

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Listening to the Language of the Bible

Exerpts from a book by Lois Tverberg.

The Importance of Family.

Toledot All the “begats”.

The Bible seems to be filled with ‘begats’ – long genealogical lists of each family which make us yawn. The importance of them is lost to us because we live in a Western culture that focuses on the individual and on a person’s achievements much more than on family history. In Biblical culture, a person’s identity came almost entirely from his /her family and clan. Explaining how each family was related was very important to understanding society as a whole. The word *toledot* is related to *yalad*, meaning to give birth to, or to beget. Understanding the cultural emphasis on family helps greatly as we read the Scriptures. A new reader might assume that the Bible is a book of moral stories or philosophy, but instead they will discover that it is actually a long epic of family that God had chosen. In spite of their weaknesses, God uses them throughout many generations to redeem the world. And we should all remember that, as a part of this family, their story is our story too.

Rosters for 2 August

Portarlington

Managers: Marg Hutcheon, Sue Handley

Morning Tea: Jan & John Hall

Pastoral Care: Graham Vohmann

Prayers : Graham Vohmann

Readings: Brenda Vohmann

Power Point Prep. Bruce Bertram

Lawns Contractor

Drysdale, Worship @ 9:

Kitchen: Graeme’s Team

Counting: Ian McLaverty

Drysdale, 10.45

Communion Elder: Brenda Jacobs

Duty Elder: Pat Handley

Readings: Tony Freemantle

Prayers: Pat Handley

Welcome: Margaret MacGillivray

Morning Tea: Lavina Howard,
Merrilyn Lloyd

Flowers: Wilma Mansell

St Leonards

Welcome: Miriam Tobin

Readings: Marion McGillivray

Prayers: Marj Wilson

Flowers & Brass. Margo Jones

Pentecost 9

Sunday, 26 July 2015

Today’s theme emerges from the Ephesians reading: Rooted and grounded in love, we grow in faith and discipleship. This is a prayer for the church at Ephesus, but this same prayer can be made for any congregation throughout Christendom. Even when we use other scriptures today, the strong root of love can be a powerful image, and this scripture can serve as a psalm or doxology. A foundation of love could have stopped David’s sinful decision to take another’s wife and then arrange for the murder of her husband. The root of love led Jesus to feed thousands, miraculously and abundantly. This strong root of love is the foundation that can strengthen any follower of God to grow in spirit and faith.

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

26 July Pentecost 9	2 Samuel 11:1-15 Ephesians 3:14-21	Psalm 14 John 6:1-21
2 August Pentecost 10	2 Samuel 11: 26-12:13a Ephesians 4: 1-16	Psalm 51: 1-12 John 6: 24-35

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 26 July

Portarlinton

9.00am Frontier Services "Wellsprings of Life" Port Lay Team

Drysdale

9.00 am W@9 . Graeme's Team
10.45 am Frontier Services "Wellsprings of Life" Drysdale Worship Team

St Leonards

5.00pm Frontier Services, St Leonards Worship Team

Monday, 27 July

9.30 am No KYB
1.30pm Special Op-shop meeting at Drysdale
2.00pm St. Leonards UCAF

Wednesday, 29 July

9.30 am mainly music

Thursday, 30 July

9.00 am Portarlinton Choir practice

Friday, 31 July

9.15 am Friday School Drysdale
1:30 pm Drysdale Prayer Service

Sunday, 2 August

Portarlinton

9.00am Dr Wyn Moriarty

Drysdale

9.00 am Rev. Marion Latham (Wayne's team to assist)
10.45 am Rev. Marion Latham HC
Loose change & food bank @ both services

St Leonards

5.00 pm Rev. Marion Latham

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Choir Recess

The choir will be in recess until the beginning of August. The next practice will be the 6th of August.

Church Roof

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Roof Fund which has resulted in \$6600 and exceeded our target. We praise God for the generosity of members of the congregation and others from outside of our congregation.

ST. LEONARDS

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Our next meeting is Monday 27 July and will be for "Sammy stamp". Please bring your stamps and scissors.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

Loose change

The St Andrew's and St Leonard's congregations have contributed \$131.35 in June and \$121.65 in July, to help support Samaritan House and Mobile Clinics in Timor Leste.

Marion's Farewell

The final service for Rev Marion Latham will be on Sunday 30 August. This will be a combined service at Drysdale at 10.15am. It will be followed by a shared lunch and presentation.

Portarlinton fellowship breakfast

The next breakfast meeting will be on Saturday 8th August, commencing at 7-30am. Guest Speaker will be Rev. Ann Key (Presbytery Minister). Ann has been to America and experienced the "new way" of being church at the Methodist Church of America and will tell us of that and other things. 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 6th August.

Prayer Services.

The weekly Friday Prayer services will still be continuing in July. This week will be Drysdale (Friday 31 July)

Dates and venues for the services.

July 31 Drysdale
August 7 Portarlinton
August 14 Drysdale
August 21 Portarlinton
August 28 Drysdale

Rev Marion Latham on leave.

Rev Marion Latham will be on leave during July. Please contact your elder with any concerns.

Presbytery of Port Phillip West – Prayer Cycle

- We remember today:
- Glenroy and Greenvale Providence Rd.
Pray for the Lay Leadership Teams and Church Councillors.

Lord guide and bless your work in our Presbytery that it may flourish for the good of the people and for your glory.

even the least

John 6: 1-21

we who flee
the monotony of breathing
sheltering in shacks of sand
gorging on garbage
acquiring more and more and
more stuff,
would never follow you
to a grassy hill
without our picnic basket full
because there's always enough
and nothing gets in the way
of a latte

so who are they
un-numbered by satiated selves
whose deep and desperate longing
draws them to your feet
to search, to sit, to satisfy
and you do not deny
a single one
and nothing's wasted, gather every crumb

and though we fail to recognize
you come into our fear
because death's dark, tempestuous seas
are always near

and in your presence we
discover where we long to be
and that even the least has a place
at the feast

Jennie Gordon 2009