



Linked Congregations of the Bellarine



Uniting Church in Australia

Portarlington

Drysedale

News sheet for Sunday, 9 March 2025

THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

Sunday, 9 March

Portarlington

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

Drysedale

10.30am Jenni's Lay Team

Monday, 10 March

9.00am Drysdale Working Bee

Tuesday, 11 March

11.00am Drysdale Grove Monthly Worship
2.00pm Portarlington Lenten Study

Thursday, 13 March

9.30am Portarlington
Combined Choir Practice
10.00am Drysdale Coffee and Chat, Café Zoo
2.00pm Drysdale Lenten Study

Saturday 15 March

8.00am Breakfast Bible Study, Café Zoo, Drysdale

Sunday, 16 March

Portarlington

9.00am Rev Deacon Peter Batten
Loose Change and Food Bank

Drysedale

10.30am Rev Deacon Peter Batten



LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday, 9 March

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

Sunday, 16 March

Lent 2 Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17 – 4:1
Luke 13:31-35 or
Luke 9: 28-36 (37-43a)

Theme Ideas from Ministry Matters

These readings, on the First Sunday of Lent, invite us to remember who we are and whose we are. No matter the journey we take, God is our faithful companion and guide. As many hymn writers have noted, God is the One who's gotten us this far. The devil tempts Jesus to both forget and reject his heritage, his identity, and his trust in God.

But Jesus stands firmly on his heritage, as a child of God and as a member of the Hebrew people. Like Moses before him, Jesus knows that the Holy Spirit, who led him to this wilderness, will also lead him through the wilderness. This theme is echoed throughout the three related readings as well.

Prayer from Ministry Matters

(Deuteronomy 26, Romans 10, Luke 4)

Merciful God, your ways lead to life;
your light shines in our darkness.

The promises you made to our ancestors
continue to this day.

We too share the bounty of your blessings,
and the grace of eternal life in your name.

May we be worthy of our calling
and help others find their way. Amen.

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High Street DRYSDALE
Monday to Friday (11.00am – 4.00pm)
Saturday (10.00am – 12.30pm)

Calling Singers

A combined choir is planned for our next combined worship service on Sunday March 30 at 10.15am at St Andrew's. Singers are warmly invited to join the St Andrew's choir on Thursday March 13, 20 and 27 at 9.30am to rehearse.

Please let Joy know (0406 307 433 or ianjoyporter@gmail.com) if you are coming so that music can be prepared for you.

Compassionate Hearts Call for Volunteers

Compassionate Hearts are offering a new opportunity for volunteers to be trained to join our work. We are in need of more people in the northern part of the Bellarine.

Caring for a dying relative at home is one of the most difficult jobs imaginable but it can also be the most rewarding.

Compassionate Hearts on the Bellarine is a volunteer group which provides support for ill persons and their carers. Trained volunteers provide emotional and practical support to families in addition to the palliative support provided by the medical profession.

Would you be interested in supporting people at the end of their life to remain in their own home?

Do you live in Drysdale, Curlewis, Clifton Springs, Portarlington, Indented Heads or St Leonards?

If you are interested in joining Compassionate Hearts on the Bellarine as a volunteer, the Volunteering in Palliative Care course will be held on 19 and 21 March.

For more details Contact Compassionate Hearts Volunteer Coordinator on 0499775275 or email adm.chob@gmail.com

Sunday Afternoons At 5

5pm on Sundays during Lent at the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels, 136 Yarra St., Geelong.

Join our performers after the concert for refreshments.

Admission is free – no bookings required – just come and enjoy! ALL WELCOME

Further details at

<https://musicatthebasilica.org.au/music/>

DRYSDALE

Pancake Dinner

Fundraising is intended to be fun and what better way than to enjoy a meal while doing so. Thank you to the wonderful team who cooked and served pancakes to members of the congregation and friends. \$515 was raised this week for the Uniting Pancake Appeal.

Working Bee

On Monday from 9.00 am there will be a working bee at the church. Jobs include gardening and cleaning in the church and hall areas. Anyone able to assist will be welcomed.

Loose Change

Our offering on Sunday for loose change amounted to \$148.85.

Hospice Nepal is a non-profit NGO established in 2000 by two amazing Nepali Doctors. It has a model of free service providing care for patients suffering from life-threatening diseases including, but not only, cancer, with the intention to improve the quality of life for the patient and their families. Physical symptomatic care is given, and psychological and spiritual support is provided by the team, which includes doctors, nurses and other health care professionals. This is called Palliative Care. Currently, there is an 8 bed unit in a hospital where 150-200 patients are looked after each year. About 50% are discharged for ongoing home based care.

Pilgrimage

Saturday 5 April is your chance to join us as we walk 4.5 kms from Curlewis cliff top to the church. There will be stopping points along the way to join in and listen to the special liturgy being written by our congregation. Starting time is 9.30 am finishing at the church for lunch at about 12.00 pm. Please add your name to the sheet in the foyer if you would like to take part. If walking that distance is a problem you can drive between each station.

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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PORTARLINGTON

Pancake Munch

Following the Congregation AGM today, 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.



To place a church-related notice in this news sheet, email the wording to the church office, drysdaleuc@yahoo.com.au, by Tuesday evening. Notices are generally repeated once, or twice if there is sufficient space. Please send them in ahead of the event or desired date and indicate in which section you would like your notice to appear.