



Linked Congregations of the Bellarine



Portarlington



Drysdale

Uniting Church in Australia

News sheet for Sunday, 6 April 2025

THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

Sunday, 6 April

Portarlington

9.00am Rev. Karen Eller

Drysdale

10.30am Rev. Karen Eller, *Holy Communion*,
Loose change and Foodbank.

Tuesday, 8 April

11.00am Drysdale Grove Monthly Worship
Rev. Karen Eller

Thursday, 10 April

10.00am Drysdale Coffee and Chat, Café Zoo

Sunday, 13 April

Portarlington

9.00am Rev. Karen Eller, *Holy Communion*

Drysdale

10.30am Wayne's lay team

LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday 6 April

Lent 5

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

Sunday 13 April

Palm Sunday

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29
Luke 19: 28-40
Isaiah 50: 4-9a
Psalm 31: 9-16
Philippians 2: 5-11
Luke 22: 14- 23:56

Theme Ideas from Ministry Matters

John tells a story of how God has restored the fortune (Psalm 126:1) of the Bethany family. Lazarus is alive, and he sits at the table, eating and laughing with Jesus and his disciples. No wonder Mary bought costly perfume to pour on Jesus' feet! The last time she knelt at Jesus' feet, she shared her devastation that Jesus had not arrived in time to save her brother (John 11:32). Now she kneels at Jesus' feet and washes them in gratitude and love. Like the perfume of nard, her care for Jesus fills the entire house with fragrance.

Less than a week later, Jesus will wash his disciples' feet and teach what he experienced in Mary's example. What do love and discipleship look like? Sometimes just the simplest acts of welcome, caring, and comfort: for Jesus, for the poor, for everyone. In this act of celebration, Mary unknowingly foreshadows the next difficult steps in Jesus' life—his journey to the cross. But Jesus will walk with feet perfumed by love.

Prayer from Ministry Matters

God of Love, you know our lives inside and out—the times of joy and laughter, and the times of loss and pain.

You accompanied our ancestors of faith into exile and then journeyed with them back to the Promised Land. Jesus our sibling, you wept at the grave of Lazarus and then you celebrated at the dinner table with your resurrected friend.

Be with us in times of plenty and times of want, and let us rejoice in your presence, for you see us and care for us.

In the name of the Embracing Spirit, we pray.
Amen.



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Saturday (10.00am – 12.30pm)

ALL CONGREGATIONS

Easter Concert – Music at the Basilica invites you to our 2025 Easter Concert at 5pm on Sunday 13 April at the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels, Geelong.



The Windfire Choir and orchestra, conducted by Tom Healey will present a lovely program featuring Allegri "Miserere Mei", Mozart's Laudate Dominum and "Ave Verum" as well as music by Rheinberger and Mendelssohn. Tickets from www.trybooking.com/CYIWR

See www.musicatthebasilica.org.au for details.

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Music at the Basilica

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DRYSDALE

Easter Stall

Our Easter stall is coming soon on **Saturday 19 April**.



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We invite members of the congregation to help with items to sell, with setup, selling and pack up. The normal stalls of crafts, cakes & slices, jams & preserves, plants & books will be there.

Know Your Bible study groups

There are 2 KYB groups that operate from our church and others in our community.

A night time group is in the planning, to meet in a home in Curlewis. If you are interested, please speak with Lynda Smith who will pass on your details.



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Monthly After Church Lunch

Our after church lunch will be held at the Portarlington Golf Club next Sunday 13 April at 12 noon. Please book with Lorraine in person or message hughestwo@bigpond.com or 0419 355 492 before 10 April.

Sammy Stamp



What wonderful work the *Sammy Stamp* folk in Melbourne do with the trimmed, used postage stamps we collect.

Even though less snail mail is being sent, they were still able to sell over \$35,000 worth of stamps last year and as a result support several projects with total grants for 2024 being \$47,900.

Grants approved in 2024 were:

- 6 powered wheel chairs for *Traveller's Aid*
- *Verago, Solomon Islands* ~ to assist with completion of building for the medical nurse
- *Vanuatu* ~ Prevention Blindness project
- *Mission Liaison Group* ~ to assist in transporting good to our pacific neighbours
- *Frontier Services* ~ support for outback bush chaplains
- *Uniting Vic/ Tas* ~ 2024 Winter Appeal
- *Kondanani Zambia* ~ for food and exercise books for school children
- Noah's Ark Children's Home South Africa ~ for stationery and uniforms for school children
- *Hope in a Suitcase Australia* ~ full case of clothing for children entering out of homecare
- *National Council of Churches Christmas Bowl Appeal* ~ for people in conflict violence and weather events
- *Berry St* ~ to assist children in family violence situations

Total grants made by *Sammy Stamp* since Church Union in 1977 is \$1,206,293 YES, that is over \$1.2 M. So please keep on saving those stamps and place in the marked box in the church narthex.

Joy

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