



Linked Congregations of the Bellarine



Uniting Church in Australia

Portarlington

Drysdale

News sheet for Sunday, 2 March 2025

THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

Sunday, 2 March

Portarlington

9.00am Rev Karen Eller

Drysdale

10.30am Rev Karen Eller
Holy Communion,
Loose Change & Food Bank

Tuesday, 4 March

10.00am Portarlington Church Council
5.30pm Drysdale Pancake Dinner

Wednesday, 5 March

2.00pm Rev Karen Eller
Portarlington Ash Wednesday Service
Afternoon tea to follow

Thursday, 6 March

10.00am Drysdale Coffee and Chat, Café Zoo
2.00pm Drysdale Lenten Study

Friday, 7 March

10.00am Drysdale, World Day of Prayer
10.30am Drysdale, Morning Tea with the Minister
1.30pm Portarlington World Day of Prayer,
St Patrick's Church,
Harding St, Portarlington

Saturday 8 March

8.00am Portarlington Community Breakfast

Sunday, 9 March

Portarlington

9.00am Rev Karen Eller, *Holy Communion*
10.00am Congregation AGM
10.45am Pancake Munch

Drysdale

10.30am Jenni's Lay Team

LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday, 2 March

Transfiguration of Jesus Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2
Luke 9:28-36, (37- 43a)

Sunday, 9 March

Lent 1 Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

Theme Ideas from Ministry Matters

The revelation of God's glory intermingles with the glorification of God's followers in today's readings. Not only is Jesus transfigured before the disciples' eyes, they are brought into a new level of understanding of Jesus' greatness and glory. Just as Moses reveals God's instructions by bringing the tablets of the covenant to the Hebrew people, Jesus' transfiguration reveals a new understanding of who Jesus is to his disciples. The letter to the Corinthians pulls these ideas together, reminding us that God's glory has not only been revealed to us in Christ, but is being revealed through us as disciples of Christ.

Prayer from Ministry Matters

(Luke 9, 2 Corinthians 3, Transfiguration)

God of glory and power,
pour out your Holy Spirit on us today.
Reveal to us your wisdom and guidance.
Manifest through us your Spirit of glorious
grace and love.
And make your loving presence known to all,
through the ministries of your church. Amen.

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Monday to Friday (11.00am – 4.00pm)

Saturday (10.00am – 12.30pm)

Lenten Studies 2025

Being Church in a Liminal Time

Rev Linley Liersch writes in the Port Phillip West Presbytery, *Westerly*, "For many years now, the church has been living in the Christian Era where the church was at the centre of society. But now the church has been pushed to the edges of society."

We are living in a time of change, a liminal time, a time of in between the old and the new. We notice the old structures breaking down and it is time to rethink how we are church in this changing context.

This Lenten study will consider the book:

Being Church in a Liminal Time by Jeffery D. Jones
Remembering, Letting go, Resurrecting.

"The customary answers about what it means to be and do church and strategies for renewal based on those answers no longer work. This book addresses this reality while maintaining a constant focus on the Christian promise of resurrection." (Quoted from Amazon.com.au book cover)

Where:

Drysdale Thursdays 2-3.15 pm; 6, 13, 20, 27 March

Portarlington Tuesdays 2-3.15pm; 11, 18, 25 March, 1 April

All reading materials supplied.

Facilitator: Rev. Deacon Peter Batten

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Pancake Dinner, Tuesday 4 March

Tickets from Jenni Nickelson—\$15 cash to Jenni or direct to the bank account (BSB 083623 ACC 03533 3892

Ref: Surname Pancakes).

World Day of Prayer

On Friday 7 March we are hosting the World Day of Prayer service for the Drysdale/Clifton Springs/Curlewis combined churches at 10.00am. Please mark the date now.

Advanced Notice – Introduction to Christian Meditation

Beginning second term, Rev Deacon Peter Batten will lead a 5 week introduction series on Christian meditation.

The series will be following the guidelines of The World Community for Christian meditation. (www.wcccm.org)

Where: Drysdale Uniting Church

When: Wednesday mornings 8.00am to 8.30am.

Dates to be announced shortly.

More information contact Peter

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Sharing a Cuppa

Along with those who gather for a cuppa and fellowship after our Sunday services each week; did you know that all are welcome to come along a bit earlier each week for a cuppa and fellowship before the service too? The kettle is on and all are welcome.

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Ash Wednesday/Mid-Week Service

An Ash Wednesday/Mid-week service will be held on 5 March 2025 at 2pm. Afternoon tea will be served following the service. All welcome.

World Day of Prayer

2025 World Day of Prayer service will be held at St Patrick's Church, Harding St, Portarlington on 7 March at 1:30pm. All welcome.

Portarlington Community Breakfast

We extend a very warm welcome to all to join us this month to hear from our local CFA (subject to operational needs) about their invaluable work and some important safety tips.

When: Saturday 8 March

Time: 8-9.30am

Where: St Andrew's Portarlington Church Hall

111 Newcombe St Portarlington

Cost: \$5 - includes breakfast

Pancake Munch

Following the Congregation AGM on 9 March you are invited to stay for a **PANCAKE MUNCH** to support the work of Uniting SHARE.

St Andrew's Church Council members will be flipping pancakes so do stay to enjoy the fellowship and support the SHARE appeal.



Did you know?

The world's largest pancake was 49 feet wide and 1 inch thick and weighed 3 tons (as much as an African elephant)! It was made in Rochdale, England, in 1994, by the Co-operative Union Ltd. To qualify for the record, it had to be flipped which was achieved by using cranes.

Editor's Note: Ours will be smaller!

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