

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

Just Act - Sanctuary in churches

There is a centuries-old tradition that people at risk of persecution can seek safe sanctuary in a church. Right now there are 267 asylum seekers including 70-90 children (37 babies), currently in Australia but under threat of being sent to back to appalling conditions Nauru. A number of churches have committed to offering these people sanctuary in their churches.

Once church people taking a stand in this way could be fairly confident that they would be safe from prosecution. That may well not be the case now. So offering sanctuary requires courage and conviction that God's way is preeminent. We need to provide support, through prayer and, where we can, by publicly supporting *the #LetThemStay* campaign.

Monthly Prayer Letter from Bellarine Schools Ministry

Copies of April's prayer letter posted on church notice boards.

Sacrededge Festival Queenscliff

The Sacrededge Festival at Queenscliff Uniting Church will be held from 29 April to 1 May. More information has been posted on the notice board and can also be obtained from the web site: www.unitingqueenscliff.org.au

Rosters 24 April

Portarlington

Managers: Graham and Brenda Vohmann

Morning Tea: Alex and Catherine Eagleson

Pastoral Care: Barry Ruler

Prayers and Reader: Portarlington Lay Team

Power Point Preparation: David Hughes

Drysdale

Duty Elder: John MacGillivray

Prayers and Readings:

Portarlington Lay Team

Welcome: Margaret MacGillivray

Morning Tea: Pat and Ken Handley

Flowers: Brenda Jacobs

Worship @ 9

Kitchen: Denise's team

Counting: Lynda Smith

St Leonards

Welcome: Shirley Hadden

Reading: Lay Team

Prayers: Lay Team

Flowers and Brass: Judy Godfrey

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Easter 4

Sunday, 17 April 2016

God is both the Good Shepherd and the holy and saving lamb. God's sheep know God's voice and we are called to love and serve God in many ways - creating beautiful things and serving others. As Tabitha did in Acts, with her sewing and charity to widows. Resting in God's care beside pastures and in lush pastures, as depicted by the psalmist. Falling before the eternal throne and worshipping God forever, as in Revelations. And following Jesus and getting to know his voice, as shown by John.

Abingdon Worship

LECTIONARY

17 April Easter 4	Acts 9:36-43 Rev 7:9-17	Ps 23 Jn 10:22-30
24 April Easter 5	Acts 11:1-18 Rev 21:1-6	Ps 148 Jn 13:31-35

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 17 April

Portarlinton

9.00 am Rev David Walker

Drysdale

9.00 am Denise's Team

10.45 am Rev David Walker

2.30 pm Drysdale High Tea

St Leonards

5.00pm W@9 Denise's Team

Monday, 18 April

9.30 am KYB at Lynda Smith's

7.15 pm Port. Seekers Home Group

Tuesday, 19 April

10.30 am Drysdale Grove Chapel

4.30 pm Portarlinton Worship

7:30 pm Portarlinton Resources

Wednesday, 20 April

9.30 am mainly music

Thursday, 21 April

9.00 am Portarlinton Choir Practice

9.30 am Drysdale Choir Practice

Friday, 22 April

9.15 am Drysdale Friday School

9:30 am Portarlinton Justice and
Mission meeting

Sunday, 24 April

Portarlinton

9.00 am Portarlinton Lay Team,
David & Lorraine Hughes

Drysdale

9.00 am Wayne's Team

10.45 am Portarlinton Lay Team

St Leonards

5.00pm Anglican led

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Membership Roll

The membership directory is being updated for reprinting. The current listing is displayed in the foyer for checking and updating of any details. Your attention to this will be appreciated.

Annual Church Dinner

All members of linked congregations are invited, as well as your friends and neighbours.

Please come along and support this major fund raiser and have a great night out. A three course meal, all dietary requirements provided for, will be followed by community singing lead by David & Sue Gibbons and Vicki Wills (back by popular demand!)

Saturday, 21 May,
6.00pm for 6.15pm serving
Adult \$20, Children under 12 \$10,
under 6 \$7.

Tickets are available from Val Lestrangle.

PORTARLINGTON

Loose Change Offering

Portarlinton and St Leonard's Small Change offering for April was \$161.70 to be shared between Samaritan House and mobile medical teams in Timor Leste.

Justice and Mission group letter writing

Justice letter writing dates are 2nd Friday of the month in the St Andrew's

church hall from 10.15 to 11.30 am: so
*Fridays May 13th, June 10th, July 8th,
Aug 12th, Sept 8th, Oct 13th, Nov 10th,
Dec 9th.*

People from all congregations are welcome. Enjoy a cuppa, chat and bring your letter writing equipment: Laptop, envelopes/paper. The Synod's *Just Act* publication is very good resource to assist with letter writing ideas, as is the discussion we share each month.

And a post script: well written and informed letters are taken quite seriously by our political leaders and various parliamentary committees.

"seekers" (Home Group) will meet at Hughes' place at 7.15 pm on Monday 18 April.

We'll be discussing the first two chapters of Bob Fraser's study *The Law that Liberates*. Everyone welcome.

ST LEONARDS

UCAF

The next meeting of the St. Leonards UCAF is at 2.00 pm on Monday 25 April.

As this is ANZAC day the theme is Australia. Bring a story of your travels in Australia and something for afternoon tea that reminds us of Australia.

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 Portarlinton-St. Leonards at the conclusion of the 9.00 am service at Portarlinton 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.

Lent Event Donations

UnitingWorld offers a huge *Thank You* to all who participated in Lent Event this year. Donations are still coming in. It would be good to get funds to the people who need them as soon as possible. If anyone is still planning to send a donation it would be good if you could get this on its way as soon as possible.

St Andrew's Justice and Mission Ministry Team Asylum Seeker High Tea

Thanks to everyone for the wonderful support at our Asylum Seeker fund raiser last Sunday. The music was uplifting, the food delicious and many people worked hard to make the afternoon such a success. Many thanks to those who assisted in so many ways.

The profit was \$1150. These funds will be much appreciated by Lentara UnitingCare for their valuable Asylum Seeker work.