



Linked Congregations of the Bellarine



Uniting Church in Australia

Portarlington

Drysdale

News sheet for Sunday, 13 July 2025

THIS WEEK IN OUR LINKED CONGREGATIONS

Sunday, 13 July

Portarlington

9.00am Rev. Karen Eller
Holy Communion

Drysdale

10.30am Drysdale Lay team, Denise

Monday, 14 July

5.00pm Meditation session at Drysdale

Thursday, 17 July

10.00am Coffee and Chat, Café Zoo

11.00am Arcare Worship
Rev. Karen Eller

Saturday, 19 July

8.00am Drysdale Breakfast Bible Study
Café Zoo

Sunday, 20 July

Portarlington

9.00am Wayne Myers
Loose Change and Foodbank

Drysdale

10.30am Wayne Myers

LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday 13 July **Pentecost 5**

Amos 7: 7-17
Psalm 82
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10: 25-37

Sunday 20 July **Pentecost 6**

UCA Intercultural
Neighbouring Sunday

Amos 8:1-12
Psalms 52
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10: 38-42



Theme from Ministry Matters

Love of God and neighbor are the greatest commandments and lie at the center of today's scriptures. Amos' prophetic word of judgment is a response to the failure to love one's neighbor. The prophet brings God's warning against wealth inequity, leaving the poor without compassion, and failing to care for the community of faith. The Colossian church is lauded for the precise opposite—for their love of all God's people, for bearing fruit, and for growing spiritually together. Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan illustrates vividly that we are to care for our neighbors with compassion and generosity.

A prayer to the Creative Spirit of diversity

by Rev. Mark Koenig,

Creative Spirit, you make all that is, you make the human family, in rich, wild diversity, each one in your own image, everyone beloved by you. The diversity you create enlarges the sphere of possibilities for all of us. Help us acknowledge the diversity you create as your gift to us; understand the diversity you create as enhancing your world; and celebrate the diversity you create as enriching our lives. Inspire us to reject and dismantle all systems and ideologies that erroneously and sinfully maintain that some of us have greater value. Guide us to welcome all people as your beloved children and to love one another as taught and lived by Jesus in whose name we pray. Amen.

(inspired by 'When God Became White'
by the Rev. Dr. Grace Ji-Sun Kim)



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Saturday: 10.30am – 1.00pm

ALL CONGREGATIONS

Drysdale Community Church Foodbank

I am communicating with you to advise of a change in the Ministry of Drysdale Community Church.

As many of us have experienced, there are seasons in ministry and ministerial expressions. Approximately 25 years ago, Gayle and I started Drysdale Family Support as the practical expression of the church's ministry to the community. This included a Counseling Centre, Op Shop and our Foodbank.

Times and circumstances change. Sometimes it is a small change and sometimes a number of changes create a significant shift. My approaching retirement and the large reduction in Grant support and the increase in the cost of living have brought us to the place of realising that the season for Foodbank is coming to a close.

We would like to thank you for your support, your prayers and your encouragement through the years that the Foodbank has operated. We appreciate the way you have accepted this ministry as a resource for the church across the Bellarine.

Praying God's richest blessings for you all.

Pr. Jake Hogendoorn

Christmas Bowl Appeal 2025

Last year, your compassion helped restore peace and dignity to families uprooted by conflict and disaster. From one community of faith to another, your gifts are a lifeline, helping people regain the peace of a safe place to belong.

Now, as we prepare for the next chapter of this life-changing tradition, I warmly invite your church community to once again take part in the Christmas Bowl. Thank you for your kind support. In caring for humankind together we can act for peace in the world.

With gratitude,

Hannah Montgomery

Act for Peace

Intercultural Neighbouring Sunday

The Uniting Church in Australia has introduced Intercultural Neighbouring Sunday on the 3rd Sunday in July.

Annual observance of Intercultural Neighbouring Sunday will remind, refresh and resource the whole Uniting Church in knowing who we are as a Multicultural and Intercultural Church. We are called to be "a body within which the diverse gifts of its members are used for the building up of the whole" (The Basis of Union, par 3) and that includes the "diverse gifts" showered upon us through being an Intercultural Church. Culturally and linguistically diverse gifts and expressions of faith can enrich and renew the UCA's Pentecost vision and identity as "a fellowship of reconciliation", and "a pilgrim people" from First Nations, "from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages." (Rev 7:9).

Excerpt from article by Rev Dr Paul Goh



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!

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

Sammy Stamp

Our used stamps for *Sammy Stamp* do make a difference. I recently sent a very large parcel to *Sammy Stamp* and have received the following message in return.

"Thank you to our friends at St Andrew's Portarlington for the very welcome packet of stamps which arrived this week. Sammy Stamp is very dependent on our regular supporters, as snail mail disappears and the increase in price to \$1.70 for basic letters from July 1st.

We raised \$35,000 last year and are hoping to equal that this year with so many people in our community financially challenged.

Blessings

Ian and Margaret Beaumont"

Joy Porter

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.

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.