

Traralgon was her first placement after ordination in 2014. She is a gifted minister with a commitment to working with members of the congregations to be worthwhile witnesses of Christ.

Her ministerial focus is very God centred and open to new programs. She will commence with us at the beginning of September. Please pray for Temukisa as she receives our call and makes the final commitment to our congregations.

Just Act: What our actions can achieve

Under the headline 'Origin Energy dumps coal', *Just Act* gives us reassurance that our letter can work.

In 2014 99% *Origin Energy's* electricity came from coal or natural gas. Members of the Uniting Church wrote to *Origin* urging the company to supporting renewable energy and moving away from fossil fuels. It appears *Origin Energy* has started to get the message. In October 2015 the company announced that it was undertaking major steps to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. It would close down its huge Eraring coal-fired power station by the early 2030s and would not invest in any future fossil fuel assets. Though Eraring is due to close in the 2030s anyway, the most important part of Origin's commitment is to its goal to obtain 100% of future electricity renewables, such as wind and solar. It will only keep some gas-fired power stations as back-up for renewable energy sources. Unfortunately Origin Energy also announced a 41% increase in charges for government-accredited Green Power. And it would be good to see recognition that use of fossil fuels causes more than carbon dioxide emissions. There are the health costs to people living and working near coal mines and generators and damage to good farm land and aquifers.

If these costs are taken into account it is more than likely that Green Power could be cheaper than electricity from fossil fuels. So there is some way to go yet. We still struggle to find ways to make companies shoulder the community costs of their production. But that is an issue for us to consider later. Meanwhile, let's be happy for signs of progress.

Rosters 8 May

Portarlington

Managers: Keith & Heather Pigdon

Morning Tea: John & Jan Hall

Pastoral Care & Prayers: Marilyn Bertram

Reader: Bruce Bertram

Communion Preparation/Serve: Marilyn Bertram

Communion Serve: Bruce Bertram, Keith & Heather Pigdon

Power Point Preparation: Joy Porter

Lawn Roster 11/12 May: Keith Knights, Barry Ruler, Alex Eagleson

Drysdale

Duty Elder & Prayers: Irene Stevenson

Communion Elder: Brenda Jacobs

Readings: Marguerite Edgar

Morning Tea: Pat & Ken Handley

Welcome: Wilma Mansell

Flowers: Jonnie Mander

Worship @ 9

Kitchen: Wayne's team

Counting: Jonnie Mander

St Leonards - Anglican Service

Flowers and Brass: Wyn Moriarty, Marie Alexander

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Easter 6

Sunday, 1 May 2016

Today's readings remind us that Christian faith is about relationships: the believer living in God, and the triune God living with us and in us. When Lydia became a believer, she made a home in her heart for God, and she made room in her house for Paul and the disciples. As Jesus promised, the Holy Spirit lives in his followers, teaching and reminding them of all that he said. Nations who follow God's guidance will receive the saving power and blessing of God and be judged with justice and equity. The ultimate promise for all who live in God is consolation, healing, provision, and peace.

Abingdon Worship

LECTIONARY

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| 1 May | Acts 16: 9-15 | Psalm 67 |
| Easter 6 | Rev 21: 10, 22 - 22: 5 | John 14: 23-29 or John 5: 1-9 |
| 8 May | Acts 16: 16-34 | Psalm 97 |
| Easter 7 | Rev 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21 | John 17: 20-26 |

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 1 May

Portarlinton

9.00 am Rev Ian Porter

Drysdale

9.00 am W@9, Rev David Walker

10.45 am Rev David Walker
Loose change, food bank and HC both services

6.00 pm Drysdale Special Birthday
Tea, CS Golf Club

St Leonards

5.00pm Rev Ian Porter, HC
Loose change & food bank

Monday, 2 May

9.30 am KYB .at Lynda's

7.15 pm Portarlinton Seekers Home
Group

Wednesday, 4 May

9.30 am mainly music

Thursday, 5 May

9.00 am Portarlinton Choir Practice

9.30 am Drysdale Choir Practice

7.30 pm Drysdale Pastoral Care
Team

Friday, 6 May

9.15 am Drysdale Friday School

Sunday, 8 May (Mother's Day)

Portarlinton

9.00 am Rev Bob Thomas, HC,
Loose change & Food Bank

Drysdale

9.00 am W@9, Cafe Church

10.45 am Rev Bob Thomas

St Leonards

5.00pm Anglican Led

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Worship @ 9 - 18th Anniversary!

Next Tuesday, 3 May is the 18th
Anniversary of Worship @ 9.

We praise God for the blessing of
Worship @ 9 and ask for his continued
guidance and direction on this service.

Membership Roll

The membership directory is being
updated for reprinting. The current listing
is displayed in the foyer for checking and
updating of any details. Your attention to
this will be appreciated.

Annual Church Dinner

Please come along and support this
major fund raiser and have a great night
out . A three course meal, all dietary
requirements provided for, will be
followed by community singing lead by
David & Sue Gibbons and Vicki Wills
(back by popular demand!)

Saturday, 21 May,
6.00 pm for 6.1 5pm serving
Adult \$20, Children under 12 \$10,
under 6 \$7.

Tickets are available now from Val
Lestrangle.

PORTARLINGTON

Justice and Mission group letter writing

Justice letter writing dates are 2nd
Friday of the month in the St Andrew's
church hall from 10.15 to 11.30 am:

so Fridays May 13th, June 10th, July 8th,
Aug 12th, Sept 8th, Oct 13th, Nov 10th,
Dec 9th.

People from all congregations are
welcome. Enjoy a cuppa, chat and bring
your letter writing equipment:- Laptop,
envelopes/paper. The Synod 's *Just Act*
publication is very good resource to
assist with letter writing ideas, as is the
discussion we share each month.

And a post script: well written and
informed letters are taken quite seriously
by our political leaders and various
parliamentary committees.

Fellowship Breakfast, 14 May 2016

Our May meeting will be held on
Saturday 14 May, 2016, commencing at
7.30 am. Guest Speaker will be
Ms Elena Hobson. Elena owns Portside
Physiotherapy in Portarlinton. Elena
has been part of a Physio support group
for a long distance runner who has been
running to highlight awareness of water
shortages around the world. Elena has
been part of the crew in Uluru, South
Africa and Chile and she will tell us of
her experiences.

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 12 May, 2016.

U.C.A.F.

The meeting this month is on Monday,
9 May at 1.30 pm in the Meeting room.
Rev. Bob Stevenson will lead us in a
Bible Study. Everyone most welcome.

"seekers" (home group) will meet on
Monday 2 May at 7.15 pm at Hughes'
place for coffee and chat followed by our
study. All Welcome.

Goods for Frontier Services Old Timers Fete

Are you are knitting or sewing goods for
the Old Timers Fete? We need your
items by 15 May.

We need **shopping bags, knee rugs,
beanies, bed socks, fingerless
mittens, knitted toys, aprons, tea
cosies, and anything else that is your
craft specialty.**

Please place your finished goods in the
box in the Church Narthex or give to
Wendy Quill by 15 May.

Have fun crafting. See Wendy for any
queries phone 5259 3556

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

Selected Minister

The congregation meetings accepted the
recommendation of the Joint Nominating
Committee to call the Rev Temukisa
Amituana'i-Vaeluaga, currently at
Traralgon District Uniting Churches..
Temukisa is married to Rev Sani
Vaeluaga and has 5 adult children who
live in St. Albans Park and New Zealand.

Temukisa was born in Samoa, educated
in New Zealand and Australia, and is
now an Australian citizen who speaks
perfect English. (cont. over)