

Just Act

Just Act has been drawing attention to human trafficking and exploitative work pay and conditions for several years. This is not just an overseas issue; it is happening in Australia. Recent news of how workers from Fiji are being treated in northern Victoria may seem to be an isolated incident, though particularly disgusting at a time when people in Fiji are still reeling from the impacts of cyclone. Nor is it a one off in Australia.. Workers in areas of Gippsland, where salad crops are grown, have also had their illegally low pay swallowed by 'rent' on squalid accommodation and workers intimidated into accepting virtual slave labour conditions. Our Justice and Mission Unit found that there is little government oversight of unscrupulous labour hire companies or employers. *Just Act* provides guidelines for anyone wanting to write to the Minister for Justice expressing their concern and asking that the government put in place effective systems to ensure overseas workers are not exploited, bullied or otherwise denied decent and fair work conditions.



I hope we don't make any typo's like this one:

""Don't let worry kill you,
let the church help".

Rosters 10 April

Portarlington

Managers David and Lorraine Hughes

Morning Tea: Marilyn and Bruce Bertram

Pastoral Care & Prayers: Brenda Vohmann

Reader: Graham Vohmann
Communion Prep.: Brenda Vohmann

Communion Service: Graham Vohmann, Ken Farnell, Barry Ruler

Power Point Preparation: Bruce Bertram

Drysdale

Duty Elder & Prayers: Pat Handley

Readings: Merrilyn Lloyd

Welcome: Ken Handley

Morning Tea: Marguerite Edgar and Alma Milvain

Flowers: Denise McLaverty

Worship @ 9

Kitchen: Wayne's team

Counting: Denise McLaverty

St Leonards

Anglican service

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Easter 2

Sunday, 3 April 2016

Today's readings continue the great themes of Easter: resurrection, new life, and hope in the midst of profound fear and doubt. Revelation makes it clear that our hope is founded on the one who was, and is, and is to come: the Alpha and Omega. John affords a look at the role doubt plays in the life of faith. When doubting Thomas finds himself face to face with the risen Christ, he says: "My Lord and my God". Apathy, not doubt, is the opposite of faith. Doubt is an opportunity to dive deeper into our faith, and find our faith strengthened through the struggle.

Abingdon Worship

LECTIONARY

3 April Easter 2	Acts 5: 27-32 Rev 1: 4-8	Ps 118: 14-29 Jn 20: 19-31
10 April Easter 3	Acts 9:1-6 Rev 5:11-14	Ps 30 Jn 21:1-19

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 3 April

Portarlington

9.00 am Rev Bob Thomas

Drysdale

9.00 am Rev Bob Stevenson

10.45 am Rev Bob Stevenson

Holy Communion, Loose Change & Food Bank both services

St Leonards

5.00pm Rev Bob Thomas

Holy Communion, Loose Change & Food Bank

Monday, 4 April

9:30 am KYB at Lynda Smith's

Thursday, 7 April

9.00 am Portarlington Choir Practice

9.30 am Drysdale Choir Practice

Saturday 9 April

7:30 am Portarlington Fellowship Breakfast.

2:30 pm Portarlington Asylum Seekers' Event

Sunday, 10 April

Portarlington

9.00 am Rev David Walker

Holy Communion, Loose Change & Food Bank

Drysdale

9.00 am Jenni's Team

10.45 am Rev David Walker

St Leonards

5.00pm Anglican led

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

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

Asylum Seeker Event – Sunday 10

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

Our Asylum Seeker focus will take the form of a serene, beautiful afternoon of music from **Suzette Herft** and **Patrick Evans** who are a unique blend of modern Australian Folk. They sang last year at our Asylum Seeker Dinner and were so well received.

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.

Indicate your interest immediately. Ticket bookings and enquires to Marg Manning 0409 334 480 or email: margiemanning@inet.net.au Marg McGillivray at Drysdale also has tickets.

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

Fellowship Breakfast April

The April breakfast meeting at Portarlington will be held on Saturday April 9, commencing at 7-30 am. Guest Speaker will be the Rev. Bob Thomas. The title of Bob's talk will be *Accepting Our Role as God's Gardeners*.

Bob has been and still is a great environmentalist. In his last ministerial placement in the Southern Highlands of NSW, Bob was awarded the title of "Environmental Hero of the Year" by the National Council of Churches for his work in this area. I have much, much more information I could provide but that may spoil Bob's talk to us. All members of the Linked congregations and their friends, are warmly invited to attend at Portarlington on Saturday 9 April to hear what I know will be an interesting and challenging talk.

Acceptances please to Barry Ruler on 5259 3304 by Thursday evening 7 April please.

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