

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@iinet.net.au
Marg McGillivray at Drysdale will have tickets also.

Bellarine School Ministry

Monthly Prayer Letter for February and Quarterly News Letters have been received from BSM, and copies posted on the church noticeboards for your information.

Rosters 6 March

Portarlinton

Managers: Keith & Heather Pigdon
Morning Tea: Dorothy & Keith Knights
Pastoral Care & Prayers: Rev Ian Porter
Reader: Joy Porter
Power Point Preparation: Joan Kelly

Drysdale

Duty Elder & Readings: Pat Handley
Prayer : Ken Handley
Welcome: Ken Handley
Morning Tea: Pat &, Ken Handley
Communion: Jen Davis
Flowers: Audrey Shepherd

Worship @ 9

Kitchen: Graeme's Team
Counting: Colleen Diamond

St Leonards - Anglican Service

Welcome: Shirley Hadden
Reading: Marion McGillivray
Prayers: Margo Jones
Brass: Margo Jones

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
St John's Anglican Church
52433561

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlinton



Drysdale

Lent 3

Sunday, 28 February 2016

Today's scriptures call us to look honestly at our own lives. Are the things that we "eat and drink"—the things that we take into our lives—truly nourishing us? Isaiah tells of those who buy "bread" that is not bread. In writing of the ancient Israelites who worshiped idols, Paul describes them as sitting down to eat and drink, but this meal is the prelude to destruction, not life. In earthy language, Jesus tells of a fig tree whose only hope is the enrichment of its soil, its food and drink. All of these passages call us to the true food of God's wisdom, love, and mercy. The invitation to dine and live—"Listen and come to me; / listen, and you will live." (Isaiah 55:3)—awaits our response: Coming, listening, repenting, and living anew.

Abingdon Worship

LECTIONARY

28 February Lent 3	Is 55: 1-9 1 Cor 10: 1-13	Psalm 63: 1-8 Luke 13: 1-9
6 March Lent 4	Jos 5: 9-12 2 Cor 5: 16-21	Psalm 32 Lk 15: 1-3, 11b-32

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 28 February

Portarlinton

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

Monday, 1 March

9.30 am KYB at Lynda Smith's

Tuesday, 2 March

7.30 pm Drysdale Lenten Studies

Wednesday, 3 March

9.30 am Drysdale mainly music
1.00 pm Drysdale Communal Prayer

Thursday, 4 March

9.00 am Portarlinton Choir Practice
9.30 am Drysdale Choir Practice

Friday, 5 March

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

10.00am at Central Baptist Church
9.15 am Drysdale Friday School

Sunday, 6 March

Portarlinton

9.00am Rev Ian Porter

Drysdale

9.00am W@9 Rev David Walker,
Denise's team assisting

10.45am Rev David Walker,
HC, Loose Change & Food
Bank both services

St Leonards

7.00pm Rev Ian Porter
Loose Change & Food bank

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Drysdale Prayer Breakfast

We were pleased to welcome Rev Paul Blacker as guest speaker to our first prayer breakfast for 2016. Paul spoke on his booklet 'Growing in Grace' which we will be studying at our prayer breakfasts this year. Paul gave a very interesting outline on his life and philosophies, being a third generation minister and shared with us information on other books he has written.

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 August

5 November

Working bees commence at 8.30 am
Please put these dates in your diary and come along and help. Thank you

Drysdale harvest festival.

This year our harvest festival will be Sunday 13th March. Please bring some produce- fresh, tins or packets of food.

These items will be taken to the Cottage by the Sea who are always very grateful.

PORTARLINGTON

Our Loose Change offerings support Samaritan House and medical clinics in Timor Leste. This month we have contributed \$108. Thank you everyone.

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.

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.

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 Merilyn Bertram (0439 966 370, bmertram@bigpond.com) know by 21 February if you plan to join us.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST.

The next Fellowship Breakfast will be held on Saturday 12th March, at 7-30am. Guest Speaker will be our own Nathan Morsillo. Nathan occupies a senior position with the NDIS. Many of us are unsure of the expected functions of the scheme and Nathan will enlighten us. All members of the Linked Congregations and their friends are warmly invited to attend. Acceptances please to Barry Ruler on 5259 3304 by Thursday evening 10th March, '16.

U.C.A.F. and others,

Have you visited the new Geelong Library yet? Would you like to join a guided tour? On Tuesday, 15th March, the U.C.A.F are joining a tour there at 11.00am followed by lunch at the Courthouse Cafe nearby. You are welcome to come along too, just let Elizabeth Thompson know you are interested by phone, 52592442 or by email , peldan7@gmail.com .
More details next week.