

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

**Bellbrae Uniting Church
Celebrating 150 years**

Members of the Linked Congregation of Bellarine are invited to a Service at 10.30am on 1 November followed by lunch and stories at the Bellbrae School Hall, School Road, Bellbrae. If you wish to attend contact Rev. Helen Robinson 0408527521.

Parenting in Partnership Program – Melbourne City Mission

This Program matches volunteer parent mentors to parents in the North and West suburbs of Melbourne who have learning difficulties. Please see the NOTICE BOARD for more information on this valuable work, or contact Julieann Hennessy by email julieannuc@gmail.com

From Marion:

Marion has sent us her contact details, with her new email address. :
Rev. J. M. Latham
56 Blossom Drive, Greenvale, Vic. 3059
'Phone 03 9036 3204, 0414 383 101
Email: Marlat41@internode.on.net , or nannajet@yahoo.com

Presbytery of Port Phillip West – Prayer Cycle

We remember today congregations at:

- Queenscliff - Pt Lonsdale,
- Rev's. Charles Gallacher and Kerrie Lingham.
- Riddells Creek

We join with these congregations in praising God for the beauty of their areas and talents of the people. Help your church to bring strength and love to their communities. In Jesus' name, Amen

Rosters for 25th October

Portarlington

Managers: Harold and Heather Gould

Morning Tea: Robert and Wendy Sharp

Pastoral Care: Barry Ruler

Prayer: Port Lay Team

Readings: Port Lay Team

Power Point : Bruce Bertram

Drysdale, W@ 9

Kitchen: Denise's Team

Counting : Lynda Smith

Drysdale, 10.45

Duty Elder: John MacGillivray

Prayers and Readings: Port Lay Team

Welcome: Wilma Mansell

Morning Tea: Pat & Ken Handley

Flowers: Jen Davis

St. Leonards

Welcome: Sandra Giddings

Reading: Port Lay Team,

Prayer: Port Lay Team,

Brass and Flowers: Wyn Moriarty, Marie Alexander

Pentecost 21

Sunday, 18 October 2015

Great is God's power. God stretches the heavens like a tent, sets the earth on firm foundations and covers the waters of the deep. We long for a taste of this power, unless we get caught in the whirlwind like Job. We long to possess this power, but Christ reminds us that true power is found in service. To embrace His glory and sit at His right hand is to hang with the thieves, dine with sinners, to serve tirelessly. Job was a faithful follower of his God, yet he was not spared calamity. Christ's disciples are invited to drink the cup that Jesus drank, and to be baptised into His suffering and death. Is it any wonder that more people do not flock to churches that truly preach the gospel? Yet this is our road and the nature of true power. For when we follow in Christ's steps, serve with generosity, live with kindness, walk with humility, care with compassion, and serve in Christ's name, God draws us to Christ's side and clothes us with the greatest power and glory of all, the power and glory of love.

Abingdon Worship

LECTIONARY

18 October Pentecost 21	Job 38: 1-7, (34-41) Hebrews 5: 1-10	Psalms 104: 1-9, 24, 35 Mark 10: 35-45
25 October Pentecost 22	Job 42: 1-6, 10-17 Hebrews 7: 23-28	Psalms 34: 1-8, (19-22) Mark 10: 46-52

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 18 October

Portarlington

9.00am Rev David Walker

Drysdale

9.00 am Denise's Team
10.45 am Rev David Walker

St Leonards

No worship leader

Monday, 19 October

9:30 am, Drysdale, KYB at Lynda's

Tuesday, 20 October

10:30am Drysdale Grove Chapel

Thursday, 22 October

9.00 am Portarlington Choir practice
9.30 am Drysdale Choir practice

Friday, 23 October

9:15 am Drysdale Friday School

Sunday, 25 October

Portarlington

9.00am Portarlington Lay Team,

Drysdale

9.00 am Graeme's Team
10.45 am Portarlington Lay Team,

St Leonards

7pm Portarlington Lay Team,

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Fete Thank You

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped in any way with the Fete.

\$3165 was the total raised for the day. A great result!!!! Many hands made light work.

PORTARLINGTON and St LEONARDS

Donation to Samaritan House and Uniting World, Timor Leste

We have received a letter of appreciation for the support of St Leonards and Portarlington congregations over the previous quarter. Our combined donation for September was \$137:05.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

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

Parks Hall, Portarlington on SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER, at 2-30pm. 4 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 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 available in September from Barry Ruler on 5259 3304.

New Minister Process

The first meeting with Presbytery Minister Rev Ann Key has been held last for members of Church Councils and the Joint Nominating Committee. At this, the process to be followed was explained. The next meeting will be between members of the Committee and Presbytery Minister, Rev Adam Macintosh, to look at the congregations' mission strategy. Please keep Joint Nominating Committee members in your prayers as they commence this important work.

Name Badges

To assist our new worship leaders to get to know us better, we suggest we all wear our name badges so our visiting preachers can identify us more easily. If you don't have one, see Barry Ruler, who can arrange to get one for you. Barry is happy to get new badges for all Linked Congregation members. Cost should be less than \$10 per badge. Email Barry on bruler@bigpond.com or telephone him on 5259 3304 and he will place an order.

Whilst we are without a Minister:

Would you please refer non urgent pastoral care matters to your nominated Elder. For URGENT OR SERIOUS pastoral care matters, please contact as follows:

Drysdale

Rev. Margaret Manning,
0409 3344 80

Portarlington and St Leonards

Rev Ian Porter
5259 2538.

Minister Coverage for Funerals

Until a new minister is found we will be assisted by some of the retired ministers in our congregations for funerals and special pastoral needs for which we are very grateful.

For Drysdale funerals contact ministers in this order to find availability:

Rev Margaret Manning 0409 334 480
Rev Ian Porter 5259 2538
Rev Bob Stevenson 5251 3370

Contact Wayne Myers H 5251 2210 M
0407 355 996 for availability of church.

For Portarlington/St Leonards

Contact ministers in this order to find availability:

Rev Ian Porter 5259 2538
Rev Margaret Manning 0409 334 480
Rev Malcolm Campbell 5259 2521

Contact Barry Ruler 5259 3304 or Dorothy Knights 5259 3822 for availability of church.

Thanks from UnitingCare, Geelong

Eril Gliddon, Coordinator of Emergency Relief Operations, emailed to thank us for our support throughout the year, in particular "the wonderful donations of food for our clients. These donations have been most welcome. We are now looking to assist our clients for the Christmas season".