



Linked Congregations of the Bellarine



Portarlington



Drysdale

Uniting Church in Australia

News sheet for Sunday, 15 June 2025

THIS WEEK IN OUR LINKED CONGREGATIONS

Sunday 15 June

Portarlington

9.00am Rev. Karen Eller
Loose change and food bank

Drysdale

10.30am Rev. Karen Eller

Monday 16 June

2.00pm St Andrew's building project meeting
5.00pm Meditation session at Drysdale.

Thursday, 19 June

10.00am Coffee and Chat, Café Zoo
11.00am Arcare Portarlington Worship

Saturday, 21 June

8.00am Drysdale Bible Study Breakfast, Café Zoo
10.00am Winter Solstice Walk
10.00am Big Walk 4 Refugees, Queenscliff

Sunday 22 June

Portarlington

9.00am Lay team – Rev. Marg. Manning

Drysdale

10.30am Rev. Karen Eller

LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday 15 June

Trinity Sunday

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

Sunday 22 June

Pentecost 2

1 Kings 19:1-15a or Isaiah 65:1-9
Psalms 42 and 43 or
Psalm 22: 19-28
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39



Theme from Ministry Matters

In this passage from Jesus's farewell discourse, the disciples face a significant problem: they cannot yet bear all that Jesus wants to tell them. Their understanding is limited, and Jesus acknowledges this limitation directly. There's a gap between what they need to know and what they're currently capable of comprehending. This limitation creates anxiety and uncertainty as Jesus prepares to leave them. The disciples are caught in a moment of transition, facing both the imminent loss of Jesus's physical presence and the inability to fully grasp what lies ahead.

Prayer from Ministry Matters

Spirit of Wisdom and Hope, we witness your glory in the heavens and hear your call to us. We are sometimes overwhelmed by the thought of your compassionate care. Open our hearts this day to hear and respond in joy to your call that we may serve you faithfully all our days. AMEN.



Combined Service and BBQ for Linked Congregations

Following the Combined Service on **Sunday, 29 June** at **10.15am** at Drysdale, there will be a BBQ lunch to raise funds for the Bush Chaplains, Frontier Services, Uniting Church. We would love you to stay.

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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 afternoon 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.



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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 Road,
St Leonards

BigWalk4Refugees

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.

Linked Congregations Annual Retreat

Saturday 28 June Retreat

The Retreat is on Saturday 28 June and we are hoping that you might consider attending. Book in on the sheets in the church foyers. But what happens at the Retreat? Each year there is



a guest presenter to workshop a topic that will involve presentation as well as participation.

This year we have Jenny and Peter Batten and their topic is "Discover the Holy Fool Within - with Creativity and Play". Both have experience in spiritual direction and art as therapy. The Retreat starts and finishes with worship and is held away from our church buildings so that we concentrate without distraction of our building needs.

An important part of the Retreat is interaction with others over morning/afternoon tea and lunch - bringing something is the only cost for the day - see the list when you are booking.

Foodbank thanks and Trivia Night

Foodbank, supported by our churches, gives thanks for recent donations and would like to promote a Trivia night to be held on **Friday 27 June**.



See Marg or Norm Cheale for further details.



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.