



Linked Congregations of the Bellarine



Portarlington



Drysdale

Uniting Church in Australia

News sheet for Sunday, 3 August 2025

THIS WEEK IN OUR LINKED CONGREGATIONS

Sunday, 3 August

Portarlington

9.00am Rev. Karen Eller

Drysdale

10.30am Rev. Karen Eller
Holy Communion
Loose Change and Foodbank

Monday, 4 August

2.00pm Working Bee, Portarlington

Wednesday, 6 August

2.00pm Monthly Mid-week Service, Portarlington

Thursday, 7 August

10.00am Coffee and Chat, Café Zoo

Saturday, 9 August

8.00am Portarlington Community Breakfast
St Patrick's Catholic Church
(see notice over page)

Sunday, 10 August

Portarlington

9.00am Rev. Karen Eller
Holy Communion

Drysdale

10.30am Drysdale Lay Team, Wayne

LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday 3 August **Pentecost 8**

Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

Sunday 10 August **Pentecost 9**

Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

Theme from Ministry Matters

Colossians 3 says, "Set your minds on things that are above, not on the things that are on earth" (v. 2, NRSVue). Today's texts center our minds and souls on the realm of God. Often, we are drawn by unhealthy paths on this earth—from greed to behaviors that hurt our neighbors. As we clothe ourselves with the gifts of God and the knowledge that we are made in God's image, let us use our resources to build the realm of God here on earth. Today, we embody a spirit of renewal, embrace the love of God, and work to share this love with our siblings, with whom we share an eternal connection.

Prayers from Ministry Matters

Spirit of hope and renewal,
as the dawn nudges us awake,
summon us with your presence.
Wrap us with the cloak of your wisdom and grace.
As your light breaks the horizon this day,
help us see the love revealed in your realm.
Nourish us with your wisdom
and guide us with your hope,
for we hunger to know you better.
Loving God, Divine Guide,
may we not turn away from you
as our desires take hold.
When we are drawn to the sparkle around us,
draw us back to the holy glow of your realm.
When we focus on the divisions that divide us,
lead us to share your steadfast love
with those we are separated from.
When we fixate on how to get ahead,
move us to share your bounty with our neighbours.
Draw us back to you, Holy Beacon of Hope
that we might all be made well. Amen.



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Saturday: 10.30am – 1.00pm

ALL CONGREGATIONS



Caring for God's Creation

UCA President renews call for Australia to sign treaty

On 6 and 9 August 2025, the world will commemorate 80 years since the catastrophic atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. As these significant anniversaries approach, Uniting Church President Rev Charissa Suli has written to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Foreign Minister Penny Wong urging the Australian Government to immediately sign and ratify the [Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons](#).

"For more than four decades, the Uniting Church in Australia has rejected the use, proliferation and threat of nuclear weapons in the strongest possible terms," the President wrote. "These weapons are morally indefensible and fundamentally incompatible with the Gospel of Christ." "We urge you now to translate commitments into action by immediately signing and ratifying the Treaty, and offering leadership in international disarmament efforts for the sake of the whole creation."

You can get involved in events and actions during the [Week of Action for Abolition](#) from 2-9 August, led by the International Campaign for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons. Help us build pressure for progress by joining events around the country and writing to the Government yourself.

Source: UCA National Update

Dying to Know Day

'The Secret I'm Glad I Shared' is the message behind this year's Dying to Know Day, because saying it now can save a lot of stress later. Don't keep your final wishes a secret because if nobody knows what you want, they never will. *Dying to Know Day* is a national day of action aiming to normalise conversations about death, dying and grief. Come to an information session covering topics such as starting the conversation, Advance Care Plans, legal matters, and other end of life issues.

Date: Wednesday August 6

Time: 1.30 to 3.30 pm (Afternoon tea included)

Place: Drysdale Library

To register:

email paulinenunan@gmail.com or call 0417 433 142

PORTARLINGTON

Church Lunch

It's time for another Church Lunch and you're invited to join us at the Portarlington Golf Club on Sunday, August 17, at noon. If you'd like to attend please let Lorraine know by Wednesday, August 13, by signing the notice in the narthex at the Church or emailing hughestwo@bigpond.com or messaging 0419 355 492.

Look forward to seeing you there,
Lorraine.

St Andrew's Renovations

It is anticipated that our renovations will begin around mid-August. As a result, our first Sunday worshipping at the Portarlington Guide Hall (located in the Recreation Reserve in Boat Rd) will be **Sunday 17 August**.

Working Bees!!! We Need You

To assist with the forthcoming renovations, we need all *hands on deck* to pack furniture and other church items from hall and church prior to the commencement of our renovations.

There will be **2 working bees**

Monday, 4 August at 2pm

Tuesday, 12 August at 2pm



Storage Space Wanted

Some safe storage: a garage or spare room to store our church TVs and audio equipment during the renovations. They will be carefully wrapped in protective *bubble wrap*. We just need the space to store. Speak with David or Joan if you can help.

Portarlington Community Breakfast

The next community breakfast will be held on Saturday 9 August, 8.00 to 9.30am, with guest speaker Jeff Neal from the Clifton Springs Men's Shed.

Have you ever wondered about the Men's Shed movement? Ever been curious about what exactly happens in a Men's Shed? First conceived as a movement to support men's health, Men's Sheds have sprung up all around the country.

After a career in the oil industry Jeff thought he could use his own practical skills to help out, joined his local group and has never looked back.

You are warmly invited to join us to hear from Jeff of the Clifton Springs Men's Shed. Jeff will speak about the Men's Shed movement, how it supports local community charities and to see some of the work they create.



PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW TEMPORARY LOCATION BELOW!

**Where: St Patrick's Catholic Church Foyer Space,
18 Harding Street, Portarlington**

Host: St Andrew's Uniting Church, Portarlington

RSVP: Please respond to

standrewsportbreakfast@gmail.com with names, numbers and any dietary requirements.

Note for your diaries: Artist, Alan Boromeo will now present at our September Breakfast.

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.