

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

World day of prayer - Cuba

Friday 4th March @ 10.00 am
Host church is Central Baptist Church,
Clifton Springs.
Guest speaker Mr Kevin Fuller
All welcome

Asylum Seeker Event – revised time and ticket booking details , Sunday 10 April

2.30pm at St Andrew's Uniting Church Hall
This year 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 and we would be
sorry if you missed out. Tickets are limited.
Indicate your interest by **March 13th** if
possible.

Ticket bookings and enquires to Marg
Manning 0409 334 480 or email:
margiemanning@inet.net.au Marg
McGillivray at Drysdale will have tickets also.

Rosters 28 February

Portarlinton

Managers: Keith & Heather Pigdon

Morning Tea: Dorothy & Keith

Knights

Pastoral Care: Barry Ruler

Prayers & Reader: Port Lay Team

Power Point Preparation: Pammi

Pryor

Lawn Rooster: 2/3 March

Harold Gould, Len Stratton, Barry

Ruler

Drysdale

Duty Elder: Bob Stevenson

Prayer & Readings: Port Lay Team

Welcome: Ken Handley

Morning Tea: Merrilyn Lloyd,

Brenda Jacobs

Flowers: Lynda Smith

Worship @ 9

Kitchen: Denise's Team

Counting: Jenni Nickleson

St Leonards - Anglican Service

Welcome: Margo Jones

Reading & Prayers: Lay Team

Brass: Wyn Moriarty, Marie

Alexander

Easter Biscuit Bake

Prison Fellowship Australia
We are invited to make homemade
biscuits (NO NUTS OR PEANUT
BUTTER). To be delivered to every
prisoner in Victoria. These biscuits
help spread the word of God's love
and Jesus' death and resurrection
For more information contact
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THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlinton



Drysdale

Lent 2

Sunday, 21 February 2016

Hope in the face of despair, trust in the face of fear, and faith in the face of doubt flow through today's scriptures. Jesus remains confident, even as the Pharisees warn of Herod's murderous desires. Abram believes God's promises of a child with Sarai, even as they grow older. Paul calls the Philippians to stand firm, even as enemies emerge and Paul's suffering in prison continues. The psalmist trusts in God's protection, even when facing danger and fear. Hope overcomes despair, trust replaces fear, and faith overcomes doubt, even on the journey to the cross.

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

21 February Lent 2	Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18 Phil 3: 17 - 4: 1	Psalms 27 Luke 13: 31-35
28 February Lent 3	Is 55: 1-9 1 Cor 10: 1-13	Psalms 63: 1-8 Luke 13: 1-9

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

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

Monday, 22 February

1.30 pm KYB at Lynda Smith's

2.00 pm St Leonards UCAF

Tuesday, 23 February

7.30 pm Drysdale Lenten Studies @
Church

Wednesday, 24 February

9.30 am Drysdale mainly music

1.30 pm Drysdale UCAF

Thursday, 25 February

9.00 am Portarlington Choir Practice

9.30 am Drysdale Choir Practice

Friday, 26 February

9.15 am Drysdale Friday School

Sunday, 28 February

Portarlington

9.00 am Port Lay Team, Keith Pigdon,
Dorothy Knights, Angeliki
Kefaloukas

Drysdale

9.00 am W@ 9 Cafe Church

10.45 am Port Lay Team

St Leonards

7.00 pm Port Lay Team

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, 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.

UCAF

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

Attention Working bees

Jobs need to be done around the church to keep the property in good order.

Working bees have been planned on the following dates:

7- May

6 October

5 November

Working bees commence at 8.30 am

Please put these dates in your diary and come along and help. Thank you

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 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 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

Ecumenical Lenten Studies at St. John's Anglican Church at 10.45am on Tuesdays Everyone welcome.

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, hughstwo@bigpond.com) or Marilyn Bertram (0439 966 370, bmbertram@bigpond.com) know by 21 February if you plan to join us.