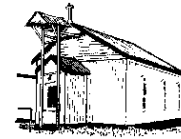


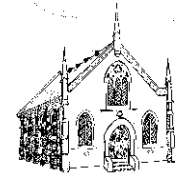
THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



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God is Love: let heaven adore him;
God is Love: Let earth rejoice;
Let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heavens above,
He who breathes through all creation,
he is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love: and he enfoldeth
all the world in one embrace;
With unfailing grasp he holdeth
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
Then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.

God is Love: and through with blindness
sin afflicts the souls of men,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds and guides them even then.
Sin and death and hell shall never
over us final triumph gain;
God is love, so Love for every
over the universe must reign.

Timothy Rees (1874-1939)

A moment's quiet while we allow God to
work his healing deep within us.
Let go - let God.



Rosters for 15 November

Portarlington

Managers: Keith Knights, Peter Gibbs

Morning Tea: Bruce & Marilyn Bertram

Pastoral Care: Natalie Morsillo

Prayer: Natalie Morsillo

Reader: Neil Bell

Power Point: Bruce Bertram

Lawn Mowing 18/19: Contractor

Drysdale

Worship @ 9

Kitchen: Wayne's Team

Counting: Sue Polley

10.45

Duty Elder: Pat Handley

Prayers: Pat Handley

Readings: Marguerite Edgar

Welcome: Ken Handley

Morning Tea: Margaret and Tony
Freemantle

Flowers: Margaret Jeffery

St Leonards

Welcome: Miriam Tobin

Reading: Marj Wilson

Prayer: Margo Jones

Flowers: Geoff and Sandra
Giddings

Pentecost 25

Sunday, 8 November 2015

The characters in today's scriptures model the value of giving all that they have—an uncommon value in today's world. Ruth gives her life and her future to her mother-in-law, as she follows Naomi back to her homeland, and then Ruth gives even her son so that Naomi may nurse and raise him as her own. In doing so, Ruth (and Naomi) give to the Hebrew people the grandfather of King David, and to Christians the ancestor of our savior Jesus. Jesus observes a poor widow who is giving all that she has to the temple treasury, and reminds us that giving everything is the blessing God seeks from us. The psalmist reminds us that only houses (and lives) built by God will stand the test of time, and the test of worth. Giving everything we have puts us "all in." Only by doing so can we complete God's work, and be fully committed to following Christ. When we do so, the lives we build are both blessed and a blessing.

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

8 November Pentecost 24	Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17 Hebrews 9:24-28	Psalm 127 Mark 12:38-44
15 November Pentecost 25	1 Samuel 1: 4-20 1 Samuel 2: 1-10 Mark 13: 1-8	Psalm 16 Hebrews 10: 11-14 (15-18). 19-25

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 8 November

Portarlington

9.00am Rev Jan Taylor,
*Communion, loose change
and food bank*

Drysdale

9.00 am W@9 Jenni's team
10.45 am Rev Jan Taylor
5:00pm Messy Church

St Leonards

9:00 am Rev Malcolm Campbell,
Combined UCA and
Anglican, *Holy Communion*

Monday, 9 November

9.30 am Drysdale KYB at Lynda's
1.30 pm Portarlington UCAF
7.30 pm Drysdale Growing &
Learning Committee Mtg

Tuesday, 10 November

7.30 pm Drysdale Property Committee
Meeting
7.30 pm Joint Coordinating Committee Mtg

Wednesday, 11 November

9.15 am - noon Drysdale mainly music
7.30 pm Portarlington Resources
Committee

Thursday, 12 November

9.00 am Portarlington Choir Practice
9.30 am Drysdale Choir Practice
7.30 pm Portarlington Church Council

Friday, 13 November

9.15 am Drysdale Friday School

Saturday, 14 November

7.30 am Portarlington Fellowship
Breakfast

Sunday, 15 November

Portarlington

9.00 am Rev Jan Taylor

Drysdale

9.00 am Wayne's Team
10.45 am Rev Jan Taylor

St Leonards

7.30 pm Graeme Dryden

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Loose Change Offering

This month's offering was \$280.75. This is equivalent to almost three bicycles which has helped us reach our target with one month still to go. Uniting World's bicycle project appreciate our support.

Thank you all.

Preaching Plan Change

Worship @ 9 on 15 November will now be Wayne's Team with a baptism and 22 November will be Cafe Church.

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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.

Portarlington U.C.A.F. will meet on Monday, 9 November at 1.30pm for the Annual Review deferred from last month. As well as reporting on the last year, plans for 2016 will be made so all ideas for that will be very welcome.

Everyone interested is welcome at our meetings. Inquiries to Elizabeth Thompson 52592442.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

Drysdale Op Shop Annual General Meeting

The AGM for the Drysdale Op. Shop will be held at 1:30 pm on Monday, 9 November, in the Drysdale Church.

A guest speaker from Headquarters will be followed by afternoon tea. Please support this cause by attending. Inquiries to Tony Freemantle on 5253 1974

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:

- Sunshine, Congregation & Leadership

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

Amen

Portarlington Fellowship Breakfast

The next breakfast meeting will be held on Saturday 14 November at 7.30am.

Guest Speaker will be Rev Jan Taylor. Jan has a special interest in Israel and will speak to us on that subject. All members of the Linked Congregations and their friends are warmly invited to attend. Acceptances please to Barry Ruler on 5259 3304 by Thursday 12 November.

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

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 neighbors to attend. Tickets from Barry Ruler on 5259 3304.