



DU Grape Vine



MARCH 2025

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 7 March at 10.00 am

The origins of World Day of Prayer date back to the 19th century (1861) when Christian women of the United States and Canada initiated a variety of cooperative activities in support of women’s involvement in missions at home and in other parts of the world. It became an international day in 1926 and started in Australia in 1927.

In February 1986, Australia, in line with most countries, changed its name from “Women’s World Day of Prayer” to “World Day of Prayer, Australia”.

Each year a group of women from one country write the Order of Service choosing the theme and focus Bible passage.

This year’s theme has been written by the women of the Cook Islands with the theme being “**I Made You Wonderful**” using Psalm 139.



LENT AND EASTER

This is a very special time in the year for the Church and a time when some people come to church along with Christmas as their only time.

Why? Because it highlights our faith that Jesus lived, died and was resurrected to become the Saviour of our world.

Our services are always special but at this time they take on an extra meaning. We highlight the cross as a symbol of God’s love through Jesus’ death that saves us from our sins.

We would love for you to join in the various services and activities.

Tuesday 4 March—Pancake Dinner

Wednesday 5 March—Ash Wednesday service at 2.00 pm at Portarlington.

Thursday 6, 13, 20, 27 March—Lenten Study at 2.00 pm

Thursday 17 April—Maundy service at 7.00 pm

Friday 18 April—Good Friday service at 10.00 am
Walk of Witness at 10.45 am

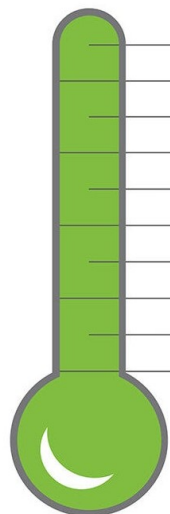
Saturday 19 April—Easter stall 9.00 am-12.30 pm

Sunday 20 April—Easter service at 10.30 am



Everyone is invited to the service and to morning tea afterwards—as we are hosting if possible would you please bring a plate. An offering is taken for WDP Australia.

LOOSE CHANGE



Target
\$1000

Hospice Nepal is the recipient organisation to be supported this half year. They provide more than cancer care for patients. Later in the year we will arrange for our contacts to come and talk at a service. Our offerings to date total \$271.75.

\$272

WORKING BEE

Monday 10 March 9.00 am. Jobs big and small—gardening, cleaning, etc. Any help will be appreciated.

HARVEST TABLE

Sunday 23 March will be our Harvest service when you are invited to bring along fresh and packaged food that shows the goodness of God’s world. This will all be distributed to Cottage by the Sea.

PILGRIMAGE

Our annual Pilgrimage will be held on Saturday 5 April. Starting at 9.30 am at Curlewis clifftop and finishing at the church for lunch at 12.00 pm. The distance is about 4.5 kilometres that we walk in easy sections stopping for liturgy on five occasions. The theme this year is “Hope”. If walking is a problem you can also drive.

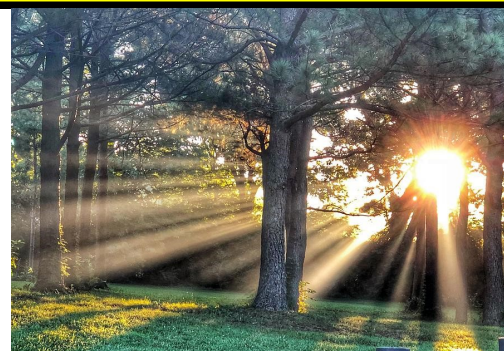
COMBINED LINKED CONGREGATION SERVICE

Whenever there is a fifth Sunday in a month we meet for a combined service with the Portarlington congregation. The service on 30 March will be at Portarlington at 10.15 am and followed by lunch.



This months' services

2 Mar—10.30 am Rev Karen
HC & Loose change
9 Mar—10.30 am Jenni’s Team
16 Mar —10.30 am Rev Deacon
Peter Batten
23 Mar— 10.30 am Rev Karen
Harvest table
30 Mar—10.15 am Combined
service at Portarlington
Rev Karen



“A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows.”

~ St. Francis of Assisi

MARCH
Holly Cate
Roger Lascelles
Corinna George
Carolyn Leidle
Jenny Batten
Jean Cooper

Happy birthday!

	MORNING TEA	WELCOME	VESTRY	READING	PRAYERS	COUNTING	FLOWERS	COMMUNION
MAR 2	Margo & Marie	Wilma	Denise	Susan	Marie	Ian	Melva	Joan & Rhonda
9	Melva & Brenda	Brenda		Jenni’s Team	Margo	Melva	Brenda	
16	Susan & Win	Carol	Rhonda	Kelvin	Carol	Colleen	Claire	
23	Belinda & Darren	Denise	Val	Margaret	Rhonda	Jonnie	Denise	
30	At Portarlington							

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Our Vision—Reaching out with God’s love and care