



Uniting Church in Australia

Linked Congregations of the Bellarine



Portarlington



Drysdale

News sheet for Sunday, 8 June 2025

THIS WEEK IN OUR LINKED CONGREGATIONS

Sunday, 8 June

Portarlington

9.00am *Celtic Festival Service*
Rev. Karen Eller and
Rev. Annetia Goldsmith

Drysdale

10.30am *Pentecost Sunday*
Jenni's lay team

Tuesday, 10 June

11.00am Drysdale Grove Worship
Rev. Karen Eller

Thursday, 12 June

10.00am Coffee and Chat, Café Zoo

Saturday, 14 June

8.00am St Andrew's Community Breakfast

Sunday 15 June

Portarlington

9.00am Rev. Karen Eller
Loose change and food bank

Drysdale

10.30am Rev. Karen Eller

LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday 8 June

Pentecost

Acts 2: 1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9
Psalm 104: 24 - 34, 35b
Romans 8: 14-17
John 14: 8-17, (25-27)

Sunday 15 June

Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15



Theme from Ministry Matters

As Jesus' disciples huddled together in fear, the Holy Spirit entered their dwelling in rushing wind and tongues of fire. In that moment, the Church was born. Without Pentecost, the disciples would not have had the courage to go forth and spread the William gospel.

Because of Pentecost, the Spirit, that was promised through the prophet Joel, is active in our world today: granting visions and dreams to old and young alike.

The power of God to create and renew life is the power of the Holy Spirit. We see this power in the psalmist's hymn of praise. We behold this power in Paul's discussion of adoption in Christ through the Spirit. And we receive this power in Jesus, as he comforts his disciples before his death.

Prayer from Ministry Matters

God of wind and fire, embolden us this day to receive your power. Help us to proclaim the wondrous things that you have done and continue to do in our lives. Give us strength and courage to share the Good News of your love and your presence. For we ask this in Jesus' Name.

AMEN.



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Saturday: 10.30am – 1.00pm

DRYSDALE

Meditation

The morning meditation sessions, run over the past five weeks by Rev. Peter Batten, have come to an end. A new session will start on Monday, **16 June at 5.00pm** in the church. The session will run for 30 minutes.

All are welcome to attend, no previous experience with meditation is needed, and there is no cost.



Winter Appeal

For many struggling in our communities, the next few months will be spent fighting the harsh realities of winter. Without the basic essentials of blankets, warm clothing, swags, sleeping bags, thermos flasks, toiletries and non-perishable food, the search for warmth and safety can be exhausting and overwhelming.

Drysdale Uniting is currently collecting the winter woollies and will deliver them at the end of the collection time.

PORTARLINGTON

Rosters

Time to prepare our next lot of rosters!

If you are able to help, please let Lorraine know the task/tasks that you are prepared to do.

Please also let me know of any times that you are NOT available.

See me at church or message on 0419 355 492 or email hughestwo@bigpond.com.

All offers gratefully received with thanks, as many helpers lighten the load.

Lorraine Hughes

St Andrew's building project plans



St. Andrew's members are invited to attend a session in the church on Monday **16 June at 2.00pm** to look at the detailed plans of our building project and to have some input into the internal design and fit out.

Your input and comments are needed and welcomed, so please turn up with your ideas.

Members of the Property Control Group will be in attendance to answer your questions.

Bring a pencil to make suggestions on the design plans.

Thank you.

Joy Porter

ALL CONGREGATIONS

Winter Solstice Walk

Saturday, **21 June at 10.00am**

at William Buckley Labyrinth, Bluff Rd, St Leonards

Two Special Walks



There are two special walks happening over the next few weeks - one which focuses on Reconciliation and the other on Refugees.

You may have seen in the media about the Yoorook Walk for Truth from Portland to Victorian Parliament House, to encourage all Victorians to seek and hear the truth about the treatment of First Nations people in the past. Some of us will walk one section on Thursday, **12 June** starting at **8.00am** in Geelong.

On Saturday, **21 June**, some of us will join the walk in Queenscliff, as part of the BigWalk4Refugees that is part of Refugee Week. This begins at **10.00am** near the Marine Centre in Queenscliff.

For more information about either of these, please contact Margaret Manning 0409 334 480

From the Bellarine Linked Congregations Justice Team.

Linked Congregations Annual Retreat

Saturday 28 June

This year our retreat will be led by Jenny and Peter Batten.

"Discover the Holy Fool Within - with Creativity and Play"



This is a valuable day in our church calendar, get it into your diaries! And look for sign-up sheets in the coming weeks.

Karen

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