

There can be no question that the work of faith, of receiving God's grace, and of following Christ in worship and service, is a life long journey of perseverance and faithfulness. And it is because of God's faithfulness toward us that we can even contemplate this life. But, if we will contemplate it, and if we can commit to the long haul, we will see change happening in us and we will see justice coming a little more to our world. There is so much that needs to be changed in our world and the stakes are so high that we can easily be disillusioned when the work of justice changes things slowly or in less than dramatic ways. The call to persistence is clear from Jesus, and it is directly linked with our prayer life – our relationship with God.

our father *Luke 11:1-13*

before I ask
I have to understand
that even I am worthy
of your hand

before I seek
I need to comprehend
that you are my companion
to the end
before I knock
I want to know for sure
that you'll be there to greet me
at the door
and so I pray this way
Our Father ...

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Rosters for 4 August

PORTARLINGTON

Managers: Marg Hutcheon & Sue Handley
Morning tea : Bob & Wendy Sharp
Pastoral Care : Joy Porter
Prayers : Joy Porter
Reader : Pam Pryor
Power Point Preparer : Joan Kelly

DRYSDALE

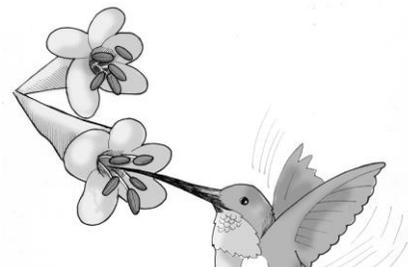
W@9
Kitchen Wayne's Team
Counting Colleen Diamond

10.45am

Elder: Bob Stevenson
Prayers: Bob Stevenson
Readings: Jen Davis
Com Elder: Jen Davis
Door: Hazel & Lindsay James
Morning tea: Marg Macleod & Audrey Shepherd
Flowers: Wilma Mansell
Food bank delivery for August;
Nicola Morrish

ST. LEONARDS

Welcoming: Marj Wilson
Reading : Marion McGillivray
Prayer: : Alvys
Brass & Flowers: Miriam Tobin & Mari Wilson



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Pentecost 10

Sunday 28 July 2013

This week's texts are helpful reminders of persistence and reliance, and of Christian discipleship. The psalmist proclaims the "unfailing" love and mercy of God. Hosea highlights the consequences of humanity's attempt at self-reliance. Luke teaches that, through prayer, we can rely upon God to meet our needs. Paul reminds us that we are dependent upon the very person of Jesus Christ—for we are rooted, built up, and strengthened in him alone.

Ministry Matters

LECTIONARY

July 28	Hosea 1:2-10	Psalm 85
Pentecost 10 (17)	Colossians 2:6-15(16-19)	Luke 11:1-13
August 4	Hosea 11: 1-11	Psalm 107: 1-0,43
Pentecost 11 (18)	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12: 13-21

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

SUNDAY 28 July

Portarlington

9.00am Portarlington Lay Team.
Keith Pigdon's team

Drysdale

Worship @ 9 Rev. Marion Latham
Jenni's team assisting
10.45am Portarlington Lay Team.
Keith Pigdon's team

St Leonards

5.00pm Portarlington Lay Team.
Keith Pigdon's team

WEDNESDAY 24 July

9.30am-12.30pm Drysdale mainly music
10:00am Drysdale Coffee and Chat

THURSDAY 25 July

9.00am Drysdale & Portarlington
Choir Practice

SUNDAY 4 August

Portarlington

9am Rev Ian Porter

Drysdale

10.45am Rev, Marion Latham H.C.
9am W@9 Rev. Marion Latham H.C.
Graeme's team assisting
Loose change & food bank @ both services

St. Leonards

5pm Rev. Marion Latham

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

Film afternoon

Come along to our Film Afternoon at the Gaynor Leopold Theatre on Sunday 11 August. The film will commence at 1.30pm and be followed with afternoon tea. The film chosen is "The Last of the Blonde Bombshells" starring Judi Dench, Ian Holm, Leslie Caron and Joan Sims. Tickets costing \$14.00 are available from Margaret Freemantle and Wayne Myers

Loose Change Offering.

Next week is our last loose change offering for the water projects in Papua New Guinea. This project is under the auspices of Uniting World. Our loose change mounts up, and helps us and our church to support those with needs that we take for granted.

ST. LEONARDS

Film Afternoon

The Anglican Church is holding a film afternoon on August 4th at the Leopold theatre, Arden St.
The film is "Quartet" with Maggie Smith
Time 1.30pm. Cost \$14.00 includes afternoon tea.
Tickets from Helen Steogen 52572294
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St. Leonards **UCAF** have received an invitation from Geelong East UCAF. to attend a Danny Blume afternoon at 2pm on Monday August 5th. Entry \$7.00. Afternoon tea. If anyone is interested in going please ring Marj Wilson on 5257 1096, Marj will supply transport.

ALL OUR CONGREGATIONS

Our Father

I cannot say 'Our' if my religion has no room for others and their needs

I cannot say 'Father' if I do not demonstrate this in my daily life. I cannot say 'who art in heaven' if all my interests are in things and possessions.

I cannot say 'hallowed be thy name' if I am not holy.

I cannot say 'thy kingdom come' if I act like I am the centre of the universe.

I cannot say 'thy will be done' if I am unwilling or resentful of having it in my life.

I cannot say 'on earth as it is in heaven' unless I am willing to serve and help others.

I cannot say 'give us this day our daily bread' without providing for others.

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I cannot say 'forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us' if I continue to harbour a grudge against anyone.

I cannot say 'lead us not into temptation' if I deliberately choose to remain in a situation where I am likely to be tempted. I cannot say 'deliver us from evil' if I am not prepared to back up my plea for God's help with

constant prayer.

I cannot say 'thine is the kingdom' if I do not act as part of that kingdom-responsible, caring, and willing to serve.

I cannot say 'thine is the glory' if I am seeking my own glory first. I cannot say 'forever' if I am too anxious about each day's worries and activities.

I cannot say 'Amen' unless I honestly say, "Cost what it may, this is my prayer."

You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer and even once say 'I';
You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer and even once say 'My';
Nor can you pray the Lord's Prayer and not pray for another,
For when you pray for daily bread, you must include your sister and your brother;

For others are included in each and every plea;
From the beginning to the end of it, It does not once say 'Me!'

