



Linked Congregations of the Bellarine



Portarlington



Drysdale

Uniting Church in Australia

News sheet for Sunday, 24 August 2025

THIS WEEK IN OUR LINKED CONGREGATIONS

Sunday, 24 August

Portarlington (Guide Hall)

9.00am Portarlington Lay Team, Marg. Manning

Drysdale

10.30am Rev. Karen Eller

Combined Refugee Action Group

3.00pm St Peter's Anglican Church, Ocean Grove

Thursday, 28 August

10.00am Coffee and Chat, Café Zoo

Sunday, 31 August

Combined Service, Drysdale

10.15am Lay Team, Ian & Joy Porter

Combined Refugee Action Group

3.00pm Parks Hall, Newcombe St, Portarlington

LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday 24 August Pentecost 11

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

Sunday 31 August Pentecost 12

Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14



Theme from Ministry Matters

The theme of rescue runs through today's scriptures. Before Jeremiah was even born, God had consecrated him to be a prophet—to rescue God's people from aimlessness and sin. The psalmist invites us to seek refuge in the One who rescues us from earthly perils. Hebrews proclaims that the whole created order will be shaken and that Christ has come to rescue us from all that does not endure. In Luke, Jesus rescues a woman from an infirmity that has afflicted her for 18 years. In a world full of peril, rebellion and decay, God rescues us and offers us a kingdom that cannot be shaken.

Prayers from Ministry Matters

Great Healer, we are beaten down by life's suffering.

Make us whole, O God,
and help us share your healing with the world.

Free us from the demons that shackle our spirits,
and set us free from the chains that binds us,
that we may help break the chains of others.
Amen.



Prison Fellowship

⁹Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God?

*¹¹And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.
1 Cor. 6:9,11*

When I have an opportunity to visit a prison and meet with inmates, I need to remind myself of the above sentiment. We are all wrongdoers; we once lived in sin but we have been washed clean of sin by Jesus' blood, set apart and made holy and declared righteous before God through the work of Jesus Christ. There is nothing we can boast of; we need to humbly remember that we have been redeemed and given hope not by our own doing but solely through the powerful sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus. Now we rely totally on the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit as we journey through our lives growing in Christlikeness and holiness. May we remind ourselves of this daily.

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Saturday: 10.30am – 1.00pm

ALL CONGREGATIONS

Mending Our Social Fabric - JustAct August 2025:

Good people feel despair over the race by world leaders to war and destruction. Our Justice and International Mission Cluster is co-hosting a forum that gives hope. This hope is based on the work and goodness of people who are determined to believe in their fellow humans as people worthy of love.

Forum - Learning from Palestinian and Israeli Women Peacebuilders:

Saturday, 31 August at 6:30pm for 7:00 -9:00 pm event
The women who will lead the event are:

Margaret Hepworth, moderator for the night. Margaret is an inspiring peace educator, speaker and advocate for non-violence and building social cohesion. She is serving as Victorian Education Coordinator for 'Together for Humanity' and founder of the peace education initiative, 'The Gandhi Experiment'.

Riman Barakat, is a veteran peacebuilder and social entrepreneur from East Jerusalem. She currently serves as the co-CEO of FeelBeit, an Israeli-Palestinian cultural centre on Jerusalem's East-West boundary that harnesses the transformative power of the arts to bridge divides, foster dialogue and is a prototype of a shared future.

Peta Jones Pellach is an educator, activist and blogger. She is committed to interfaith dialogue and peace-building. She is Director of Education, Elijah Interfaith Institute, co-founder and moderator of Praying Together in Jerusalem and an active member of Women Wage Peace.

Cost: \$18 / \$10 concession - Free for the unwaged

Where: South-East suburbs of Melbourne/Naarm. For community safety reasons, the location will be disclosed after registration and three days before the event. Registration via the internet site

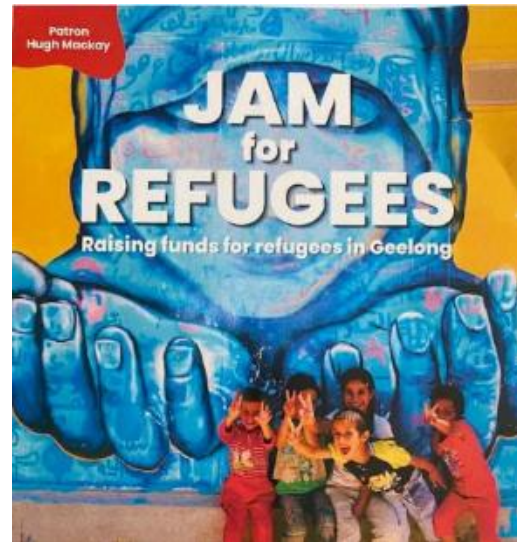
<https://events.humanitix.com/mending-our-social-fabric>

For questions about the event please e-mail

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Jam For Refugees

A series of musical fund raising events are being held, to raise money for CRAG, the Combined Refugee Action Group, Geelong. All tickets \$20.



3.00pm Sunday 24 August

The Writer's Tale featuring Judy Rankin, author.

St Peters Anglican Church

35-37 Draper St, Ocean Grove

3.00pm Sunday 31 August

Salsa Dance by Geelong Salsa

Parks Hall, 87 Newcombe St, Portarlington

UCAF Reunion

All UCAF members, past and present, are invited to a get-together / reunion from 10am to 2pm

Wednesday, 27 August

Belmont UCA, 42 Thomson St, Belmont,

BYO lunch; morning tea provided.

UCAF Synod Council

Nothing over \$1
Children's books
\$0.50!

Join us at our monthly book sale.

Held the first Friday and Saturday of each month at Uniting Grovedale, the Uniting book sale raises much needed funds for local services.

Friday
5th September 2025

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Saturday
6th September 2025

10am - 2pm

272 Torquay Rd, Grovedale

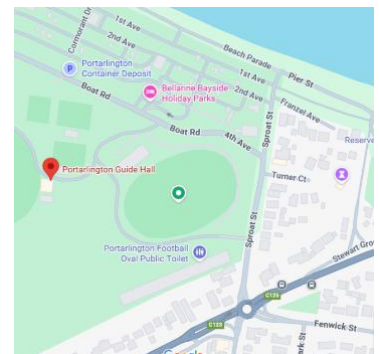
(Corner Reserve and Torquay Roads)

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PORTARLINGTON

St Andrew's, temporary venue

Sunday worship is now being held at the Portarlington Guide Hall, in the Recreation Reserve, Boat Rd. It will continue here for the foreseeable future.



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.