

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Pentecost 15

Sunday, 6 September 2015

Woven into the thread of this week's readings is a simple fact: Barriers are consistently being broken down by Jesus—barriers of rich and poor, insider and outsider, body and spirit. God welcomes all, and we are called to do likewise. Another theme is the universal desire for healing and wholeness, and that God's healing embraces everyone. While it is necessary that we work for peace and justice, we must also recognize inner peace and communion with God and neighbor as equally important gifts. Faith in action is made manifest when we genuinely care for the least of these, the hurting, and the vulnerable. Healing gestures contribute to the wellness of the individual as well as the community, and reflect our faith in God.

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

6 September	Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23	Psalm 125
Pentecost 15	James 2:1-10,(11-13),14-17	Mark 7:24-37
13 September	Proverbs 1:20-33	Psalm 19
Pentecost 16	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38

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Thoughts on the readings

PROVERBS 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
 A name is only composed of letters that make a sound. It is the person that bears those letters who is important. No matter how many other people in the world carry your name, each is different and you are the only you. I want my name to stand for God. Solomon wrote in Proverbs 22 some of the characteristics that I want people to see in me when they call my name.
 Ministry Matters

From Seasons of the Spirit.

Through your word and your design, O God, you call us back to a place of wonder and awe. You call us to remember we are part of the abundance of your creation, from tiny molecules to divine light. Each and every being reflects your DNA and reminds us that you continue to create and delight in what you have created. With these gifts, move us from despair to hope; from taking things for granted to a place of deep reverence. Amen.

Let us be up and doing,
 With a heart for any fate;
 Still achieving, still pursuing,
 Learn to labour and to wait.
 H.W. Longfellow. A Psalm of Life

Rosters for 13 September

Portarlington
Managers: John & Jan Hall
Morning Tea: Geoff & Pammi Pryor
Pastoral Care: Brenda Vohmann
Prayers: Brenda Vohmann
Readings: Graham Vohmann
Communion Prep.: Brenda Vohmann
Communion Serve.: Brenda Vohmann, :Graham Vohmann, Ken Farnell, Barry Ruler
Power Point Prep. Bruce Bertram

Drysdale, W@ 9
Kitchen: Jenni's Team
Counting: Sue Polley
Drysdale, 10.45
Duty Elder: Jen Davis
Prayers: Jen Davis
Readings: Pat Handley
Welcome: Margaret MacGillivray
Morning Tea: Margaret & Tony Freemantle
Flowers: Norma Taylor

St. Leonards
Welcome: Margo Jones
Reading: Margo Jones
Prayer. Marj Wilson
Flowers & Brass. Marj Wilson & Miriam Wilson

THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 6 September

Portarlington

9.00am Rev. Margaret Manning

Drysdale

9.00 am Rev. Ian Porter
HC Loose change and Food Bank
Jenni's team assisting

10.45 am Rev. Ian Porter
HC Loose change and Food Bank

St Leonards

5.00pm W@9 Rev. Ian Porter
HC Loose change and Food Bank

Monday, 7 Septmeber

9.30 am KYB at Lynda's

Wednesday, 9 September

9.15am mainly music

Thursday, 10 September

9.00 am Portarlington Choir practice
9.30 am Drysdale Choir practice
11.00am Bible Study Drysdale

Friday, 11 September

9.15 am Friday School Drysdale
10.15 am Portarlington Social Justice
writing goup.
1.30 pm Prayer Service at Drysdale

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Drysdale

9.00 am W@9 Cafe Church
10.45 am Rev. Margaret Manning

St Leonards

9.00 am Rev. Bob Stevenson
Combined UCA/Anglican Holy Communion

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

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, and again this year we will aim to fill as many boxes as possible to bring joy to a child and the knowledge of God's love to his/her family. **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

mainly music

Thank you to all who came to our "Family Pizza night". A wonderful evening was had by all. A big thank you to all the helpers and to the ladies who made the cakes and slices.

Bible Study

Bible Study-Thurs. 10 Sept. 11am-12.pm
Study 3 " Leadership."

'A New Season'- 6 week study exploring "Who is God calling us to become in this new season of the UnitingChurch ?"
Refreshments provided. All Welcome.
Continues Sept 17,24 & 1 Oct.

PORTARLINGTON

Pleasant Sunday Afternoon at Portarlington .

Coryule Chorus will present an afternoon of choral music to suit all tastes at Portarlington in the church hall on **SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER** at 2-00pm. Tickets \$10 at the door or from Barry Ruler 5259 3304. Cuppa with home made biscuits and slices will follow the performance. All most welcome.

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.

The Social Justice Letter Writing Group will meet again on Friday 11th September, at 10:15am, in the St Andrew's hall. All welcome,
Inquiries to Marilyn, 0439966370".

Fellowship Breakfast

The next Fellowship Breakfast meeting at Portarlington is on Saturday 12th Sept, commencing at 7-30am, in the church hall. Guest Speakers will be Bruce & Marilyn Bertram. Bruce and Marilyn have not long returned from their grand overseas tour and will tell us all about it! All members of the Linked Congregations and their friends are warmly invited to attend. Acceptances to Barry Ruler by Thursday evening 10th Sept. on 5259 3304.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

Presbytery of Port Phillip West – Prayer Cycle

- We remember today:
- Melton- Church Councillors and lay leadership team.