



Linked Congregations of the Bellarine



Portarlington



Drysdale

Uniting Church in Australia

News sheet for Sunday, 29 June 2025

THIS WEEK IN OUR LINKED CONGREGATIONS

Sunday, 29 June

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

Rev. Karen Eller
BBQ for Bush Chaplains to follow

Monday, 30 June

5.00pm Meditation session at Drysdale

Wednesday, 2 July

2.00pm Midweek Worship
Rev. Karen Eller
at St. Andrew's Portarlington, **not as
previously indicated at Marg Manning's
home.**

Thursday, 3 July

10.00am Coffee and Chat, Café Zoo

Sunday, 6 July

Portarlington

9.00am Rev. Karen Eller

Drysdale

10.30am Rev. Karen Eller

LECTIONARY READINGS

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

Sunday 6 July
Pentecost 4

2 Kings 5: 1-14
Psalms 30
Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20



Theme from Ministry Matters

The readings from 2 Kings, Luke, and Galatians look at times of transition, turmoil, and transformation. As the time nears for Elijah to ascend to heaven within the whirlwind, Elisha discovers his unique gifts of spiritual leadership. By pledging to follow Elijah as disciple, helper, and son, he gains experience, guidance, and his teacher's blessing. Likewise, Luke speaks of the time before Christ ascends to heaven, when his disciples also learn what it will take to follow him wherever he goes. The Galatians passage adds Paul's advice to believers—to act in accord with the Holy Spirit. He urges them to become living fruit of the Spirit, using their unique gifts for the kingdom of God.

Prayers from Ministry Matters

As the prophets of old knew, so may we also know. When we live by the Spirit, we will inherit the kingdom of God. The Spirit of love and forgiveness grows on the tree of life. This Spirit is available to all who seek it. Eat of this fruit, for it is the body of Christ, given for you..

Prayer based on (2 Kings 2, Galatians 5)

Holy One,
we come before you today:
full of hope,
full of desire,
full of promise.
Help us take up the mantle of faith
you have laid before us,
that we may use our own gifts of the Spirit
to face the challenges before us.
Help us face the turmoil
within and around us,
that we may face the future unafraid.
Show us your way, your truth,
and your life. Amen.

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Monday to Friday: 11.00am – 4.00pm
Saturday: 10.30am – 1.00pm

Combined Service and BBQ for Linked Congregations

Following this 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.



DRYSDALE

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.



PORTARLINGTON

St. Andrew's Prayer Chain

Our prayer chain is available for any members of the congregation to request prayers for themselves or friends and family.

(Please ensure you have permission of the person being prayed for).

Joy Porter distributes the prayer chain by email and should Joy not be available, please contact Marg Manning margmanning4616@outlook.com or ph. 0409 334 480 who will act as support in this role.

ALL CONGREGATIONS

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

And a few thoughts.....

"A world without a Sabbath would be like a man without a smile, like a summer without flowers, and like a homestead without a garden. It is the most joyous day of the whole week."

Henry Ward Beecher



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