



Linked Congregations of the Bellarine



Uniting Church in Australia

Portarlington

Drysdale

News sheet for Sunday, 22 June 2025

THIS WEEK IN OUR LINKED CONGREGATIONS

Sunday, 22 June

Portarlington

9.00am Lay team – Rev. Marg. Manning

Drysdale

10.30am Rev. Karen Eller

Monday, 23 June

5.00pm Meditation session at Drysdale.

Thursday, 26 June

10.00am Coffee and Chat, Café Zoo

Saturday, 28 June

9.30am Retreat

Sunday, 29 June

10.15am **Portarlington and Drysdale combined
Worship at Drysdale**

Rev. Karen Eller

LECTIONARY READINGS

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

Sunday 29 June Pentecost 3

2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14
Psalms 77:1-2,11-20
Galatians 5:1,13-25
Luke 9:51-62

Theme from Ministry Matters

The steadfast love of God is evident throughout the passages for this day. Elijah becomes the expression of resolute and determined faith, an example rewarded by God carrying him to safety. The psalmist reminds us that throughout times of distress and dark nights of the soul, God is ever present. The Epistle passage proclaims that we are justified by faith in Christ, who claims us all as children of God. The promise of belonging to Christ is echoed in the healing of the Gerasene demoniac who Jesus instructs to share how much God has done for him. .

Prayer from Ministry Matters



Open our hearts today, O Lord, to feel the powerful strength and love you have for us.

Help us to listen, not only with our ears, but with our spirits for your words of compassion and healing.
Enable us to become more faithful disciples for you; for we ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Combined Service and BBQ for Linked Congregations

Following next week's combined service at Drysdale there will be lunch. However this time it will be a fundraising lunch for Frontier Services. Bar-b-qued sausages (GF), bread, sauce, and coleslaw will be provided. In return you are asked to make

a donation for the work of Frontier Services. Frontier Services is an agency of the Uniting Church

in Australia and has served the remote areas of Australia since 1894 with pastoral care through their Bush Chaplains.



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DRYSDALE

Hospice Nepal



We welcome Mark and Jenika to our service this week. They will talk about the work of the Hospice and will accept our loose change donation.

Meditation

Rev. Peter Batten, is now leading an afternoon meditation on **Mondays at 5.00pm**. The session will run for 30 minutes. All are welcome to attend, and no previous experience with meditation is needed. 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

ALL CONGREGATIONS

Linked Congregations Annual Retreat

Saturday 28 June Retreat

Next Saturday is the Retreat and there is still time for you to indicate your attendance. It is held at the Portarlington Guide Hall, next to the Tennis courts at the Recreation Reserve, Boat Rd. Starting time 9.30 am. Finishing at 3.30 pm.



The theme of "Discover the Holy Fool Within - with Creativity and Play" will be presented by Jenny and Peter Batten and will include commencing and closing worship and the time for personal contemplation. We hope that you might be able to attend.

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**.

Contact Marg or Norm Cheale for further details.

Public Housing Tower Demolition - *JustAct* June 2025

JustAct's feedback on issues church members most want it to focus on placed 'Curbing Homelessness' at the top of the list. That makes its continuing concern with demolition of inner Melbourne public housing towers particularly relevant. The May *JustAct* newsletter requested that we write letters to the Victorian Government regarding housing 'reforms' for public housing towers in inner Melbourne. These 'reforms' will remove residents from their current homes in public housing towers while redevelopment takes place. That will remove them from their communities as well as their homes. Once redevelopment is finished there will be a substantial reduction in the amount of public housing available to low income people.

At the start of April, residents of the public housing towers opposed to the current redevelopment plans lost a class action in the Supreme Court. The Victorian Government stated that it will pursue recovery of its legal costs against the tenant that led the class action. The case was pursued on behalf of 479 households from three public housing towers in Flemington and North Melbourne. The tenants' lawsuit argued the government failed to properly consider residents' human rights when it decided to demolish the towers. Further, the tenants argued that the Victorian Government failed to consider other alternatives, such as retrofitting the towers.

JustAct asked us to urge the Victorian Government to engage in a genuine co-design process with current residents regarding its plans to redevelop the public housing towers. *JustAct* wants to thank everyone who wrote letters in response to this article. If you did not get a chance to write letters in response to the action in the last *JustAct* it is not too late to do so. Letters can be addressed to the Victorian Premier (Hon. Jacinta Allan) or Minister for Housing and Building (*Hon. Harriet Shing*).

Andrea Lindsay

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