

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

JustAct:-

Possible Changes to Illegal Logging Regulations

Illegally logging of timber destroys forests, their wildlife and clean water that flows from them. It releases vast amounts of greenhouse gasses that are causing climate change. More than this, it destroys the homeland of people native to these forests and destabilises the mountains that host the forests. Starvation, landslides and displacement are the fate of many of these indigenous people. Others scrape a living carrying logs on their shoulders to big timber companies, who pay them little and leave them to bear the penalty if they are caught with this illegal harvest.

Our Justice in Mission unit (JIM) campaigned successfully to have laws put in place to stop illegally logged timber from entering Australia. The Federal Government has since been considering watering down these laws. In 2014 and 2015 JIM asked church members to write letters to ensure the laws are kept intact. One concerning proposal is that any timber product certified as legal will be deemed 'legal' without further checking. JIM Unit opposes this as some timber certification schemes are very poor at ensuring timber is obtained legally. Another concern is that no businesses will be prosecuted for not having systems to check the legality of the timber they import until the changes to regulations are finalised. This allows illegal timber to continue coming into Australia now. The Federal Government has stated that it is committed to stopping illegally logged timber entering Australia and in contributing to ending illegal logging globally and that there will be public consultation on new measures. JIM welcomes these commitments and thanks everyone who wrote letters as part of our campaign to stop unfettered destruction of forest. We hope now for effective action.

Rosters 26 June

Portarlington

Managers: : David & Lorraine Hughes

Morning Tea: Ken & Elaine Farnell.

Pastoral Care: Barry Ruler

Prayers: Port. Lay Team

Reader: Port Lay Team

Power Point Preparation: Bruce Bertram

Lawns: Harold Gould, Barry Ruler, Len Stratton.

Drysdale

Duty Elder: Ken Handley

Prayers : Port Lay Team

Readings: Port Lay Team

Morning Tea: Win Baker & Andrea Lindsay

Welcome: Wilma Mansell

Flowers: Val Place

Worship @ 9

Kitchen: Graeme's Team

Counting: Lynda Smith

St Leonards -

Anglican Service

Brass & Flowers: Helen Steogen



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Pentecost 5 Sunday

Sunday, 19 June 2016

When faith casts out fear with the strength of God's love, all things are possible. Elijah knew fear, but rediscovered both his faith and his calling when he listened for the voice of God. The people surrounding the Gerasenes knew fear, but they chased Jesus away instead of listening for this new voice of hope and faith in their midst. The man possessed by the demons named Legion knew fear, but found faith in the dramatic healing that Jesus offered. When faith met fear, both Elijah and the man Jesus healed were sent forth to share their faith and God's hope. The psalmist reminds us to speak faith even to our inner fears: "Why, I ask myself, / are you so depressed? / Why are you upset inside? / Hope in God! / Because I will again give [God] thanks, / my saving presence and my God" (v. 5).

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

19 June Pentecost 5	1 Kings 19:1-4(5-7),8-15a Galatians 3:23-29	Psalm 42 and 43 Luke 8:26-39
26 June Pentecost 6	2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14 Galatians 5:1,13-25	Psalm 77:1-2,11-20 Luke 9:51-62

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

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

Monday, 20 June

9.30am KYB at Lynda's

Tuesday, 21 June

10.30am Drysdale Grove Chapel
Service

Wednesday, 22 June

9.30 am mainly music
1.00pm Drysdale Prayer Time
1.30pm Drysdale UCAF

Thursday, 23 June

9.00 am Portarlington Choir Practice
9.30 am Drysdale Choir Practice

Friday, 24 June

9.15 am Drysdale Friday School
4.15pm Portarlington Justice &
Mission team

Saturday, 25 June

8.00am Drysdale Prayer Breakfast.

Sunday, 26 June

Portarlington

9.00 am Lay Team Bertram

Drysdale

9.00 am Graeme's Team
10.45 am Lay Team Bertram

St Leonards

5.00pm Anglican Led

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Drysdale U. C.A.F.

Drysdale UCAF will meet 1.30pm
Wednesday 22 June.

Our Guest Speaker is Heather Gould
who will speak on the work of a J.P.
Everyone Welcome.

Drysdale Fete

Date for this years Fete is 15 October ..
Put this in your diary now. Please start
planting , knitting , sewing and
preserving.

Shoe Box Appeal

The annual shoe box appeal will kick off
in early July.

The boxes include

- something for school
- something to wear
- something to love
- something to play with
- an item of hygiene
- something special

No liquids , toothpaste, war toys, dice,
play dough.

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.

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

Seekers Study Group

Seekers study group will be having a
winter break for the next few weeks..
Look out for news of recommencement.
Any queries see Lorraine.

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.

ST. LEONARDS

St. Leonards U C A F

The St Leonards UCAF will meet at
12.30pm Monday 27 June.

This is our Bush Lunch .

For catering purposes could members
please ring Denise (5257 1969) if you
will be attending.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

ORDER OF AUSTRALIA AWARD

Both congregations are pleased to see
that our former minister Rev Rob
Gallacher was awarded a Medal of the
Order of Australia (OAM) in the Queen's
Birthday Awards for service to the
church and the history and practice of
church art. Rob was our minister from
1993 to 1999 and was the instigator of
the Drysdale Worship @ 9 service. He
encouraged the Sunday Schools and
held some sleepovers at his holiday
house near Winchelsea. In recent years
we linked again when Drysdale ran the
first Pilgrimage and we used an icon
"painted" by Rob for the Pilgrimage and
the Assembly and then again the next
year with a special icon created for
Drysdale. In passing on congratulations
this week Rob asked to be remembered
to all.
