



Linked Congregations of the Bellarine



Uniting Church in Australia

Portarlington

Drysdale

News sheet for Sunday, 16 March 2025

THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

Sunday, 16 March

Portarlington

9.00am Rev Deacon Peter Batten
Loose Change and Food Bank

Drysdale

10.30am Rev Deacon Peter Batten

Tuesday, 18 March

2.00pm Portarlington Lenten Study

Thursday, 20 March

9.00am Equinox Labyrinth Walk
9.30am Portarlington Combined Choir Practice
10.00am Drysdale Coffee and Chat, Café Zoo
11.00am Portarlington Arcare Monthly Worship
Rev Karen Eller
2.00pm Drysdale Lenten Study

Sunday, 23 March

Portarlington

9.00am Pigdon Lay Team

Drysdale

10.30am Rev Karen Eller



LECTIONARY READINGS

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)

Sunday, 23 March

Lent 3 Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

Theme Ideas from Ministry Matters

Courage and the call to stand firm hold today's readings together. Abraham's doubts, the psalmist's fears, and even Jesus' frustration with Jerusalem's rejection, are all met with God's confidence and assurance that God's promises will be fulfilled. Paul echoes this message in his letter to the Philippians, as he calls them to "stand firm in the Lord," even when enemies are all around.

Prayer from Ministry Matters

(Genesis 15, Psalm 27, Philippians 3-4, Luke 13)

Mighty God, we come into your presence from many different places and situations. Light our way in this time of worship. Calm our hearts, focus our thoughts, and strengthen our faith, as we pray and praise this day. Mothering God, we often feel scattered and lost, separated from you and from one another. Gather us in. Comfort us in our loneliness. Dispel our fears. Correct our wayward feet and strengthen our faith, that we might hear your voice, trust your promises, and stand firm in your ways. In your light and love, we pray. Amen.

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

Labyrinth Walk

Equinox Labyrinth Walk
Thursday 20th March, 9am
at William Buckley Labyrinth
Bluff Rd, St Leonards
Rev Karen

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 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.

A new volunteer training course is on March 19 and 21. For more details: Volunteer Coordinator on 0499775275 or email adm.chob@gmail.com or click www.chob.org.au

Sunday Afternoons At 5

5pm concerts 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. Further details at <https://musicatthebasilica.org.au/music/>

Lent Celebration

Marking the season of Lent, Rev Jennie Gordon has compiled a wonderful resource to share at – https://bit.ly/Day_is_Done

Come on a Lenten journey through 40 days of poetry and wondering, with weekly expeditions into the sacred text. It's not a study, it's a journey. Where will the Spirit lead you? Where will you find yourself?

We are already into the second week of Lent but it is not too late to catch up on these beautifully illustrated and thought-provoking words.

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Pancake Munch

St Andrew's members enjoyed pancakes, flipped by Church Council members last Sunday at the Annual Pancake Munch. Thanks to everyone for the generous donations of \$194.50 for the SHARE Pancake Appeal.

Annual General Meeting Election Results

At the AGM last Sunday, Warren Peacock and Pammi Prior were re-elected to the positions of Congregation Chair and Congregation Secretary, respectively.

Joy Porter was re-elected as Elder. Heather Pigdon and Joan Kelly were re-elected as Church Councillors.

Loose Change

At the AGM last Sunday we learnt that our loose change offerings for 2024 totalled \$2,802.55. Our two projects supported last year were Uniting World – Growing Sustainable Livelihoods in West Timor – Community Gardens in Indonesia and support for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation which provides books in language for First Nations children.

Thank you everyone for your generosity.

Rosters

It's not too late to volunteer for one or more of our rostered duties – manager, pastoral carer, reader, prayers of the people, morning tea, for the months of April, May and June. To any new volunteers and to those who have volunteered already would you please message me with any dates that you know you will not be available. Phone: 0419355492 or email hughestwo@bigpond.com. Many thanks, Lorraine.

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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 9.30am finishing at the church for lunch at about 12.00pm. 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.

Drysdale Family Support Foodbank

Thank you to Drysdale Uniting Church for their generous donation of pantry items this week. We appreciate each person who contributed.

Drysdale Family Support is currently accepting donations of much needed pantry items such as pasta, pasta sauce, flour (plain and SR), cereal, tinned vegetables, tinned soups, crackers, dry biscuits, toilet paper, personal hygiene items, noodles, tea and coffee.

If you are able to help, please drop items to Drysdale Community Church on Jetty Rd in Curlewis.

100% of items donated go directly to those in need in our local community.

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.