



## Linked Congregations of the Bellarine



Uniting Church in Australia

Portarlington

Drysdale

### News sheet for Sunday, 12 May, 2024

#### THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

##### Sunday, 12 May

###### Portarlington

9.00am Rev. Karen Eller  
Holy Communion

###### Drysdale

10.30am Lay Team – Jenni  
Special Mothers' Day service

##### Tuesday, 14 May

11.00am Drysdale Grove Monthly Worship  
Rev. Karen Eller  
2.00pm Linked Worship Team Meeting, Drysdale

##### Thursday, 16 May

10.00am Drysdale Coffee and Chat, Café Zoo  
11.00am Arcare Monthly Worship  
Rev. Karen Eller  
7.30pm Church Council Meeting, Drysdale

##### Saturday, 18 May

8.00am Breakfast Bible Study, Café Zoo

##### Sunday, 19 May

###### Portarlington

9.00am Rev. Karen Eller  
Loose Change & Food Bank

###### Drysdale

10.30am Rev. Karen Eller

#### LECTIONARY READINGS

**12 May** Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26  
**Easter 7** Psalm 1  
1 John 5: 9-13  
John 17: 6-19

**19 May** Acts 2: 1-21 or Ezekiel 37: 1-14  
**Pentecost** Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b  
Romans 8: 22-27 or Acts 2: 1-21  
John 15: 26-27; 16:4b-15

#### Theme Ideas from Ministry Matters

As the Easter season comes to a close, we are reminded that just as Christ was sent to earth with heavenly power to change lives and share God's message, Christ's disciples are also sent with heavenly power to continue this call. The ascension of Christ opened the path for God's glory and power to descend upon those remaining behind. Throughout these various scriptures, Jesus commands the disciples to await the Spirit's power and then go forth in answer to this call. Paul prays for us to be enlightened with the hope of this call; and the psalmist calls us to pursue our inherited call as followers of God with patience and steadfast faithfulness.

#### Prayer from Ministry Matters

Risen Christ, be present in our lives and in our worship.  
Help us recognize and celebrate your presence.  
Grant us the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may answer the call to be your disciples and bring your message of love to the world.  
Amen.



**Fair isn't everybody getting the same thing ... fair is everybody getting what they need.**

*(Repeated because the text was unreadable last week.)*

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## ALL CONGREGATIONS



**UNITING IN PRAYER 2024**  
19 May – 22 June

Prayer Chain

Through Uniting in Prayer different parts of the Uniting Church will be connected to each other through a national prayer chain.

The prayer chain has been sent by email and is now available in full on the Act2 website. If your community didn't receive it or you're not on the list, please email the Act2 team.

**Prayer Chain Now Available:** [act2uca.com/unitinginprayer2024](http://act2uca.com/unitinginprayer2024)

### Uniting in Prayer 2024

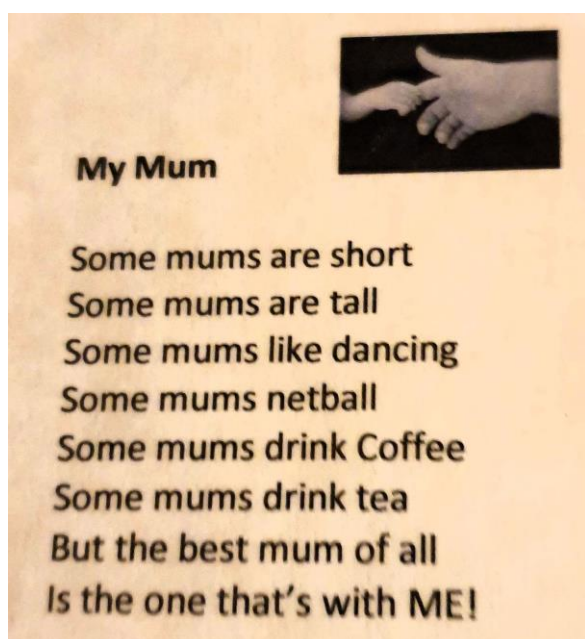
Uniting in Prayer 2024 is 35 days of prayer and connection for the whole of the Uniting Church in Australia. It is a time to pray and reflect on our past, present and future as the Uniting Church in Australia and what God might have in store for us. We are invited to join together in thanksgiving and hope to pray and seek the leading of the Spirit for the years ahead.

From May 19 to June 22 one stream of activity will be congregations forming a prayer chain with other congregations. Our two congregations have been matched up as follows:

**St Andrew's Portarlington** with Nedlands UC and St Andrew's Glenbrook

**Drysdale UC** with Hurstville City UC and Croajingolong Cooperating Parish

If you are interested to learn more about the ACT2 Project, take a look at <https://www.act2uca.com>



**My Mum**

Some mums are short  
Some mums are tall  
Some mums like dancing  
Some mums netball  
Some mums drink Coffee  
Some mums drink tea  
But the best mum of all  
Is the one that's with ME!

(sent in by Marg. Cheale)

### Domestic & Family Violence

The Faith Communities Council of Victoria (FCCV) that includes the Victorian Council of Churches has issued a statement on domestic and family violence:

No woman or child should ever have to live with domestic and family violence, nor endure the trauma of intimate partner or family violence. Everyone is entitled to live a life free of violence.

The current housing crisis further disadvantages women who are living with family and domestic violence. There is simply nowhere else to go for many people who need to escape. Often women and children end up sleeping in their cars. A new program (Car2Home in Newcastle) offers a safe place to park and sleep, with access to clean toilets, hot showers, kitchen and laundry facilities in the aim of supporting people in their current situation. Who would have thought community support would need to address the crisis of people sleeping in cars?

Congregations could provide a focus on this issue. It's Mothers' Day this Sunday. Perhaps include a focus in prayers of the people on mothers living with incredible challenges because of domestic and family violence.

### PORTARLINGTON

#### Safe Church Training

As part of our commitment to provide safe spaces for worship and other church activities, our leaders undertake competency training in Safe Church practices every two years. If you missed doing this last year or are new to the roster for reading, prayers of the people, music, or door steward, please request pre-session reading materials or arrange to do it online.

The next group session will be on Friday May 17 at 10am in St Andrew's church.

#### In The Red

On Pentecost Sunday, 19 May, please wear a touch of red to church.



#### Notice of Meeting:

There will be a short congregational meeting after the St Andrew's service on Sunday May 19, to consider one matter to do with our property.

To place a church-related notice in this news sheet, email the wording to the church office, [drysdaleuc@yahoo.com.au](mailto:drysdaleuc@yahoo.com.au), by Tuesday evening. Notices are generally repeated once, or twice if there is sufficient space. So, please send them in ahead of the event or desired date.