



Uniting Church in Australia

Linked Congregations of the Bellarine



Portarlington



Drysdale

News sheet for Sunday, 27 April 2025

THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

Sunday, 27 April

Portarlington

9.00am Lay team – Rev. Mark Dunn

Drysdale

10.30am Rev. Karen Eller

Thursday, 1 May

10.00am Drysdale Coffee and Chat, Café Zoo

Friday, 2 May

10.30am Morning Tea with the Minister
Drysdale church hall

Saturday, 3 May

St Andrew's Sausage sizzle

Sunday, 4 May

Portarlington

9.00am Rev. Marg. Manning

Drysdale

10.30am Rev. Marg. Manning
Holy Communion, loose change and Foodbank

LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday 27 April Easter 2

Acts 5: 27-32
Psalm 118: 14-29 or Psalm 150
Revelation 1: 4-18
John 20: 19-31



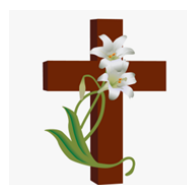
Sunday 4 May Easter 3 UnitingWorld Sunday

Acts 9: 1-6, (7-20)
Psalm 30
Revelation 5: 11-14
John 21: 1-19

Theme comments from Ministry Matters

Miraculous faith is a common theme that flows through today's readings. The disciples trust their vision when Jesus appears in their midst after his death. Even doubting Thomas comes to not just believe, but to proclaim Jesus' divinity.

The psalmist calls all of creation to praise the mighty God. John sings and prophesies to the glory of the Alpha and Omega, and Peter recounts the Great Mystery of Christ's death and resurrection.



These common words of faith that so frequently roll off our tongues, proclaim miracles that are far from common. We are called to keep the mystery and miracle of Easter alive throughout the year and throughout our lives of faith.

Prayer from Ministry Matters

(Acts 5, Psalm 150, Revelation 1, John 20)

God of mystery and miracles,
breathe your peace upon us.
Reveal your presence,
as we look for you each day.
Strengthen our faith and our trust,
as we pray for miracles for one another
and for all of your creation. Amen.

Meditation course

Peter Batten is conducting a 5-week course in meditation.
Dates ahead: 30 April, 7 May, 14 May, 28 May
Place: Drysdale Uniting Church
Time: 8 - 8.30am



Peter has been practising and teaching meditation for many years in many different settings.

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

Public Housing in Victoria - JustAct April 2025

Access to jobs, education, and health care all depend on having a secure home.

At the end of 2024, 55,024 families in Victoria were on the social housing waiting list; include elderly people, survivors of family violence and children. Around 40% of those on this list wait more than two years before they are allocated a home. Infrastructure Victoria recently recommended construction of an additional 60,000 social housing dwellings over the next 15 years. It did not comment on whether, with current scarcity of materials and skilled builders this is likely to occur, nor how best to address the immediate short-fall in housing available for those in greatest need; This leaves us with the question of how to make best use of homes already built.

Public Housing Towers

In 2023, the Victorian government announced that between 2023 and 2051, it would relocate the current 10,000 residents living in its public housing towers and demolish the towers. New buildings will house 11,000 people in community service housing. Part of the justification for demolishing the towers is their run-down condition. Sites will be used to build a mix of new private housing and housing run by community service providers. Rents for public housing are capped at 25% of the tenants' income, while rents in housing run by community housing providers can be set at 30% or higher. Community housing may offer greater diversity but public housing is more secure, targets lower-income people and is close to inner-city jobs, transport and services. Uniting Church minister Rev Brian Howe, said: "I worry about [relocating residents] because you're pushing low-income people out to the fringe and securing valuable sites for higher-income people."

Public housing tower tenants were not notified of the Government's plans and are fearful about their future. Given the length of the project the Victorian government can still engage with tenants and give them a genuine say in their future. In the short-term attention to maintenance is likely to be the most effective way to care for people living in the towers and free up empty units awaiting repair.

What You Can Do

Write to the Victoria Premier or Minister for Housing emphasising the need to increase funding for maintenance of social housing. Ask that the Victorian Government engage in a genuine co-design process with residents of public housing towers about their future.

Andrea Lindsay

Sacred Edge Festival



Queenscliff Uniting Church's annual Sacred Edge Festival from 2-4 May promises a weekend full of diversity and inclusion under one roof, featuring conversation and deep listening, music, stories and dance, art and ocean,

labyrinth, food and fun.

This year's theme is "Stories of the Edge: Listening to Story – Discovering our Own."

Tickets through trybooking.

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Democracy Sausage Sizzle

St Andrew's Hall will be a polling place on Election Day 3 May, so we will be holding a Democracy Sausage Sizzle on the 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.

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

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.

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Easter Stall

Our Easter Stall was a great success with a financial result of \$3096.75; but it was also a success in showing the community that the church was alive and well.

Many people took the chance to look inside the church or to hear about the work of the church - thanks Karen for talking to people.

Thank you to everyone who assisted with contributions for sale, to working on the day, to praying for success or for buying items themselves.

Wayne Myers

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