



Linked Congregations of the Bellarine



Uniting Church in Australia

Portarlington

Drysdale

News sheet for Sunday, 6 July 2025

THIS WEEK IN OUR LINKED CONGREGATIONS

Sunday, 6 July

Portarlington

9.00am Rev. Karen Eller

Drysdale

10.30am Rev. Karen Eller

Holy Communion, loose change and foodbank

Monday, 7 July

5.00pm Meditation session at Drysdale

Tuesday, 8 July

11.00am Drysdale Grove Worship

Rev. Karen Eller

Thursday, 10 July

10.00am Coffee and Chat, Café Zoo

Sunday, 13 July

Portarlington

9.00am Rev. Karen Eller

Holy Communion

Drysdale

10.30am Drysdale Lay team, Denise

LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday 6 July

Pentecost 4

2 Kings 5: 1-14

Psalms 30

Galatians 6: (1-6), 7-16

Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

Sunday 13 July

Pentecost 5

Amos 7: 7-17

Psalms 82

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10: 25-37



Theme from Ministry Matters

Roy Clements, a pastor in England, tells the story of his decision to go into the ministry. He was earning a lucrative income in the science industry, but knew God was calling him to preach the Word. One day as he shared this desire with one of his co-workers, he heard the typical response: "It seems a bit of a waste." Why would anyone in his right mind leave a good job to tell others about Jesus?

When Christ says, "Go, I am sending you," one does not argue. Just begin the journey of joy and watch in wonder at all that God can accomplish through you.

In Luke 10:1-20, Jesus commissions the seventy-two apostles ("sent out ones") to go before him and tell the local villagers that the kingdom of God is near. As the messengers leave and return, their journey reveals four key insights about sharing the good news of Christ.

Prayers from Ministry Matters

As Jesus sent out the seventy-two disciples to teach, care for the sick, and make friends with the friendless, so I send you. Go out into (your town or area) to share God's love. Talk to those who will listen, take care of those who need help, and do your part to bring God's kingdom closer. As you go, remember that many people are waiting for you and will welcome you. Also remember that Jesus will be with you always. Amen.

Ian Porter's creative poem written at the *Discover the Holy Fool* Retreat held on June 28

O holy fool
you are God's tool
to share Christ's loving grace!
So don't be scared,
just be prepared
to live out and finish the race!

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Saturday: 10.30am – 1.00pm

ALL CONGREGATIONS

Frontier Services



Donations received from the after-service lunch last Sunday came to \$700. Drysdale Church Council has added \$300 to that so the total being forwarded is \$1000. It was a lovely

lunch; thank you all for taking part and to those who helped in the kitchen.

Thank you from Bob Stevenson

I write to thank each one for making the funeral service such a blessed service for Irene and for all our families; we were truly blessed, just as Irene would have wanted.



Led by the Minister Rev Karen, music by Judy Grimm, readings by Irene's best friend Pat Handley and Judith, her daughter - this is how Irene long planned her funeral might happen.

For Wayne Myers and all those who helped him prepare the church for the service, and the sound system and for the floral arrangement in the church and for all who served in the kitchen and mingled with the visitors, who spoke of how friendly you were towards them.

Since then, I want to give thanks for your telephone calls, cards and the messages on them for their comfort, hope in Christ and the peace they have given to me and all the family. Grief comes to all of us in this life, but people of faith hold that in the God of Jesus the best is yet to be. This is the faith we believe and hold steadfastly.

Thank you one and all
Bob Stevenson

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 from 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



Caring for God's Creation

Reduce, reuse, repair and recycle

Electronics, clothes, plastics and other items we buy cause carbon emissions at each point in production, from the extraction of raw materials to manufacturing and transporting goods to market.

To protect the climate, buy fewer things, shop second-hand, and repair what you can.

Plastics alone generated 1.8 billion metric tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions in 2019 – 3.4 per cent of the global total. Less than 10 per cent is recycled, and once plastic is discarded, it can linger for hundreds of years.

Buying fewer new clothes – and other consumer goods – can also reduce your carbon footprint. Every kilogram of textiles produced generates about 17 kilograms of CO₂e.

Source: United Nations

A great reason to shop in our Op Shop!



Karen

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