

Another thought on the lectionary

Your Locked Door Luke 16: 19-31
who lies unnoticed and unattended
on the other side
covered in the wet breath of dogs
twisted by the tongues of passers by
happy to be flung a scrap
if only you were able to see them
who lies unnoticed and unattended
on the other side
of your locked door
not some ethereal entry point
into the realms beyond
this door opens into your
street, your town, your city, your nation
the door by which you come and go
bring in the groceries
put out the bins
bring in the tourists put out the asylum
seekers
no knock just endless waiting
to be seen who lies unnoticed
and unattended on the other side of
your locked door
the invisible presence the nameless
face the detainee reminding you that
doors are almost always locked from
the inside and you hold the key
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God of the hungry and rich alike,
you cast us together that we might feed
each other. Let us not neglect
those at our gates Let there be no
chasm separating your children.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and
ever. Amen.

Rosters for 6th October

PORTARLINGTON

9:00am

Managers: Keith & Heather Pigdon
Morning tea : Dorothy & Keith Knights
Pastoral Care : Malcolm Campbell
Prayers : Malcolm Campbell
Reader : Margaret Campbell
Power Point.: Joy Porter

DRYSDALE

9:00am W@9

Kitchen Wayne's Team
Counting Denise McLaverty
10.15pm
Elder: Pat Handley
Prayers : Pat Handley
Readings: Margaret Freemantle
Door: Marion McGillivray
Morning tea Marjory Macleod and
Audrey Shepherd
Flowers: Ev. Young

ST. LEONARDS

5.00pm St. Leonards

Greeting Marj Wilson
Reading Marion McGillivray
Prayer Marj Wilson
Brass & Flowers: Shirley Haddon



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Pentecost 19

Sunday 29 September 2013

We can trust God in all circumstances and with all aspects of our lives. In the midst of enemy occupation and on the brink of exile, the prophet Jeremiah trusts that God has a promising future for the Hebrew people and their homeland. A seemingly irrational act in enemy-occupied territory, Jeremiah buys the deed to a piece of property as a statement of radical trust in God. Psalm 91 is a litany of trust in the face of dangers—a trust answered by God's own words of reassurance. Timothy reminds us that even in settled times, wealth and status, rather than war and physical danger, often lure us away from placing our faith in God. Luke emphasizes this point through the caricature of a rich man who does not trust God. The unnamed rich man is so wrapped up in his status and wealth that even in the torment of death, he still is trying to take charge of his life and of God. Trusting in God, we find the peace that passes all understanding and the strength to heed Christ's call.

LECTIONARY

September 29	Jeremiah 32:1-3a,6-15	Psalm 91:1-6,14-16
Pentecost 19	Timothy 1:6-19	Luke: 16: 19-31

October 6 th	Lamentations 1:1-6	Lamentations 3:19-26
Pentecost 20 (or	Psalm 137)	2Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17-10

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

SUNDAY 29th September

St. Leonards

5.00pm Combined Service
Rev Marion Latham

Portarlington

5.00 pm Combined Service
At St. Leonards
Rev Marion Latham

Drysdale

10.15 am Combined Service
Rev Marion Latham

Tuesday 1st October

9:30am Drysdale KYB At Lynda's
Tuesday October 8, 7.30 pm Drysdale
Worship Leaders *(NOTE: Change of
date from original meeting time table.)*

WEDNESDAY 2nd October

10:00 am Drysdale Coffee and Chat
7:30 Portarlington Pastoral Care

THURSDAY 3rd October

9.00am Choir practice
7:00 pm. Portarlington Special Church
Council Meeting

Daylight Savings begins, 2 am

Sunday October 6. Change your
clocks on Saturday night.*

SUNDAY 6th October

Portarlington

9.00 am Portarlington
Rev. Margaret Manning

Drysdale

9:00am W@9 Rev Marion Latham H/C
Loose change offering and Food bank
offering (Denise's team to assist.)

10:45 am Rev Marion Latham H/C
Loose change offering and Food bank
offering

St. Leonards

7.00pm Rev Marion
As from Sunday, October 6, St.
Leonards begins worship at 7 pm

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Garage Sale Sat 26th October

Please mark the date and start setting
aside goods or planting pots etc.
Contact Wayne Myers or Lynda Smith

Pilgrimage Planning

Are you interested in helping to prepare
the liturgy for this year's Pilgrimage
being held on Saturday 9th November
Come along to the church on
Wednesday 25th September at 11.00am
to help. This years theme is Trees of Life.

Loose Change Offering

Our offerings until the end of year is
going to Uniting World's Women's
Leadership project in the Solomon
Islands. This project will take training
and resources to a wide range of women
from local communities. The Uniting
Church if Solomon Islands has a
membership of 56,000 and sees this
project as extending its development
activity.

Toolbox

Toolbox helps great parents to grow
great kids!

The program is six sessions to equip
parents to enjoy their kids and get the
best from the Early Years.(0-6)
Venue : Drysdale Uniting Church
When :Six sessions on Tuesday
evenings 15,22 &29 October and 5,12 &
19 November.

Time :7.30-9.30pm

Cost \$40 Single, \$70 Family

This includes an extensive manual for
each person/family to keep and supper.
The most important years in a child's
development are these early years. So
what really matters? Learn how to lay
the building blocks for great future
Contact :Val Lestrage
Email :rayvall01@bigpond.com

ALL OUR CONGREGATIONS

Advance Notices

The annual General meeting of the
Drysdale Uniting Care Op-Shop
Management committee will be held at
the Drysdale Uniting Church on the 13th
November at 1.30pm.

The Op-Shop has been very successful
outreach for the church. We are looking
for "New Blood" to sustain our
momentum.

Show your support. Please come along.

Members of the Linked congregations
are reminded that the **Portarlington**
"**Blooming Plants & home made Fair**"
will be held on Saturday 16th November
from 9-00am 'til early pm,
in the Church Hall, Newcombe St.
Portarlington.

Over 200 potted pelargoniums, most in
full bloom, other garden plants, Home
made Stall (craft & other useful items,
Yummy home made Cake Stall, morning
tea or coffee(Scones, jam, cream)
Come along, have a browse, maybe
make a purchase or two and relax and
have a lovely morning tea. Further info
from Barry on 04275 13950.

OCTOBER BREAKFAST MEETING.

Saturday October 12th is the date and
7-30am is the time for Portarlington's
next Fellowship Breakfast meeting. Mr.
Dean Reynolds will be the guest
speaker. Dean worked with channel 9 for
many years in the promotions and video
area. He now has his own production
company, is an accomplished pianist
and will tell us his story. All members of
the Linked Congregations and their
friends are warmly invited to attend.
Acceptances please to Barry Ruler on
5259 3304 by Thursday 10th October.