

## New Minister

With great joy and thanks to God we have received the formal acceptance of the call for ministry from Rev Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga.

## The Annual Reconciliation in the Park

**Event** will be held again in Johnstone Park, 10 am to 3 pm, Sunday 29 May. Many activities for all ages.

Please consider supporting our Wathaurong people and the One Fire Reconciliation Group by attending this free celebration.

## JustAct – May 2016

### A petition urging the removal of loop holes for corporate tax avoidance

The recent leak of the "Panama Papers" has exposed the elaborate system of fraudulent shell companies use by wealthy businesses to hide billions of dollars owed to the public as taxes. This is money that is not then used to support education, hospitals, services for homeless people, aged care, protection of our environment and the many other services that are needed by communities. By allowing companies and wealthy people, including criminals, to hide money in shell companies, governments are giving billions to wealthy people through tax dodges and fraud.

Our Parliament can outlaw the use of fraudulent shell companies and other questionable means of tax avoidance.

JustAct has enclosed a petition for us from the 'Tax Justice Network Australia. It urges the government to take the steps needed to make illegal the use of SHELL COMPANIES and secrecy to avoid paying their fair share of taxes and cover money laundering. **The petition is available for you to read and sign after church today.**

## Rosters 22 May

### Portarlington

**Managers:** John & Jan Hall  
**Morning Tea:** Brenda & Graeme Vohmann  
**Pastoral Care:** Barry Ruler  
**Prayers & Reader:** Drysdale Lay Team  
**Power Point Preparation:** Bruce Bertram

**Lawn Roster:** 25/26 May  
Contractor

### Drysdale

**Duty Elder:** Bob Stevenson  
**Prayers & Readings:** Drysdale Lay Team  
**Morning Tea:** Margaret & Tony Freemantle  
**Welcome:** Brenda Jacobs  
**Flowers:** Norma Taylor

### Worship @ 9

**Kitchen:** Denise's team  
**Counting:** Colleen Diamond

**St Leonards - Anglican Service**  
**Flowers and Brass:** Wyn Moriarty, Marie Alexander

*Come, Spirit, gather us as one.  
Gather us for worship and praise;  
gather us to be formed in your word  
and your ways. Come, Spirit, scatter  
us, one for all. Scatter us as your  
Body of Christ for the sake of this  
God-loved world. Amen*



## THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

## Day of Pentecost

**Sunday, 15 May 2016**

Festival days in the Christian calendar are often more challenging than those in ordinary time because they have become familiar to the congregation and worship planners. In spite of the liturgical challenges, Pentecost remains one of the most significant holy days of the Christian calendar because it dramatizes how the children of God (Romans 8:14-17), emerged with the power needed to do the greater works that Jesus promised (John 14:8-17). The familiar text from Acts 2 reminds us of the highly inclusive nature of God's holy Church from the time that it sprang into existence. From the day that the Church became visible, we are reminded that our mission as the body of Christ is to reach those who have not had an opportunity to hear God in a language that they understand.

*Abingdon Worship*

## LECTIONARY

15 May	Acts 2: 1-21 or Gen 11: 1-19	Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b
Day of Pentecost	Romans 8: 14-17 or Acts 2: 1-21	John 14: 8-17, (25-27)
22 May	Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31	Psalm 8
Trinity Sunday	Romans 5: 1-5	John 16: 12-15

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

### Sunday, 15 May

#### Portarlinton

9.00 am Rev Bob Thomas

#### Drysdale

9.00 am W@9, Graeme's Team

10.45 am Rev Bob Thomas

#### St Leonards

5.00pm W@9 Graeme's Team

### Monday, 16 May

9.30 am KYB at Lynda's

7.15 pm Portarlinton 'seekers'

### Tuesday, 17 May

10.30 am Drysdale Grove Chapel Service

7.30 pm Drysdale Worship Meeting

### Wednesday, 18 May

9.30 am mainly music

### Thursday, 19 May

9.00 am Portarlinton Choir Practice

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11.00 am Portarlinton Arcare Chapel Service

7.30 pm Drysdale Church Council

### Friday, 20 May

9.15 am Drysdale Friday School

### Saturday, 21 May

8.00 am Drysdale Prayer Breakfast, Zoo Cafe, all welcome

6.15 pm Drysdale Annual Church Dinner

### Sunday, 22 May

#### Portarlinton

9.00 am Drysdale Lay Team, Pat & Ken Handley

### Drysdale

9.00 am Jenni's team, with Rev Margaret Manning and Baptism

10.45 am Drysdale Lay Team, Pat & Ken Handley

#### St Leonards

5.00pm Anglican led

## OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

### DRYSDALE

#### Retreat

Saturday 28 May is our ninth annual Retreat. It will again be held at Portarlinton Guide Hall from 9.30 am to 5.00 pm. There is no cost other than bringing one food item from the requirements list. Please book in on the form in the foyer.

Guest presenter this year will be our own Rev Bob Thomas who is planning a session around the Creation. Phil Spivey will lead a session on Children's time in worship; Graeme Dryden will introduce the personal contemplation time; plus more. It will start and finish with worship and involve lots of eating and fellowship.

#### Annual Church Dinner

Please come along with friends and family to 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.

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

Last chance to get your tickets, or phone Val Lestrangle on 52513125.

## PORTARLINGTON

### Recognition & Appreciation

It is with a degree of sadness that Church Council announces the resignation of Mr. Barry Ruler as secretary of Portarlinton/St Leonards Uniting Church Council.

Barry has held this role for the past 20 years, during which time he was worked tirelessly, communicating, administering and representing the members and worshipers in Portarlinton / St Leonards. His involvement and knowledge of the wider community has been invaluable in the role he carried out in the Church community. Barry has also indicated that he will step down at this time from the role of Elder as well.

Barry will continue to take an active role in aspects of life around the Church in the coming days.

As a Church Council we would like to formally and publicly acknowledge Barry's dedication, service and commitment over the past 20 years.

#### Seekers

"seekers" (home group) will meet on Monday 16 May at 7.15 pm at Hughes'

place for coffee and chat followed by our study. All Welcome.

### Small Change

Portarlinton and St Leonard's Small Change offering for May was \$110.85 and will be shared between Samaritan House and Mobile Medical Teams in Timor Leste.

### Goods for Frontier Services Old Timers Fete

Are you are knitting or sewing goods for the Old Timers Fete? We need your items by today!

**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, 5259 3556.

## FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

### Dissident Prophet? Larrikin Priest?

Come and hear Father Bob Maguire speak about his work in the Community with The Father Bob Maguire Foundation, and broader social justice issues facing Australians today. Fr Bob is an outspoken advocate for the disadvantaged, the marginalized, and the vulnerable.

Geelong Justice Interchurch Network host an evening with Father Bob in Geelong Thursday 26 May, 7.30 pm, Wesley Uniting Church Geelong.