

Lent Event

'Speak Up' is the coming week's theme for Lent Event - it's time to raise our voice alongside the world's poorest people. The campaign for Australian Aid informs us about the issues we care about as part of Lent Event – i.e. the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world that live on less than \$2 a day. As they strive daily to rise out of poverty and we can add our voice to theirs by communicating our concerns to the right people. Follow the steps at www.australianaid.org – it's just one way we can help to build a brighter future for the most vulnerable. And remember, Tuesday is International Women's Day that celebrates the courage and determination of ordinary women who've contributed to their communities. Be inspired and watch the video about UnitingWorld's project Partnering Women for Change at www.lentevent.com



THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Rosters 20 March

Portarlington

Managers: John & Jan Hall

Morning Tea: David & Lorraine Hughes

Pastoral Care & Prayers: Keith Pigdon

Reader: Angeliki Kefaloukas

Power Point Preparation: Pammi Pryor

Drysdale

Duty Elder & Prayers: Bob Thomas

Readings: Harvey Davis

Welcome: Wilma Mansell

Morning Tea: Margaret & Tony Freemantle

Flowers: Beryl Stanley

Worship @ 9

Kitchen: Waynes's Team

Counting: Val Lestrangle

St Leonards

Welcome: Miriam Tobin

Reading: Marj Wilson

Prayers & Brass: Margo Jones

Lent 5

Sunday, 13 March 2016

Today's scriptures call us to look forward rather than backward, and to envision God's future instead of focusing on our past. The new things that God can do in Christ Jesus are perceived through the eyes of faith— eyes that are guiding us into God's future. For Jesus, this meant turning his eyes and his path toward Jerusalem, even if that journey would lead to the cross. For us, this means turning our eyes toward Holy Week and the way of the cross, even as we trust in the promise of "new things" and new life that arise from God's Easter miracle.

Abingdon Worship

LECTIONARY

13 March	Is 43: 16-21	Ps 126
Lent 5	Phil 3: 4b-14	Jn12: 1-8
20 March	Is 50: 4-9a	Ps 118: 1-2, 19-29
Palm Sunday	Phil 2: 5-11	Lk 19: 28-40

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 13 March

Portarlington

9.00 am Rev Bob Thomas, HC,
Loose change & food bank

Drysdale

9.00 am W@9 Wayne's Team

10.45 am Rev Bob Thomas

St Leonards

9.00 am Combined Holy Communion
UCA/ Anglican Rev Malcolm Campbell

Monday, 14 March

1.30 pm UCAF Port

Tuesday, 15 March

10.30 am Drysdale Grove chapel

7.30 pm- 8.30pm Lenten Studies

Wednesday, 16 March

9.30 am Drysdale mainly music

1.00 pm Communal Prayer

Thursday, 17 March

9.00 am Portarlington Choir Practice

9.30 am Drysdale Choir Practice

11.00 am Arcare Port Chapel

Friday, 18 March

9.15 am Drysdale Friday School

Sunday, 20 March

Portarlington

9.00 am Rev David Walker

Drysdale

9.00 am Jenni's Team

10.45 am Rev David Walker

St Leonards

9.00 am W@9 Jenni's Team

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Drysdale Harvest Festival

This year our harvest festival will be this Sunday ,

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

Loose Change

Our offerings this month resulted in \$126.50. This goes to the Corio-Norlane Uniting Church numeracy and literacy program, and is greatly appreciated.

PORTARLINGTON

U.C.A.F. and others,

The guided tour of the Geelong Library organised by the U.C.A.F. for Tuesday, 15 March commences at 11.00 am. Lunch at the Courthouse Cafe will follow the time at the library. Everyone is welcome to join the tour and will those planning to come please let Elizabeth Thompson know on 52592442 or email peldan7@gmail.com so that carpooling can be arranged.

Church Lunch

You are invited to the first of our "After Church Lunches" for 2016. Once again we will meet at the Portarlington Golf Club at noon. The date to remember is Sunday 3rd April. Please let Lorraine Hughes know, by March 30th, if you are able to join us on that date. Phone 5259 2364 or email hughestwo@bigpond.com.

ST LEONARDS

St. Leonards UCAF.

This month's meeting of St. Leonards UCAF will be 1.30 pm Monday 21 March. This is due to Easter Monday on our usual meeting day.

The earlier start is so we can go to the Botanical gardens for afternoon tea (weather permitting)
See you on the 21st

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

Outback BBQ

Phil and Carol Spivey are holding an Adults only BBQ with music, dessert and coffee 8 Allara Court Clifton Springs, Saturday 19 March. 6-8 pm to raise money for the Uniting Church FRONTIER SERVICES to bring relief to those doing it tough in Outback Queensland. Cost \$15 per head plus please bring your own chair and bottle of drink.

Extra donations welcome or if you are unable to attend a donation would be greatly appreciated WE AIM TO RAISE \$500 plus so we are limiting it to approx. 50. Please email or phone Phil or Carol to confirm your place by 10 March. Ph 52513009 or caggle2000@hotmail.com

Emergency appeal- Fiji

Due to the recent cyclone, Share has launched an emergency appeal.

Donations will support Uniting World's partner, the Methodist Church in Fiji. If you wish to give a donation go online at www.shareappeal.org.au or call 1800 668 426

The Walk of Witness

Will be held on the 25 March, Good Friday.

It will leave St James Anglican Church (Collins St) at 11.00am, and proceed down Collins St stopping at the stations on the way and finish at the Drysdale Uniting Church hall at the rear of the church.

Then you can enjoy a hot cross bun, tea, coffee, and good fellowship

Asylum Seeker Event –, Sunday 10

April 2.30pm at St Andrew's Uniting Church Hall

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.

Indicate your interest by 13 March. Ticket bookings and enquires to Marg Manning 0409 334 480 or email: margiemanning@iinet.net.au Marg McGillivray at Drysdale also has tickets.