

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

JustAct:-

Indians live in fear of shoddy nuclear reactors while Australia seeks to export uranium to India

Hundreds of thousands of local residents have protested against the construction of a Russian-built nuclear reactor near the town of Nagercoil, after they learnt it was constructed with shoddy materials. A second reactor, the largest in India, will be completed in the same area soon. It will be followed by two more reactors this year. Locals are concerned that the design and location of the reactors leave them vulnerable to a flooding disaster like the one experienced by Japan's Daichi reactor at Fukushima. They lack faith in the integrity of India's nuclear regulators. In 2012 Indian police fired into crowds of protesters. Two people were killed. The state government cut the electricity to the districts where protesters came from and ransacked protesters' homes. Our JIM Unit is continuing to oppose Australia's sale of uranium to India.

JIM thanks everyone who has already signed its postcard and asks us to consider inviting friends, family others also to sign the cards. **Contact Robyn.Hosking@victas.uca.org.au** to order more postcards.



Rosters 19 June

Portarlington

Managers: : David & Lorraine Hughes
Morning Tea: Ken & Elaine Farnell.

Pastoral Care: Dorothy Knights

Prayers: Dorothy Knights

Reader: Catherine Eagleson

Power Point Preparation: Joy Porter

Drysdale

Duty Elder: Rev Bob Thomas

Prayers : Rev Bob Thomas

Readings: Pat Handley

Morning Tea: Marguerite Edgar & Alma Milvain

Welcome: Wilma Mansell

Flowers: Merrilyn Lloyd

Worship @ 9

Kitchen: Denise's Team

Counting: Denise McLaverty

St Leonards -

Welcome: Margo Jones

Reading: Kaye Baulch

Prayers: Marj Wilson

Brass & Flowers: Shirley Hadden



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Pentecost 4 Sunday

Sunday, 12 June 2016

In today's readings, two infamous women are front and center: Jezebel and the sinful woman who bathed Jesus' feet with her tears. The power of stereotypes challenges us in these passages: Simon the Pharisee struggled with prejudice when he judged the woman who was anointing Jesus; and Paul struggled to accept and include Gentiles in the early church, reminding himself and others that grace is the common link between followers of Christ. King Ahab and Jezebel seem almost caricatures of self-absorbed, evil rulers. One could easily see Darth Vader of Star Wars and the White Witch of Narnia playing their roles. But even in basic stories of good versus evil the human need for grace abides. Heroes fall short and villains have a chance at redemption. This is not a fictional theme, but the theme of our human experience. Sinful women become the first to worship and anoint Jesus, and murderous inquisitors become transformed into leaders of the church, just as Saul was transformed into Paul. Grace is indeed amazing in its power to transform.

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

12 June	1 Kings 21:1-10(11-14),15-21a	Psalms 5:1-8
Pentecost 4	Galatians 2:15-21	Luke 7:36-8:3
19 June	1 Kings 19:1-4(5-7),8-15a	Psalms 42 and 43
Pentecost 4	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 12 June

Portarlington

9.00 am Rev Peter Gaydor-Whyte
Rev Margaret Manning

Drysdale

9.00 am Jenni's Team
10.45 am Jenni's Team
5.00 pm Messy Church

St Leonards

5.00pm Anglican Led

Tuesday, 14 June

12.15pm Portarlington UCAF

Wednesday, 15 June

9.30 am mainly music

Thursday, 16 June

9.00 am Portarlington Choir Practice
9.30 am Drysdale Choir Practice
11.00 am Portarlington Arcare Chapel Service.

Friday, 17 June

9.15 am Drysdale Friday School

Saturday, 18 June

7.30am Portarlington Fellowship Breakfast.

Sunday, 19 June

Portarlington

9.00 am Rev Neil Tolliday

Drysdale

9.00 am Wayne's Team
10.45 am Rev Neil Tolliday

St Leonards

5.00pm Wayne's Team

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Loose Change

This month's offering for the work of the Corio-Norlane Uniting Church was \$123.20. This is to be used with their literacy and numeracy program.

Thank you all.

Messy Church

The next Messy Church is on Sunday 12 June at 5.00 pm with a theme of "Multi-Cultural."

Messy Church is a way of being church for families involving fun, is found across the world, and it's values are about being Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.

DUC Activities Sheet

The Activities Sheet has been updated and copies are now available for your own use or passing on to anyone who shows an interest or comes to our services for the first time.

PORTARLINGTON

A Special Welcome

A special to all visitors today, especially those in Portarlington for the Celtic Festival, and worshipping at St Andrews this morning.

Roster Availability

A reminder to complete the form and place it in the box in the foyer. Extra notices are available as you enter the Church.

Small Change Offering

Congregations at St Andrew's and St Leonard set aside \$138.35 in June as their small change offering to be shared between Samaritan House and mobile clinics in Timor Leste.

UCAF.

Come on a Lunch Date to the Flying Brick Cider House Cafe, Cnr of Bellarine Highway and Swan Bay Rd, on Tuesday, 14 June at 12.15pm. Everyone is invited to be there, but please let Elizabeth know you are coming so there will be a seat at the table for you.

Please contact Elizabeth by Thursday, 9 June by ph. 52592442 or email to peldan7@gmail.com

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

Name Badges

A final opportunity before the order is sent. For all congregations - I am about to place an order for some new name badges. If any members of the three congregations require a new name

badge, I am about to place an order early in June.

Please email portarlingtonuc@gmail.com

Portarlington Fellowship Breakfast Saturday 18 June, 2016.

Our June meeting is being held on the 18th June due to the Celtic Festival on the Queens Birthday weekend. Guest Speaker will be Ms Jacqui Myers. Jacqui is a registered nurse working at St. John of God Hospital, Geelong in the pathology department. Jacqui regularly travels to Timor Leste as part of a medical team as a "train the trainer" to help the locals with their medical work and she will tell us of some of her experiences in this role. As a matter of interest, Jacqui is the daughter of our own Wendy Quill. Our congregation will remember that half of our loose change monthly collections are sent to help women's health in Timor Leste. 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 16th June.

The Coryule Chorus

Just alerting you to a forthcoming concert on **Wednesday 15 June at 2pm** at St James Anglican Church Drysdale.

The *Coryule Chorus* will present this benefit concert to assist both the St James building fund and choir funds. Joy Porter