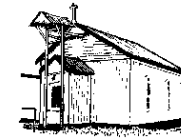


THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

From Marion:

Marion has sent us her contact details, with her new email address. :

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nannajet@yahoo.com

Winchelsea Uniting Church Art Show,

30th October to 2nd November, Globe Theatre
Winchelsea; please see the notice board for
more information

Presbytery of Port Phillip West – Prayer Cycle

We remember today congregations at:

- Romsey,
- St Albans and Caroline Springs; Rev
Jim Murray

We remember today these congregations.

Give their leaders wisdom and your people the
grace to support and encourage each other; in
Jesus' name, Amen

Rosters for 1st November

Portarlington

Managers: David and Lorraine
Hughes

Morning Tea: Graham and Brenda
Vohmann

Pastoral Care and Payer: Jan Hall

Readings: John Hall

Power Point : Joy Porter

Drysdale, W@ 9

Kitchen: Graeme's Team

Counting : Colleen Diamond

Drysdale, 10.45

Duty Elder: Bob Stevenson

Communion Elder: Irene Stevenson

Prayers: Bob Stevenson

Readings: Tony Freemantle

Welcome: Wilma Mansell

Morning Tea: Val Place and Audrey
Shepherd

Flowers: Val Lestrangle

St. Leonards

Welcome: Marj Wilson

Reading: Marion McGillivray,

Prayer: Margo Jones,

Brass and Flowers: Geoff and
Sandra Giddings

Pentecost 21

Sunday, 25 October 2015

The healing of Bartimaeus in Mark's Gospel offers many themes: the cry for mercy, the call of Christ, the cry for what we need from God, and the power of faith. As we cry out for mercy and for the things we need from God, God hears our cries, and offers the hand of healing and grace. For Job, this healing came after much suffering. For the psalmist, lament and joy ebb and flow throughout all of life. In Hebrews, we are promised that our perfect High Priest, Christ Jesus, has already imparted the gift of grace, a grace that always responds when we cry out for intercession and forgiveness. Bartimaeus encounters the challenging truth of this promise when Jesus calls to him, invites him to declare his needs, and then heals him by the power of Bartimaeus's own faith.

Abingdon Worship Annual

At first glance these lections seem to have very little in common. Yet each carries an undercurrent of putting things right. As such, these readings pair perfectly with the Reformation theme of this day; that which was not right has been put right! The driving narrative is that of blind Bartimaeus: our desire for Christ is an act of faith that God uses to bring restoration. Jesus restores, but Bartimaeus's desire and belief are necessary to make the restoration possible.

Ministry matters

LECTIONARY

25 October	Job 42: 1-6, 10-17	Psalm 34: 1-8, (19-22)
Pentecost 22	Hebrews 7: 23-28	Mark 10: 46-52
1 November	Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalm 24
All Saints' Day	Revelations 21:1-6a	John 11:32-44

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

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,

Monday, 26 October

1:30pm, Drysdale, KYB at Lynda's

Wednesday 28 October

9.30am Drysdale mainly music

Thursday, 29 October

9.00 am Portarlington Choir practice

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Friday, 30 October

9:15 am Drysdale Friday School

Sunday, 1 November

Portarlington

9.00am Rev Ian Porter

Drysdale

9.00 am Rev David Walker, Denise's team assisting, *Communion and loose change*

10.45 am Rev David Walker, *Communion and loose change and food bank*

St Leonards

7:00 pm Rev Ian Porter, *Communion and loose change and food bank*

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

PORTARLINGTON

Blooming Plants and Home Made Fair

Portarlington's Garden Fete will take place on Saturday 21st 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 or bruler@bigpond.com.

ST LEONARDS

UCAF

The next meeting of the St Leonards UCAF will be Monday 26 October at 2.00 pm. This is our Annual general meeting.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

Portarlington Fellowship Breakfast

The next breakfast meeting will be held on Saturday 14th 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 Thur. 12th November.

Geelong Geelong Inter-Church Social Justice Network

Julieann Hennessy, from the Port Phillip West Presbytery has written to us asking for our support for Ian Youl, the newly appointed President of the Network,. Ian's letter to churches in our region is enclosed.

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

Parks Hall, Portarlington on SUNDAY 29th 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 are available in September from Barry Ruler on 5259 3304.

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,
margiemanning@iinet.net .au

Portarlington and St Leonards
Rev Ian Porter
5259 2538., ianjoyporter@netspace.net.au

Minister Coverage for Funerals

Until a new minister is appointed 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.

UnitingCare is now looking to assist our clients for the Christmas season and asks for our help.

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.

