



Linked Congregations of the Bellarine



Uniting Church in Australia

Portarlington

Drysdale

News sheet for Sunday, 2 February 2025

THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

Sunday, 2 February

Portarlington

9.00am Rev Karen Eller

Drysdale

10.30am Rev Karen Eller, *Holy Communion, Food Bank and Loose Change, followed by Congregation Annual Meeting and shared lunch*

Tuesday, 4 February

10.00am Portarlington Church Council meet

Wednesday, 5 February

10.30am Portarlington Pastoral Care Team meet
2.00pm Ecumenical Communion, Portarlington

Thursday, 6 February

10.00am Drysdale Coffee and Chat, Café Zoo

Friday, 7 February

10.30am Drysdale Morning Tea with the Minister

Sunday, 9 February

Portarlington

9.00am Rev Karen Eller, *Holy Communion*

Drysdale

10.30am Wayne's Lay Team

LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday, 2 February

Epiphany 4 Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

Sunday, 9 February

Epiphany 5 Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13)
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

Theme Ideas from Ministry Matters

Although these scriptures can all be viewed independently, some common themes emerge: the contrast of childlike and mature faith, the ageless values of answering God's call, trusting God's steadfast faithfulness, and focusing on love to guide us through all ages and seasons of life.

Prayer from Ministry Matters

(Jeremiah 1, 1 Corinthians 13, Luke 4)

God of love and life, speak to our hearts this day.

Speak words of wisdom and faith.

Open our hearts and minds

to perceive your message of love,

even when it's hard to hear.

Strengthen our faith to answer your call,
even when we don't feel confident or capable.

Be our wisdom, our strength, and our love,
that we may bring your wisdom, strength, and love
to the world.

Amen

Climate Adaptation Fair

A Climate Adaptation Fair is coming to Melbourne town! It will showcase all things climate adaptation through stalls, workshops, and talks.

The fair will be from **10am - 4pm on 8 February 2025 at Borderlands Co-Op, 30A Pickett St, Footscray.**

It'll be a day of celebrating and uplifting community-led climate adaptation! Food will be provided by Food Not Bombs, and coffee from Bean Busker will be available for purchase.

The link for Workshop details is:

https://www.melbournefoe.org.au/aoc_adaptation_fair_2025_0208

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Spiritual Care at University Hospital and MacKellar Centre, Geelong

Privacy laws have changed, and this may leave members of our congregations without Spiritual Care when they have a hospital stay or are in residence or respite.

The Presbytery of Port Phillip West currently provides 2 days per week (Monday & Friday) of spiritual care to the greater Geelong community based at University Hospital, Geelong. Rev Isabel Greenall is in the Placement offering care and support to patients and staff primarily at the hospital but also to those at the Mackellar Centre, as needed.

Historically, the Uniting Church chaplain has been able to access a list of all Uniting Church patients and visit them. However, with recent review of procedures alongside privacy legislation, it is no longer possible to do this. **The process now is that a patient will need to ask their nurse or another member of the ward staff for a visit from the Uniting Church chaplain or Spiritual Care team.** They will then put in a referral requesting a visit.

Sometimes, family members, congregation members and Ministers may know someone in hospital, who might need some care during their admission. The most important thing is that their permission is obtained before letting Isabel or the Spiritual Care team know. If the patient is not able to give their own consent, it needs to come from their next of kin.

The best way to contact Isabel is through the Spiritual Care team direct phone number
4215 0627 or email spiritual.care@barwonhealth.org.au



Senior Moment

When you answer the phone, only to discover it wasn't your phone that was ringing it was on the television!

PORTARLINGTON

Congratulations

Warmest congratulations to St Andrew's member Pauline Cline who was awarded an OAM in the Australia Day honours for services to the Bellarine community.

Congregational Annual General Meeting

The Congregational AGM will be held after worship on Sunday 9 March.

Nomination forms for elder and congregation representative on church council will be available today.

There are vacancies, so if you would be interested in taking a more active role in the life of our church please speak with Rev Karen or any Church Council member (Keith, Heather, Joan, David, Lorraine, Angeliki, Joy or Margo) for further information

Annual reports to Pammi Pryor (gw.pryor@bigpond.com)
NO LATER than 23 February please.

DRYSDALE

Breakfast Bible Study

This study group will restart on Saturday 15 February. The study book for this year is "Sermon on the Mount" by John Stott. If you haven't been before you will be most welcomed. This will be about our fifteenth year.

Wayne

Pancake Dinner

Tuesday 4 March will be our pancake dinner fundraiser for Uniting's Pancake Appeal. The Dinner provides an opportunity to eat wonderful pancakes (with savoury and sweet toppings) with people from the congregation and invited guests. Come along from 5.30 - 7.30pm; invite your friends and neighbours.

Tickets from Jenni Nickelson—\$15 cash to Jenni or direct to the bank account (BSB 083623 ACC 03533 3892
Ref: Surname Pancakes).

Jenni



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