

Thanks has been received from the Corio-Norlane Congregation and Presbytery for our contribution towards the Corio-Norlane Project. Which was much appreciated.

Plumber or Electrician Wanted

The Presbyterian Church in Vanuatu is upgrading and improving existing church owned accommodation, used for short term and long term housing as an income generating program that will provide the PCV with money to be put towards future Disaster Risk and Recovery projects. They are seeking qualified electricians and plumbers with their own tools to join the building team for 1 week in early April. Basic accommodation will be provided during the week and non-skilled family members are welcome to join. Contact Megan Calcaterra
meganc@unitingworld.org.au

Volunteers Wanted for Lazarus Community Drop In Centre

A committee of people from Wesley, St Mary's Christ Church and Uniting Care will open a 'drop-in' centre for home isolated people at 202 Myer Street Geelong (Governor's Residence at Old Geelong Gaol). It will operate on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9.00am and 4.00pm commencing on Monday 1 February. Volunteers are needed to staff the centre on shifts of 4 hours. Training will be provided. More details can be obtained from Wendy Leigh, phone 5222 4101.

Rosters 7 February

Portarlington

Managers: John & Jan Hall

Morning Tea: Keith & Heather

Pigdon

Pastoral Care & Prayers: Geoff

Pryor

Reader: Pammi Pryor

Power Point Preparation: Joan

Kelly

Drysdale

Communion Elder: Irene

Stevenson

Duty Elder/Prayers: Pat Handley

Readings: Margaret MacGillivray

Welcome: Brenda Jacobs

Morning Tea: Margaret & John

MacGillivray

Flowers: Marguerite Edgar

Worship @ 9

Kitchen: Graeme's Team

Counting: Ian McLaverty

St Leonards

Welcoming: Shirley Hadden

Reading: Marj Wilson

Prayers: Margo Jones

Brass & Flowers: Shirley Hadden

Thought for the day

"A true friend sees the 1st tear, catches the 2nd, and stops the 3rd!!"

*Author Unknown --- Submitted by
Emma Stenersen --- Minnesota*

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Epiphany 4

Sunday, 31 January 2016

"And the greatest of these is love" (1 Corinthians 13:13b). What better theme could there be for Christian worship? In his epistle to the Corinthians, Paul describes the attitude of love that should drive all of our relationships. His words are often used only at weddings, but they were intended as a guide for all people at all times. In the Hebrew Bible, we see God's parental love. For Jeremiah, it is the parent/child relationship that gives purpose and instruction. The psalmist reveals God's protective love, and our child-like need for it. A different kind of love emerges from the Gospel text. This is the love that speaks truth to power, even in the face of great danger. Love changes everything.

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

31 January
Epiphany 4

Jer 1: 4-10
1 Cor 13: 1-13

Psalm 71: 1-6
Luke 4: 21-30

7 February
Transfiguration
of Jesus

Ex 34: 29-35
2 Cor 3: 12 - 4:2

Psalm 99
Luke 9: 28-36, (37-43a)

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 31 January

Portarlington/St Leonards

9.00 am Combined Service, Rev Ian Porter

Drysdale

10.15 am Combined Service, Rev Neil Tolliday.
Followed by congregation annual meeting. Reports will be received and an election of elders held, with the re-nomination of Ken Handley, Denise McLaverty and Wayne Myers. Then a shared lunch.

Wednesday, 3 February

9.30 am Drysdale mainly music
1.00 pm Drysdale Communal Prayer

Thursday, 4 February

7.30 pm Drysdale Pastoral Care Mtg

Friday, 5 February

9.15 am Drysdale Friday School

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

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. 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.

Flower Roster for 2016

To help prepare this roster, please advise Wilma Mansell, phone 5253 1246 if you were on the roster for 2015 but do not want to be on the roster in 2016, or if you have not been on the roster but would like to do a turn or two throughout the year. Please advise Wilma today.

Messy Church

The first Messy Church for the year is on Sunday 14 February 5.00 - 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.

Prayer Chain

Would you like to join our email prayer chain? Special requests for prayer are sent by email as the need arises and members are asked to pray when they are able for the person or situation. Please speak to Wayne Myers if you would like to be included.

Communal Prayer Time

The first prayer gathering for the year will be on Wednesday 3 February at 1.00 pm in the church. This is a new day and time so that hopefully more can attend. It runs for about 30 minutes and you can either be there to listen and support the prayers or to actually make a prayer. It will take place every fortnight.

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.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

Profile

The Joint Nominating Committee (JNC) completed the work on the profile document for a new minister and this was approved by the Church Councils on 10 January.

It has been forwarded to Synod Placements Committee.

Please pray the provision of a name in the coming weeks.

UCA Synod of Victoria and Tasmania Major Strategic Review

Shaping a 21st Century Church

For an opportunity to hear and provide feedback on the vision and plans of the Major Strategic Review information sessions, open to all, are being held. Our closest one would:

Monday, 15 February, Hoppers Crossing, 6.30pm for 7.00pm start