

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

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

The **Social Justice Letter Writing group** will get underway on **Friday 5 February at 10:15am** in the Hall at St Andrew's, Portarlington.

We bring ideas of what to write about and also use the regular Just Act brochure from the Justice and Mission Unit of Synod to guide our writing. We are a small but dedicated group and would welcome anyone who would like to join us. Inquiries to Merilyn Bertram 0439 966 370."

OUT of the DARKNESS exhibition

6 - 14 February, 10.00 am to 5.00 pm at the Uniting Church Hall, Cnr Hesse & Stokes Streets, Queenscliff. This Free exhibition combines paintings, fibres, graphics, photography, sculpture and text and encourages us to stand together to reinstate the UN Refugee Convention into Australian Law.

Rosters 14 February

Portarlington

Managers: Keith Knights & Barry Ruler

Morning Tea: Heather & Harrold Gould

Pastoral Care & Prayers: David Hughes

Reader: Lorraine Hughes

Communion Preparation: Lorraine Hughes

Communion Serve: Alex & Catherine Eagleson, David Hughes

Lawn Roster: 17/18 Feb. Robert & Wendy Sharp, Jan Hall

Drysdale

Communion Elder: Irene Stevenson

Duty Elder/Prayers: Jen Davis

Readings: Marguerite Edgar

Welcome: Wilma Mansell

Morning Tea: Val Place & Audrey Shepherd

Flowers: Wayne Myers

Worship @ 9

Kitchen: Wayne's Team

Counting: Lynda Smith

St Leonards - Anglican Service

Brass: Wyn Moriarty, Marie Alexander

Thought for the Day:

Helping others is a healing for our souls; especially someone who doesn't have the means to ever repay you.

2015 by Tafazal Mohammed

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Transfiguration of Jesus

Sunday, 7 February 2016

Let's face it, the transfiguration is kind of out there for modern times: Jesus glowing in the dark; two dead guys hanging in the air with him. And how did the disciples know it was Moses and Elijah anyway? What does this whole episode have to say to twenty-first century folks? It is not only Jesus who is transfigured. We, too, need to be transfigured by his life and his teachings. The key comes at the end of the story: God adding "Listen to him" after claiming Jesus for a second time—the first time occurring at his baptism. We are not to be so dazzled, that we, like Peter, miss the message. We are not to hang out in our mountaintop experience and build commemorative booths. We are to listen to Jesus, who calls us through his life—teaching us the radical, transformative, transfiguring, active love of God and God's people.

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

7 February	Ex 34: 29-35	Psalms 99
Transfiguration of Jesus	2 Cor 3: 12 - 4:2	Luke 9: 28-36, (37-43a)
14 February	Dt. 26: 1-11	Psalms 91: 1-2, 9-16
Lent 1	Rom 10: 8b-13	Luke 4: 1-13

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 7 February

Portarlington

9.00 am Rev Bob Thomas

Drysdale

9.00 am W@ 9 Rev David Walker,
Jenni's Team assisting
10.45 am Rev David Walker
*Holy Communion, Loose
Change and Food Bank both
services*

St Leonards

7.00 pm Rev Bob Thomas, *HC, Loose
Change and Food Bank*

Monday, 8 February

9.30 am KYB at Lynda Smith's
1.30 pm Portarlington UCAF
7.30 pm Drysdale Growing & Learning

Tuesday, 9 February

5.30 - 7.30 pm Drysdale Pancake Dinner
7.30 pm Drysdale Property Committee
7.30 pm Joint Coordinating Committee

Wednesday, 10 February

9.30 am Drysdale mainly music

Thursday, 11 February

9.00 am Portarlington Choir Practice
9.30 am Drysdale Choir Practice
7.30 pm Portarlington Church
Council Meeting

Friday, 12 February

9.15 am Drysdale Friday School

Saturday, 13 February

7.30 am Portarlington Fellowship
Breakfast

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

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Pancake Dinner

Tuesday 9 February is Shrove Tuesday and the date for our Pancake Dinner as a fundraiser for UnitingCare.

For \$15 (and \$5 for children under 12) you can have as many pancakes as you can eat. There will be both savoury and sweet pancakes with a choice of toppings (gluten free and vegetarian available). So give yourself a night off from cooking and come along to support this event from 5.30 - 7.30 pm.

Tickets can be pre-purchased from Jenni Nickelson or available at the door.



Messy Church

The first Messy Church for the year is next Sunday, 14 February 5 - 6.30 pm with the theme of "Sand." This year Messy Church runs every second month on the second Sunday. This is a great opportunity for worship for those who prefer a less formal atmosphere. The questions to be considered whilst doing the craft can sometimes be quite enlightening.

PORTARLINGTON

Portarlington Fellowship Breakfast

The first breakfast meeting for the year will be held on Saturday 13 February, at 7.30 am. Guest Speaker will be Ms Marianne Bridge. Marianne is an expert in Auslan sign language and has been heavily involved in this area for many years.

Would those attending please ensure you are on time as we will be getting through the breakfast program ASAP so that we can retire to the church and view Marianne's video presentation on the church TVs. The presentation may take about 1 hour so we may finish a little later than usual.

All members of the Linked Congregations and their friends are warmly invited to attend. Acceptances please to Barry Ruler. phone 5259 3304 by Thursday evening 11 February.

U.C.A.F.

The first meeting for 2016 will be a Commitment Service held in the church on Monday, 8 February at 1.30pm. The

service will include communion and the offering will aid the work of Frontier Services. Afternoon tea will be after a short discussion in the meeting room following the service. This meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend a service like this at this time of the year.

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.