

Just Act

March *Just Act* included an appeal for us to look for Easter Eggs that are made from ethically produced chocolate; much of it is not.

This is an issue for all of us chocoholics for the rest of the year too. In the West Coast of Africa children as young as twelve pick the cocoa beans. Many have been trafficked; in other words, sold into slavery. There, and in other cocoa producing countries, adults also work for very low wages, under slave-like conditions and on farms that are destructive to natural ecosystems. *Just Act* lists three of the certification schemes that have been set up to confirm that our cocoa has not been produced ethically; that is, not by slave labour, but under conditions that meet reasonable ethical standards for workers, their communities and the natural world. These are *FAIR TRADE*, *RAINFOREST ALLIANCE* and *UTZ CERTIFIED*. You can find the logos for these organisations on chocolate and cocoa that has been certified by these organisations.



For us lovers of all creatures great and small:

Animals are such agreeable friends - they ask no questions, they pass no criticism.
George Eliot

There is quite a lot we can learn from them

Rosters 17 April

Portarlington

Managers David and Lorraine Hughes

Morning Tea: Marilyn and Bruce Bertram

Pastoral Care & Prayers: Heather Gould

Reader: Neil Bell

Power Point Preparation: Graham Vohmann

Drysdale

Duty Elder & Prayers: Jen Davis

Readings: Tony Freemantle

Welcome: Ken Handley

Morning Tea: Win Baker and Andrea Lindsay

Flowers: Irene Stevenson

Worship @ 9

Kitchen: Jenni's team

Counting: Ian McLaverty

St Leonards

Welcome: Margo Jones

Reading: Marian McGillivray

Prayers: Margo Jones

Brass: Geoff and Sandra Giddings

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Easter 3

Sunday, 10 April 2016

Each of today's scriptures easily stands alone. Taken together they point to the new perspective we find when we meet the risen Christ. After Saul encounters Jesus on the road to Damascus, he sees his calling very differently. After they recognise the risen Jesus in a meal on a familiar shore, Peter and the disciples are given a clear mission to feed God's sheep. John sees all creatures of heaven and earth praising Christ, and even the psalmist finds joy in the morning after a night of sorrow. This season of resurrection brings many new perspectives as new life is discovered.

Abingdon Worship

LECTIONARY

10 April Easter 3	Acts 9:1-6 Rev 5:11-14	Ps 30 Jn 21:1-19
17 April Easter 4	Acts 9:36-43 Rev 7:9-17	Ps 23 Jn 10:22-30

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 10 April

Portarlington

9.00 am Rev David Walker
*Holy Communion, Loose Change &
Food Bank*

2.30 pm Asylum Seeker Event

Drysdale

9.00 am Jenni's Team
10.45 am Rev David Walker

St Leonards

5.00pm Anglican led

Monday, 11 April

9:30 am KYB at Lynda Smith's
1.00 pm Portarlington UCAF

Wednesday, 13 April

9:30 am mainly music
1.00 pm Drysdale Communal Prayer

Thursday, 14 April

9.00 am Portarlington Choir Practice
9.30 am Drysdale Choir Practice

Friday, 15 April

9:15 am Drysdale Friday School

Saturday 16 April

8:00 am Drysdale Prayer Breakfast.
at the Zoo Cafe

Sunday, 17 April

Portarlington

9.00 am Rev David Walker

Drysdale

9.00 am Denise's Team
10.45 am Rev David Walker

St Leonards

5.00pm W@9 Denise's Team

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Loose Change Offering

Our special offering for this month resulted in \$124.65. This goes to the Corio-Norlane Uniting Church for their literacy and numeracy program.

Thank you all,.

PORTARLINGTON

U.C.A.F.

The next meeting of the U.C.A.F. will be on 11 April at the Vohmann's home, 1/19 Bennett St, Drysdale where we will watch the movie 'The War Room'. As this film lasts for 2 hours, please arrive by 1.00pm. if possible, for a prompt start. Everyone welcome and phone Elizabeth on 52592442 with any queries.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

Joint Nominating Committee

The Joint Nominating Committee has prayerfully selected a prospective minister who will be recommended to the congregations on Sunday 24 April. Congregation meetings will be held for Portarlington-St. Leonards at the conclusion of the 9.00 am service at Portarlington (about 10.00 am) and for Drysdale between the two services at 10.30 am. Details of the prospective minister will be presented at these meetings and once the recommendation is accepted by both congregations the formal Call will be issued by the Chair of the Linked Congregations.

This is a wonderful result for which we can praise God.

Asylum Seeker Event – Today,

Sunday 10 April 2.30pm at St Andrew's Uniting Church Hall.

A few tickets can still be obtained at the door for this event. **Suzette Herft** and **Patrick Evans** will provide a beautiful afternoon of music, a unique blend of modern Australian Folk.

A delicious High Tea will be served. Funds raised will assist Lentara Uniting Church Asylum Seeker Project. Members of Linked Congregations are encouraged to book tickets **now** as this will be a very popular afternoon.

Op Shop

If you are able to spare 3 hours per week, or know someone who can, UnitingCare Geelong Op Shops in Highton, East Geelong and Revamp in Mercer Street have a number of urgent vacancies.

We rely on the income from our Op Shops to provide our welfare programs and services. If you would like to be part of a team making a real difference in the Geelong community, please call Elizabeth on 4210 1113 or email Elizabeth.hopkin@icg.untingcare.org.au.

Thank you

March Sacrededge Festival Queenscliff

The Sacrededge Festival at Queenscliff Uniting Church will be held from 29 April to 1 May. More information can be obtained from the web site: www.unitingqueenscliff.org.au

Uniting Church children and youth camp - for grade 3 to year 9

is run in the first week of the winter school holidays. Bookings are now being taken. For more information and registration see web site <http://www.somerscamp.com.au/>

Living Leadership Courses:

Run by the United Church Centre for Theology and Ministry. There are 5 short courses running between 19 April and November. One or more will be suitable for various people taking leadership in our churches.

For more information see the web site <http://ctm.uca.edu.au/ctm/group/living-leadership/>

Emergency appeal- Fiji

Due to the recent cyclone, Share has launched an emergency appeal. Donations will support Uniting World's partner, the Methodist Church in Fiji. If you wish to give a donation go online at www.shareappeal.org.au or call 1800 668 426