



Linked Congregations of the Bellarine



Portarlington



Drysdale

Uniting Church in Australia

News sheet for Sunday, 10 August 2025

THIS WEEK IN OUR LINKED CONGREGATIONS

Sunday, 10 August

Portarlington

9.00am Rev. Karen Eller
Holy Communion

Drysdale

10.30am Drysdale Lay Team, Wayne

Tuesday, 12 August

11.00am Drysdale Grove Worship,
Rev. Karen Eller
2.00pm Working Bee, Portarlington
2.00pm Linked Worship Committee, Portarlington

Thursday, 14 August

10.00am Coffee and Chat, Café Zoo

Saturday, 16 August

8.00am Breakfast Bible Study, Café Zoo

Sunday, 17 August

Portarlington

9.00am Rev. Karen Eller
Loose Change & Food Bank

Drysdale

10.30am Rev. Karen Eller

LECTIONARY READINGS

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

Sunday 17 August
Pentecost 10
Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-9
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

Theme from Ministry Matters

Isaiah, the psalmist, and Luke make clear that if our actions do not embody justice and righteousness, even worshipping the “right way” is spiritually empty and is not pleasing to God. God will not listen to the prayers of those who trample the weak and whose hands are full of blood.

The psalmist adds that our God is a devouring fire, and those who do not repent of their errant ways will be utterly swept away. Still, those who live according to God’s precepts will know the glory of salvation in Christ.

In Luke, Jesus tells us not to worry, for it is God’s pleasure to give us the kingdom. Still, Jesus warns that we should store up treasures in heaven, not on earth—for where our treasure is, there our hearts will be also.

Prayers from Ministry Matters

Mighty God, dress us for action, for the world is in need of our care. Turn us from our selfish ways and help us share the fat of this good land. For when we refuse and rebel, we reap what we have sown. Your care and compassion call to us. Your mercy and grace reach out to us.

Heal us day and may it be your good pleasure to give us the kingdom. When our prayers and devotions are divorced from works of love and justice, we long to return to your ways.

Wash us with your grace and mercy and help us store up treasure in heaven where neither thief nor moth destroy. Remove the evil we harbour in our hearts, and transform our selfish deeds into acts of righteousness. In your holy name, we pray.
Amen.



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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

Jam For Refugees

A series of musical fund raising events will be held, to raise money for the Combined Refugee Action Group, Geelong.

3.00pm Sunday 10 August

All Saints Anglican Church,
Noble Street, Newtown

The Soft Complaining Flute featuring Elysium Ensemble

3.00pm Sunday 17 August

Sacred Heart College Chapel, Aphrasia Street,
Newtown

The Class of 1685 featuring Terry Norman

All tickets \$20



PORTARLINGTON

Church Lunch

It's time for another Church Lunch and you're invited to join us at the Portarlington Golf Club on Sunday, 17 August, 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 by emailing hughstwo@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 Bee!!! We Need You

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

Thank you to all the hardworking volunteers at the 4 August working bee. Much has been achieved.

We hope to see you again at the next working bee on **Tuesday, 12 August at 2pm**.



Storage Space Update

Many thanks to Margaret Campbell who has offered some storage space for our AV equipment.

DRYSDALE

Loose Change Offering

The result from last week's loose change offering was \$196.55. It is a wonderful result for The Orange Door, thank you to all who contributed.

It was so heavy to take for deposit!
Wayne

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