

## 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

TAFE FUNDING – pluses and minuses Thank you everyone who signed the petition asking for government action to end tax avoidance through use of shell companies and other fiddles. Special thanks those who spoke to our congregations and collected the signed petitions. Now to some progress on another issue:

JustAct's campaign to restore funding to TAFEs, particularly for disadvantaged people, (Indigenous students, those with disabilities and unemployed people) has had some success. Following the 2012 cuts to TAFE funding in 2012, there was around a 30% drop in enrolment of these students. The Victorian Government has committed to providing \$50 million to TAFEs to support vulnerable students. Part of this will be used to fund a Hospitality Employment and Training at the William Angliss Institute. It will provide a 12 week full-time program of youth re-engagement that offers counselling and services alongside hospitality training and employment support for vulnerable young people. JustAct thanks everyone who wrote letters in support of TAFE funding.

## Rosters 29 May

**Portarlington  
Combined @ Drysdale**

## Drysdale

**Duty Elder:** Ken Handley  
**Prayers** Graeme Dryden  
**Readings:** Wayne Myers  
**Morning Tea:** Worship@9  
**Welcome:** Brenda Jacobs  
**Flowers:** Wilma Mansell

**St Leonards - Anglican Service  
Combined @ Drysdale**

## 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.

# THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

## Trinity Sunday

**Sunday, 22 May 2016**

On this Trinity Sunday, the Spirit of Wisdom emerges as a primary theme. Created in the beginning, the Spirit of Wisdom rejoices in God's creation and brings truth and wisdom to the human creature. Sent as a gift after Jesus' Ascension, this Spirit inspires and empowers Christ's followers to live the truth we have received from Christ.

Abingdon Worship Annual

## LECTIONARY

22 May Trinity Sunday	Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31 Romans 5: 1-5	Psalm 8 John 16: 12-15
29 May Pentecost 2	1 Kings 18:20-21(22-29)30-39 Galatians 1: 1-12	Psalm 96 Luke :7 1-10

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

### Sunday, 22 May

#### Portarlington

9.00 am Drysdale Lay Team, Pat & Ken Handley

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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

### Monday, 23 May

2.00 pm St. Leonards UCAF

### Wednesday, 25 May

9.30 am mainly music

1.00 pm Drysdale communal prayer time

1.30 pm Drysdale UCAF

### Thursday, 26 May

9.00 am Portarlington Choir Practice

9.30 am Drysdale Choir Practice

### Friday, 27 May

9.15 am Drysdale Friday School

### Saturday, 28 May

9.30 am Drysdale Retreat . all welcome

### Sunday, 29 May

**All Combined at Drysdale @10.15am**

Rev. David Walker

## OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

### DRYSDALE

#### BAPTISM

We welcome today the family and friends of Olivia Trish Myers for her baptism at the Worship @ 9 service. May God's blessings be with you always.

#### Retreat

Saturday 28 May is our ninth annual Retreat. It will again be held at Portarlington 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.

#### mainly music

How we celebrated Mother's Day at mainly music We were delighted to be able to share a gift of a coffee cup filled with goodies to our mainly music Mothers. Even more gratifying was that we welcomed some grandmothers for their first visit to mainly music, who accepted our gift and enjoyed the session. One Mum shared that she was almost brought to tears with our kindness and another said the

painted handprint and poem gift was extra special because it is the only gift she would receive which is actually made by her child.

We are '*reaching out with God's love and care*' indeed and everything we do at mainly music involves a team of willing helpers. Lynda Smith

(on behalf of the mainly music team.)

### PORTARLINGTON

#### Recognition & Appreciation

It is with a degree of sadness that Church Council announces the retirement of Mr. Barry Ruler as secretary of Portarlington/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 Portarlington / 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.

## ST. LEONARDS

### UCAF

This is our birthday meeting and we would love to have you come and celebrate with us.

Guest speaker : Lynda Smith who will talk on "mainly music".

Our famous afternoon tea will follow . We hope you can come. All welcome. Donation

s gratefully accepted.

Devotions:-Margo Jones

### FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

#### Combined Service

The Linked Congregations of Bellarine will worship together on Sunday 29 May at 10.15 am at Drysdale. The service, to be conducted by Rev David Walker, will be followed by a shared lunch. This is a valuable opportunity to interact with members of the other congregation.

#### 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.