



Linked Congregations of the Bellarine



Portarlington



Drysdale

Uniting Church in Australia

News sheet for Sunday, 12 October 2025

THIS WEEK IN OUR LINKED CONGREGATIONS

Sunday, 12 October

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9.00am Drysdale Lay team - Wayne

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Tuesday, 14 October

11.00am Drysdale Grove worship

Thursday, 16 October

10.00am Coffee and Chat, Café Zoo

11.00am Arcare worship, Portarlington

Saturday, 18 October

8.00am Breakfast Bible Study, Café Zoo

Sunday, 19 October

Portarlington

9.00am Rev Karen Eller
Loose change and foodbank

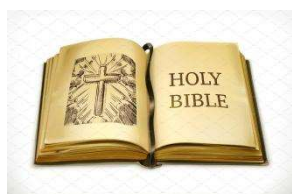
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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday 12 October Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7
Pentecost 18 Psalm 66: 1-12
2 Timothy 2: 8-15
Luke 17: 11-19

Sunday 19 October Jeremiah 31: 27-34
Pentecost 19 Psalm 119: 97-104
2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5
Luke 18: 1-8



Theme from Ministry Matters

Today's scriptures focus on life—the abundant life God wants for each person, no matter where they are. Jeremiah sends a message to the exiles telling them that God wants them to thrive right where they are: build homes, tend the land, prosper, seek the welfare of the city, and pray. This message continues as the psalmist sings the glory of God and acknowledges that it is God who protects the people and blesses them.

In the Epistle and the Gospel lessons, we see how life with God is carried on in the life and message of Jesus Christ. Second Timothy urges us to align themselves with Jesus Christ, knowing that Christ is always faithful.

And Luke recounts the story of how Jesus brought healing and new life to ten lepers, but how only one returned to give thanks to Jesus. May we all strive to find the abundant life God offers through Jesus Christ.

Prayer from Ministry Matters (2 Timothy, Luke 17)

Holy One, we gather to sing your praises!

We are grateful for the gift of this day
and all the ways you make your presence known.

We are grateful for your abiding Spirit
and the ways the Spirit empowers us
to be your people.

In this time of worship, deepen our faith.

Restore our souls and heal us.

After we have spent time with you,
return us to our community, that we may share your love
and grace with everyone we meet.

In the name of Christ, we pray.

Amen.



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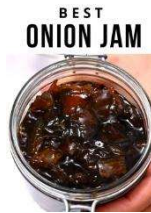
Drysdale Uniting Church Op Shop:
High Street DRYSDALE
Monday to Friday: 11.00am – 4.00pm
Saturday: 10.30am – 1.00pm

Sharing our Gifts

Joan Cook has kindly offered to run a preserving workshop. Come and learn how to make onion jam at the church. (Just in time for the November stall).

Friday October 23rd
10.00am - 2.00pm
RSVP Joan 0409 387 221

Karen.



ALL CONGREGATIONS



Caring for God's Creation Seminar - Sustainability in your home



Join Dr Saul Griffith, engineer and Chief Scientist at Rewiring Australia, as he dives into the challenges and pathways for electrifying our homes and transport in a fairer, faster transition.

When: 6.00pm, Thursday 16 October 2025

Where: Geelong West Town Hall, 153 Pakington St, Geelong West VIC 3218.



Story about our litter

A day in the life of the Organics Litter Picker team

Jack and Robbie are part of the City's Organics Litter Picker team at Point Henry Resource Recovery & Transfer Station.

The team receive kerbside garden organics and pick out any items that should not be in there. This important job helps turn garden waste into high quality compost.

What common contaminants do you see?

You get everything here. Newspapers, tin cans, soda cans, beer cans, plastic bottles, even a full wardrobe of clothes. Nappies, lead based painted wood, MDF, chipboard, bricks, tiles, rocks, nails, screws and garden tools that have been put in by accident. A lot of green waste is in plastic bags that don't get emptied out. Even though some plastic bags are supposedly biodegradable, there have been tests done confirming that's not true. We will always pick that out.

Tell us one of the things you like most about your job.

Robbie: I like getting all the rubbish out, because in the end it gets turned into compost and used all over Geelong.

Jack: I like that it isn't stressful. When I go home at the end of the day, I don't have to think about work.

What are some strange things you've found in garden bins?

Robbie: We found a Koala once and recently a 5- to 6-foot-long Python. But the worst is dead animals and syringes. Please don't put your dead pets in your green bin!

Jack: Really heavy metal items like car parts that need to be lifted to the side. (If the bin is too heavy it can get damaged, or cause damage to the truck).

What is your worst day?

We call it filthy Friday because the green bins can be full of rubbish. It's disappointing that some people use their green bin as an extra red bin. The rubbish is spread onto the ground for us to pick everything out individually.

Has working in this role changed how you think about waste?

Robbie: Yes. It's sort of an eye opener when you first think; wow do people really throw all that stuff into their green bin?

Jack: I think people just don't think about it. You put it in your bin; it gets taken away and it's gone. You don't really think about where it goes or what happens to it after that.

Why is it important for the community to put the right thing in their garden bin?

Jack: It costs them money in their rates because the City needs to hire us to pick the rubbish out.

Robbie: Also, it costs more in landfill fees that gets charged to ratepayers to dispose of the rubbish we pick out of the green waste. These fees get more expensive every year.

What's challenging about your job?

Jack: The weather is probably the big one. You get used to the smell fast; you don't notice it after a while.

Robbie: We work in all elements and because it is very open here, it gets windy. You're trying to grab rubbish, and it is just blowing everywhere.

What is your number one waste tip or something you do at home to reduce waste?

Jack: Buy less. Recycle more.

Robbie: I'm a big fan of the 10c recycling (Victoria Container Deposit Scheme).

What do you wish the community knew that could help you with your job?

That we exist. People may not be aware that we pick the rubbish out of their green waste bin after it gets taken away. It doesn't just go to landfill. We pick it clean so it can be turned into compost to benefit the whole community.