

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.

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

Rosters 13 March

Portarlington

Managers: John & Jan Hall

Morning Tea: David & Lorraine Hughes

Pastoral Care & Prayers & Communion Prep/Serve: Heather Gould

Communion Serve: Barry Ruler, Keith & Heather Pigdon

Reader: Elizabeth Kefaloukas

Power Point Preparation: Graham Vohmann

Drysdale

Duty Elder & Prayers: Bob Stevenson

Readings: Win Baker

Welcome: Wilma Mansell

Morning Tea: Val Place & Audrey Shepherd

Flowers: Alma Milvan

Worship @ 9

Kitchen: Jenni's Team

Counting: Colleen Diamond

St Leonards

Welcome: Margo Jones

Reading: Kaye Baulch

Prayers: Marj Wilson

Brass: Beryl Woodcock

Easter Biscuit Bake

Prison Fellowship Australia
We are invited to make homemade biscuits (NO NUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER) o be delivered to every prisoner in Victoria. These biscuits help spread the word of God's love and Jesus' death and resurrection
For more information contact
St John's Anglican Church
52433561

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Lent 4 Sunday, 6 March 2016

The story of the prodigal son is familiar to almost everyone. Members of the gathered community might identify with different characters in this story because of their own life experiences. Take the son - running away, not making the best choices in life, and ready to return home. Or the brother - feeling ignored and unrewarded for following the rules, for behaving the right way. Can anyone understand the forgiving and compassionate ways of the father in the story better than a parent?

There are many life situations that fit well with the themes of separation and reconciliation in this story: substance abuse and addiction; unresolved family disputes over money, land, inheritance; family members who seek to be reunited and reconciled with family. The story of the prodigal son is a model for welcoming and reconciling with those returning to their family.

Seasons of the Spirit

LECTIONARY

6 March Lent 4	Jos 5: 9-12 2 Cor 5: 16-21	Psalms 32 Lk 15: 1-3, 11b-32
13 March Lent 5	Is 43: 16-21 Phil 3: 4b-14	Ps 126 Jn12: 1-8

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 6 March

Portarlinton

9.00 am Rev Ian Porter
Annual Congregational Meeting

Drysdale

9.00 am W@9 Rev David Walker,
Denise's team assisting
10.45 am Rev David Walker,
HC, Loose Change & Food
Bank both services

St Leonards

7.00 pm Rev Ian Porter, HC
Loose Change & Food bank

Monday, 7 March

9.30 am KYB at Lynda Smith's
7.15 pm Growing and Learning HOME
GROUP

Tuesday, 8 March

10.45 am Port Ecumenical Lenten
Studies, Anglican Church

Wednesday, 9 March

9.30 am Drysdale mainly music

Thursday, 10 March

9.00 am Portarlinton Choir Practice
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Friday, 11 March

10.15am Portarlinton Social Justice
Letter Writing Group
9.15 am Drysdale Friday School

Sunday, 13 March

Portarlinton

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

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Attention Working bees

Jobs need to be done around the church
to keep the property in good order.
Working bees have been planned on the
following dates:

7 May
6 August
5 November

Working bees commence at 8.30 am
Please put these dates in your diary and
come along and help. Thank you

Drysdale Harvest Festival

This year our harvest festival will be
Sunday 13 March. Please bring some
produce- fresh, tins or packets of food.

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

PORTARLINGTON

**Let's get an early start for Frontier
Services Old Timers Fete in 2016** How
about **knitting squares** [4" or 20cm] and
sewing them into a colourful knee rug?

We also need **shopping bags, aprons,
beanies, bed socks, fingerless
mittens, knitted toys, and anything
else that is your craft speciality.**

Please look out balls of wool or spare
remnants of material and place in the
box in the St Andrew's church porch.
That box will also be used to collect your

finished goods by mid-May for transport
to Alice Springs in time for the Old
Timers Fete.

For those who don't knit, why not **donate**
some balls of wool or lengths of useful
material? See Wendy Quill for any
queries phone 5259 3556.

Home Group Meeting

First Home Group meeting is Monday
night 7th March at 7.15 at Hughes' place.
We'll begin with tea/coffee and general
chat. Bring yourself and your ideas.
Phone 5259 2364.

Thanks

Many thanks for your kindness shown at
the difficult time of Peter's passing.
Glen Poehland

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.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

Fellowship Breakfast

The next Fellowship Breakfast will be
held on Saturday 12 March, at 7.30am.
Guest Speaker will be our own Nathan
Morsillo. Nathan occupies a senior
position with the NDIS. Many of us are
unsure of the expected functions of the
scheme and Nathan will enlighten us. 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 10th March.

The Social Justice Letter Writing Group
will meet again next Friday 11th March in
the hall at St Andrew's UCA
Portarlinton at 10:15 am. New
correspondents warmly welcomed.
Enquiries to Merilyn Bertram
0439966370

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