

Do you enjoy a cuppa and conversation with Friends? Are you interested in discussing aspects of our faith using a variety of mediums? Then this is for you.

The **Growing and Learning Ministry Team** invites you to join the establishment of a **monthly HOME GROUP** to commence **Monday 7 March, 7:15pm**

At the home of David and Lorraine Hughes. Please let Lorraine ( 5259 2364, [hughestwo@bigpond.com](mailto:hughestwo@bigpond.com)) or Marilyn Bertram (0439 966 370, [bمبرtram@bigpond.com](mailto:bمبرtram@bigpond.com)) know by 21 February if you plan to join us.

### ST LEONARDS

#### St. Leonards U.C.A.F.

Our first meeting for 2016 will be on 22 February 2.00 pm at the church in Dudley Pde. We look forward to catching up with you and chatting over afternoon tea. Marj Wilson is the devotions leader for February.

### FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

Listen up, and be guided by the Spirit is this week's focus of Lent Event. With Lent now upon us, have you considered how to invest your time, thought and material goods during these 40 days? The new [Guide to Living Lent](#) and [Lent Event App](#) offer a range of ways to meaningfully engage during this period. You can also get your own copy of Rev Dr Tony Floyd's bible study 'Guided by the Light, Guided by the Spirit' from [www.lentevent.com](http://www.lentevent.com) as well as daily prayers, ideas for kid's activities and ideas to connect with your community. The NEW videos from our overseas church partners help us to learn about the inspiring people and communities that Lent Event supports, so be sure to watch these on [www.lentevent.com](http://www.lentevent.com).

### Rosters 21 February

#### Portarlinton

**Managers:** Keith Knights & Barry

Ruler

**Morning Tea:** Heather & Harold Gould

**Pastoral Care & Prayers:** Keith Pigdon

**Reader:** Neil Bell

**Power Point Preparation:** Pammi Pryor

#### Drysdale

**Communion Elder:** Irene Stevenson

**Duty Elder/Prayers:** John MacGillivray

**Readings:** Margaret Freemantle

**Welcome:** Margaret MacGillivray

**Morning Tea:** Margaret & Tony Freemantle

#### Worship @ 9

**Kitchen:** Jenni's Team

**Counting:** Jonnie Mander

#### St Leonards - Anglican Service

**Welcome:** Miriam Tobin

**Reading:** Margo Jones

**Prayer:** Marj Wilson

**Brass:** Shirley Hadden

#### Thought for the Day:

"I was blessed with certain gifts and talents and God gave them to me to be the best person I can be and to have a positive impact on other people."

*Bryan Clay*

## THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlinton



Drysdale

**Lent 1**

**Sunday, 14 February 2016**

In gratitude for God's good gifts to us, we offer a portion of what we receive so that it may be used to further God's work. In Christ, we are not separated or distinguished by where we come from, or by access to food, power, and possessions. Rather, all receive God's blessings when we believe God's promises and do God's will. We follow the example of Jesus in worshipping God alone.

*Abingdon Worship Annual*

### LECTIONARY

14 February  
Lent 1

Dt. 26: 1-11  
Rom 10: 8b-13

Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16  
Luke 4: 1-13

21 February  
Lent 2

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18  
Phil 3: 17 - 4: 1

Psalm 27  
Luke 13: 31-35

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

### Sunday, 14 February Portarlington

9.00 am Rev Jan Taylor, *HC, Loose Change, Food Bank*

### Drysdale

9.00 am W@ 9 Graeme's Team

10.45 am Rev Jan Taylor

5.00 pm Messy Church

### St Leonards

9.00 am Combined UCA/Anglican, Anglican-led, Holy Communion

### Monday, 15 February

9.30 am KYB at Lynda Smith's

### Tuesday, 16 February

10.30 am Drysdale Grove Chapel Service

7.30 pm Drysdale Worship Team

### Wednesday, 17 February

9.30 am Drysdale mainly music

1.00 pm Drysdale Communal Prayer

### Thursday, 18 February

9.00 am Portarlington Choir Practice

9.30 am Drysdale Choir Practice

7.30 pm Drysdale Church Council

### Friday, 19 February

9.15 am Drysdale Friday School

### Saturday, 20 February

8.00 am Drysdale Prayer Breakfast

### Sunday, 21 February

#### Portarlington

9.00 am Rev David Walker

#### Drysdale

9.00 am W@ 9 Denise's Team

10.45 am Rev David Walker

6.00 pm Drysdale Special Birthday Tea, Clifton Springs Golf Club

### St Leonards

7.00 pm Worship @ 9 team Denise & Ian

## OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

### DRYSDALE

#### Lenten Studies

We warmly invite you to join us at the church each Tuesday night until Easter from 7.30 - 8.30 pm beginning next Tues. 16 February to explore 'Walking in Truth & Love' by David Mulready.

Optional donation of \$11. No prior knowledge is required, just a time of sharing and exploring the Letters of John. Contact Lynda Smith 0417037057 if interested.

#### Pancake Dinner

Thanks to everyone who supported our very successful Pancake Dinner.

\$746 was raised for UnitingCare. Well done everyone.

#### Loose Change Offering

Thank you for the \$180.30 provided for the first of our special offerings for the year. This year our loose change is for the Corio-Norlane UC Literacy and Numeracy program.

#### UCAF

First meeting for 2016 will be a commitment service, on 24 February, 1.30pm. All Welcome.

### Messy Church

Messy Church is on tonight 5 - 6.30 pm with the theme of "Sand." Special welcome to Archer Colley and his family for his baptism.

## PORTARLINGTON

**Let's get an early start for Frontier Services Old Timers Fete in 2016** How about **knitting squares** [4" or 20cm] and sewing them into a colourful knee rug?

We also need **shopping bags, aprons, beanies, bed socks, fingerless mittens, knitted toys, and anything else that is your craft speciality.**

Please look out balls of wool or spare remnants of material and place in the box in the St Andrew's church porch. That box will also be used to collect your finished goods by mid-May for transport to Alice Springs in time for the Old Timers Fete.

For those who don't knit, why not **donate** some balls of wool or lengths of useful material? See Wendy Quill for any queries phone 5259 3556

### Portarlington/St Leonards Annual Congregation Meeting and Church Council Elections

Our annual congregation meeting will be held on Sunday 6 March, immediately following Worship. Will all Ministry Team Leaders please prepare their annual reports and get them to me by email at [bruler@bigpond.com](mailto:bruler@bigpond.com) by the 15 February so I can compile the annual report.

The following Elders and Church Councillors terms expire and are eligible for re-election:

**Elders:** Jan Dryden  
Heather Gould  
Lorraine Hughes

**Church Councillors:** David Hughes  
Dorothy Knights  
Heather Pigdon.

Nomination forms are in the Narthex and should be completed and handed to Barry Ruler by 21 February. Other congregation people who are interested in serving on Church Council are warmly encouraged to speak to David or Lorraine Hughes or Barry Ruler. The election will be held on 28 February.

Any queries to Barry Ruler on 5259 3304.

**The Annual Congregational Meeting** is on Sunday 6 March and you are welcome to submit items for discussion. Please see Lorraine Hughes or email to [hughstwo@bigpond.com](mailto:hughstwo@bigpond.com) by 21 February.

**The Port Justice and Mission** team are planning an afternoon high tea to raise funds for **Lentara Asylum Seeker Project**. The date is Sunday 10 April. We are looking to borrow as many high cake stands as possible. If you can help please let Joy Porter know as soon as possible. 5259 2538, [ianjoyporter@netspace.net.au](mailto:ianjoyporter@netspace.net.au)

**Ecumenical Lenten Studies** begin at St. John's Anglican Church at 10.45am on Tuesday 16 Feb. Everyone welcome.