



Linked Congregations of the Bellarine



Portarlington



Drysdale

Uniting Church in Australia

News sheet for Sunday, 26 October 2025

THIS WEEK IN OUR LINKED CONGREGATIONS

Sunday, 26 October

Portarlington

9.00am Lay Team – Lorraine and David

Drysdale

10.30am Rev. Karen Eller

Thursday, 30 October

10.00am Coffee and Chat, Café Zoo

Sunday, 2 November

Portarlington

9.00am Rev. Karen Eller

Drysdale

10.30am Rev. Karen Eller
Holy Communion, loose change and Foodbank

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday 26 October

Pentecost 20

Joel 2: 23-32
Psalm 65
2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18
Luke 18: 9-14

Sunday 2 November

All Saints Day

Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1: 11-23
Luke 6: 20-31

Theme from Ministry Matters

God enters our struggles to bring us joy.

In Joel, the Israelites are given life-giving rain after years of drought. They also received the promise of prophecies, dreams, and visions.

The psalmist rejoices in the bounty of God's blessings. Even as Paul contemplates his martyrdom, he rejoices that he has finished the race in faith and will receive the crown of righteousness.

In Luke, Jesus chastises those who build themselves up; but he offers forgiveness to those who humble themselves before God.

God never abandons us, especially in the worst of times.

This is good news indeed.

Prayer from Ministry Matters



PRAYER OF YEARNING

(Joel 2, Psalm 65,
2 Timothy 4)

Merciful God, prepare us for the marathon of life,
even as seek the ease of a leisurely stroll.
May we never tire of fighting the good fight,
nor fall exhausted from running our race.
May we never grow weary from keeping the faith.
Speak your words of promise once more, O God,
for we need to find your quiet centre amid the noisy tumult
of life.
Bless us with dreams and guide us with visions,
that we may faithfully endure life's trials
and receive your righteous crown. Amen.

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Monday to Friday: 11.00am–4.00pm

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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

Caring for God's Creation

Renewables overtake coal for the first time

Renewable electricity generation has surpassed coal for the first time, both worldwide and in Australia – marking a powerful step in the global transition away from fossil fuels.

A recent report by the energy thinktank Ember has shown that the world generated almost a third more solar power in the first half of 2025 compared to the same period in 2024 – largely driven by massive expansions in China and India.

Combined with steady wind growth, solar and wind power together met 83 per cent of the global increase in electricity demand, resulting in a small but significant decline in coal and gas use.

Excerpt of article by Ashmeeta Subra, Planet Ark

St. Andrew's Website

St Andrew's Portarlington have a brand-new website. We were successful in obtaining some funds through the Presbytery's Simpson Bequest to assist us to build this website.

Do check us out at:

<https://portarlingtonunitingchurch.org.au/>

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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

DRYSDALE

Pre-Christmas Market

It's on next **Saturday, 1 November!**

Beginning at 9.00am.



Please gather together your donations for the stalls and place your name on the roster sheet for staffing the stalls.

Assistance with setting up or cleaning up afterwards would be most helpful too.

Any help will be appreciated.

Remember to send text messages to your friends and let them know that it's on!

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 listed 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.