



Linked Congregations of the Bellarine



Uniting Church in Australia

Portarlington

Drysdale

News sheet for Sunday, 13 April 2025

THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

Sunday, 13 April Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

Portarlington

9.00am Rev. Karen Eller, *Holy Communion*

Drysdale

10.30am Wayne's lay team

Thursday, 17 April

Maundy Thursday

10.00am Drysdale Coffee and Chat, Café Zoo

11.00am Arcare Portarlington Monthly Worship

Rev. Marg. Manning

7.00pm Maundy Thursday Service at Drysdale
for the Linked Congregations

Friday 18 April Good Friday

Portarlington

9.00am Rev. Karen Eller

Drysdale

10.00am Rev. Karen Eller
Followed by the Walk of Witness

Saturday 19 April

9.00am -12 noon Drysdale Easter Fair

Sunday, 20 April Easter Day

Portarlington

9.00am Rev. Karen Eller, *loose change and Foodbank*

Drysdale

10.30am Rev. Karen Eller

LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday 13 April **Palm Sunday**

Isaiah 50: 4-9a
Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29
Philippians 2: 5-11
Luke 19: 28-40

Sunday 13 April **Passion Sunday**

Isaiah 50: 4-9a
Psalm 31: 9-16
Philippians 2: 5-11
Luke 22: 14 – 23: 56 or
Luke 23: 1-49

Holy Week readings: **Monday 14 April**

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 36:5-11
Hebrews 9:11-15
John 12:1-11

Tuesday 15 April

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 71: 1-14
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
John 12:20-36

Wednesday 16 April

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 70
Hebrews 12:1-3
John 13:21-32

Thursday 17 April **Maundy Thursday**

Exodus 12: 1-4, (5-10), 11-14
Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11: 23-26
John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

Friday 18 April **Good Friday**

Isaiah 52: 13 – 53: 12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25 or
Hebrews 4: 14-16, 5: 7-9
John 18: 1 – 19: 42

Saturday 19 April **Holy Saturday**

Job 14:1-14 or
Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24
Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16
1 Peter 4:1-8
Matthew 27:57-66 or
John 19:38-42

Sunday 20 April **Easter Day**

Acts 10: 34-43 or
Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15: 19-26
John 20: 1-18, or Luke 24: 1-12

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Saturday (10.00am – 12.30pm)

ALL CONGREGATIONS

Maudy Thursday



Maudy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter, commemorating significant events in the Christian tradition, particularly the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples, when he gave them a new commandment to love one another. It is also known for the Washing of the Feet, symbolizing humility and service.

This day marks the institution of the Eucharist, where Jesus shared bread and wine, representing His body and blood. Maudy Thursday is part of Holy Week, leading up to Easter Sunday.

Our Linked Congregations worship for Maudy Thursday will be held next Thursday night at 7.00pm at Drysdale.

Article from Prison Fellowship Australia



This poem was written by Rowan, a former inmate who very clearly remembers the joy and freedom he experienced when he accepted Christ's forgiveness and grace shown at the Cross.

*I remember all the days when the pleasures of sin,
Was all that I craved, with no joy within,
Was hopelessly lost and burdened with sin,
I remember the day when Jesus came to stay.
I will not forget the day when on my knees I prayed,
When Jesus forgave me when I confessed my sins,
I asked him in to be my Lord and King,
I remember the day, my sins were washed away.
I will also remember how much my freedom cost,
To bear my sin and shame on that wooden cross,
To redeem, to set me free from my iniquities,
Freed from the grip of sin, and now I'm free indeed.
I will always remember when Jesus came my way
That my sins are forgiven and I'm going to heaven,
I will also remember to pray every day,
To say thank you, Lord Jesus, that you came to stay.
I remember the days when sin had its way,
I remember the day he took them away,
I remember the day when Jesus came to stay,
I'll remember today to let him have his way.*



DRYSDALE

Easter Stall



Our Easter stall is on next **Saturday 19 April.**

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.

Tell your neighbours it's on! 9.00am till midday.

PORTARLINGTON

Car Boot Sale Saturday 26 April 8.00am – 1.00pm

Our planned fund-raising effort has had good bookings from community members for this event, so now we need help from St Andrew's members to assist with a sausage sizzle, and a produce/cakes/ biscuits stall on that day.

To meet health regulations, please ensure your produce/ cakes/ biscuits are labelled with ingredients and phone number of the maker.

Speak with Heather, Keith, or any Church Council member to offer your support.

EVEN AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME THAT DAY WILL BE A GREAT HELP

Democracy Sausage Sizzle



St Andrew's Hall will be a polling place on Election Day 3 May so we plan to hold a Democracy Sausage Sizzle that day as a further fund-raising event.

YOUR help is needed to set up very early on Saturday May 3 and to cook and handle money during the day and to pack away afterwards.

Speak with Heather, Keith, or any Church Council member to offer your support.

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Congregation Meeting

A short Congregation meeting will be held immediately following worship on Sunday 11 May to consider one matter concerning the property redevelopment.

YOUR INPUT IS VITAL, SO PLEASE PLAN TO BE THERE.

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.