday, 4 December

- 9.15 am Drysdale Friday School
1.30 pm Drysdale Communal Prayer
Time

Sunday, 6 December

Portarlington

- 9.00 am Rev Margaret Manning

Drysdale

- 9.00 am Rev David Walker,
Graeme's Team assisting
- 10.45 am Rev David Walker
*HC, Loose Change and
Food Bank both services*

St Leonards

- 7.00 pm Rev Margaret Manning
*HC, Loose Change & Food
Bank*

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)

Pilgrimage

Saturday 2 January, 9.30 am start and
1.00 pm finish at Percy Cherry Park,
Curlewis. The theme is "Living Land"
with the liturgy written by members of
our congregation.

Only short distance walking or driving.
Lunch supplied. No cost. Please book in
on the sheet in the foyer or with Wayne.

Special Birthday Tea

If you would like to attend the birthday
tea on Sunday, 13 December at 6.00 pm
at the Drysdale Hotel to celebrate the
special birthdays for Marg Cheale,
Norma Taylor, Jenni Nickelson and
Tracey Myers please add your name to
the list in the foyer or tell Wayne.

Congregation Service Meetings

The services survey report will be
distributed and explained at
congregation meetings on Sunday,
13 December at 10.15 am and at 11.45
am (at the end of each service) for about
10 minutes.

PORTARLINGTON

Food Bank

For the next few weeks in Advent, we
are asking for special donations for the
Portarlington Food Bank, which can be
used in the Christmas hampers to be
given to our clients. Anything that might
make Christmas dinner a bit more festive
would be greatly appreciated.

Blooming Plants and Home Made Fair Result

Thank you to all who helped with our
Fete on Saturday, including those people
who came and purchased what was on
offer.

We had a very good result. Details as
follows:

Donations:	\$110
Competition:	\$90
Cakes:	\$413
Morning Tea:	\$180
Craft:	\$509
Sale of wooden chairs:	\$90
Garden:	\$644
Total:	<u>\$2036</u>

About the same as last year. A big
thanks to everyone. Barry Ruler.

Small Change Offering

Congregations at St Leonards and St
Andrew's have contributed \$121
for November through the Small
Change offering. This will be used in
supporting Samaritan House and the
Uniting World mobile medical clinics in
Timor Leste. Thanks everyone.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

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) 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.