

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

From Rev. Marion

For those who might want to know: my new address is 56 Blossom Drive, Greenvale.3059. Anyone is welcome to call in. If your going north via the Hume Highway, you can detour along Mickleham Road until you come to Greenvale Gardens Boulevard and I'm a short hop in from there. My mobile is still 0414 383 101. Thank you for your generous gift. I've decided that I'll use it to buy plants for the new garden. When there's something to see, I'll send some piccies.

Presbytery of Port Phillip West – Prayer Cycle

We remember today:

- Northcote Chalice Community of Faith.
- Rev. Deacon Peter Batton

Lord give your people joy and strength in your service. Make their lives an inspiration to their community.

Lord, you want us to be “salt”, to add savor to your world. We cannot be bland witnesses to your love, only working when it’s convenient for us or doing work that is incomplete. If we lose our “saltiness”, it cannot be regained. Give us courage and joy in our service to you. Help us to be people who clear the pathways to service rather than those who place roadblocks and “potholes” in which people can stumble. Many are called to serve You, O Lord. Help us to be people who work willingly with others, not demanding that our way is the only way, but rejoicing in a new approach to ministry. Give us confidence and joy in all that we do, for we offer our lives and our prayers to you in the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN. Ministry Matters

Rosters for 4th October

Portarlington

Managers: Bruce and Marilyn Bertram
Morning Tea: Harold & Heather Gould
Pastoral Care and Prayer: Keith Pigdon
Readings: Heather Pigdon.
Power Point Prep. Joan Kelly

Drysdale, W@ 9

Kitchen: Graeme's team
Counting : Ian McLaverty

Drysdale, 10.45

Duty Elder: Pat Handley
Prayers: Pat Handley
Readings: Win Baker
Welcome: Wilma Mansell
Morning Tea: I and R Stevenson
Flowers: Lynda Smith
Communion Elder: Brenda Jacobs

St. Leonards

Welcome and prayer: Marj Wilson
Reading &Prayer. Margo Jones
Flowers & Brass. Shirley Hadden

Pentecost 18

Sunday, 27 September 2015

In this week’s Hebrew Scripture reading, Esther lived in the shadow of genocide and oppression. But God interrupted the flow of events and historians record a surprise ending to her story. How many times have we whispered the refrain of the psalmist: “If it had not been the Lord who was on our side...”(v. 1a NRSV)? This week, we join Esther in celebrating the special times when God intervenes in our lives.

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

27 September	Esther 7:1-6,9-10,9:20-22	Psalm 124
Pentecost 18	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50
4 October	Job 1:1; 2:1-10	Psalm 26
Pentecost 19	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 27 September

Portarlington

9.00am Port Justice & Mission Lay Team.

Drysdale

9.00 am Wayne's Team
10.45 am Port Justice & Mission Lay Team.

St Leonards

5.00 pm Port Justice & Mission Lay Team.

Thursday, 2 October

9.00 am Portarlington Choir practice
9.30 am Drysdale Choir practice
7.30 pm Presbytery Briefing

Sunday, 4 October Daylight Saving starts

Portarlington

9.00am Rev.Marg.Manning

Drysdale

9.00 am Rev.David Walker
(Wayne's Team assisting)
10.45 am Rev.David Walker
HC ,Loose Change & Food Bank at both services

St Leonards

7.00 pm Rev.David Walker
Loose change & Food Bank

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Mainly Home-Made Fet & Shed Sale, Saturday 10th October, 9am-1pm

This day is only 2 weeks away!!!!!!
Make sure the date is in your diary

Lynda Smith asks us all to tell others we are having face painting, BBQ, plants, baking, books, china, shed items and a 'plate smashing' stall. If you have any old plates ready to recycle we could use them. Lynda is happy to accept good quality items for sale and all offers of help to set up and work on the day.

Lynda is also delighted to share that, at two craft market stalls after mainly music sessions in the last two weeks of Term 3, we made in excess of \$600. What a great start to our Fete fundraising. Well done everyone

Operation Christmas Child



The filling of a shoebox with gifts for a child in an under-developed country has become a part of Christmas for the Drysdale Uniting Church. **Gifts will be collected until the end of September for dispatching early October. Please place in the basket provided in the vestry.**

Items required this year are: 1. something to love, 2. something special, 3. Some things for school, 4. something to play with, 5. Something to wear, 6. something for hygiene. **Please note: NO** lollies, toothpaste, items that may leak, used or damaged items (including worn clothing), breakable items, anything racial, political or war-related

PORTARLINGTON

Portarlington Fellowship Breakfast.

The October breakfast meeting will be on Saturday 19th October, from 7-30am. Guest Speaker will be Ms Christine Redpath, a qualified nurse, working at St. part of medical teams which regularly visit Vanuatu to provide medical there and will tell us of her work. All members of the Linked Congregations are warmly invited to attend. RSVP to Barry Ruler on 5259 3304 by Thursday evening 8th Oct.

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

Three years ago at Portarlington, we experienced a musical and faith treat with a quality performance of Handel's Messiah. You can repeat that experience or if you were not present three years ago, you can attend 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.

ST.LEONARDS

St . Leonards UCAF

St. Leonards UCAF invite you to our very special meeting this month. This will be held at our church hall in Dudley Parade on Monday 28 September at 2.00 pm. The speaker for the afternoon is Carla Evans ,Chaplain to the Vietnam Vets. There will be afternoon tea and a donation plate . All welcome.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

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. (Barry Ruler.)