



Linked Congregations of the Bellarine



Uniting Church in Australia

Portarlington

Drysdale

News sheet for Sunday, 19 October 2025

THIS WEEK IN OUR LINKED CONGREGATIONS

Sunday, 19 October

Portarlington

9.00am Rev. Karen Eller
Loose change and foodbank

Drysdale

10.30am Rev Karen Eller

Thursday, 23 October

10.00am Coffee and Chat, Café Zoo

Sunday, 26 October

Portarlington

9.00am Lay Team – Lorraine and David

Drysdale

10.30am Rev. Karen Eller

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Sunday 26 October
Pentecost 20 Joel 2: 23-32
Psalm 65
2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18
Luke 18: 9-14



Theme from Ministry Matters

Christ came that we may have life and have it abundantly. May we pursue an abundant, just, and peace-filled life, as persistently as the widow sought justice from an unjust judge.

Thankfully, as the prophet Jeremiah tells us, God's covenant, the way to abundant life, is written on our hearts. It is also embedded in God's law, according to the psalmist. Let us persevere with God's help and not grow weary of seeking the goodness of God.

Prayer from Ministry Matters

Come, Holy Spirit, and renew us in this hour of celebration. We rejoice that you make us your partners in pursuit of a just and peaceful world.

With Jesus, we ask the question, "Will there be faith on earth?"

Will we settle for mere beliefs, or will we yield to the deep longing for your will to be done, here and now?

Teach us to hope, work, and cry out for your justice and peace to be made real.

Walk with us, Jesus, until we joyfully reach that day when all God's children belong to your eternal family. Amen.

Prayer (Luke 18)

You call us, Lord of Life,
to a faith that stays in motion.
You urge us to grow in wisdom
and to be reconciled with all.

Yet, we fail to understand
that faith is not something fixed

It is not a goal to be achieved, a place where we arrive and then rest on our laurels.

Call us anew, dear Christ, to seek you in neighbours who need us.

Help us pursue peace with more persistence than those who pursue violence.

Grant us an unyielding faith—
a faith that transforms our own hearts
and the world around us.

This we pray in your name, which is Love.
Amen.



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High Street DRYSDALE
Monday to Friday: 11.00am – 4.00pm
Saturday: 10.30am – 1.00pm

ALL CONGREGATIONS



An invitation from Portarlington Uniting Church St Andrew's to remember a loved one who has died in the past year.

When: Sunday,
2 November 2025 as part of our 9.00am worship.

Where: Portarlington Guide Hall in Recreation reserve (Best entry is via the gate in Sproat St and using the back door of the Guide Hall).

Why: To remember and be in solidarity with others who have suffered loss.

How: During the memorial time, there will be time to name a loved one, light a candle if you wish and remember them in a reflective space.

This will be as part of our morning worship on Sunday 2 November 2025.

If you wish, you are invited to share a digital photo that you would like to be used in the service.

Morning tea will follow.

RSVP by 30 October to: Marg Manning
margmanning4616@outlook.com
phone 0409 334 480

PORTARLINGTON

Advance note

This year we will not have the normal Christmas tree to accept gifts for Uniting, due to our temporary worship location.



However St Andrew's members are invited to purchase brand new unwrapped gifts for children aged 0-17 years and take them to the Linked Congregations service on 30 November at Drysdale.

Our gifts will be added to those collected at Drysdale. This will be the only collection point for St Andrew's gifts for Uniting this year, due to us not worshipping in the church.

Joy



Uniting Church in Australia
SYNOD OF VICTORIA AND TASMANIA

If you have looked at the Synod website, you may have noticed this photo. It appears with the heading of Pew Sheets and Worship. Aren't we fortunate to be able to appreciate this glorious part of God's creation?



DRYSDALE

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



Karen.

A Cartoon to finish with -



Jesus says – "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy times seven." (it should say seventy-seven times!)

Peter says – "Not only do I have to forgive my brother; now I have to do Math!!"

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.