



Linked Congregations of the Bellarine



Uniting Church in Australia

Portarlington

Drysdale

News sheet for Sunday, 2 November 2025

THIS WEEK IN OUR LINKED CONGREGATIONS

Sunday, 2 November

All Saints Sunday

Portarlington

9.00am Rev. Karen Eller

Drysdale

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

Wednesday, 5 November

2.00pm Midweek worship at Marg. Manning's home

Thursday, 6 November

10.00am Coffee and Chat, Café Zoo

Friday, 7 November

10.30am Morning Tea with the Minister
Drysdale Church Hall

Saturday, 8 November

8.00am Portarlington Community Breakfast

Sunday, 9 November

Portarlington

9.00am Portarlington Lay team

Drysdale

10.30am Drysdale Lay team

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday 2 November

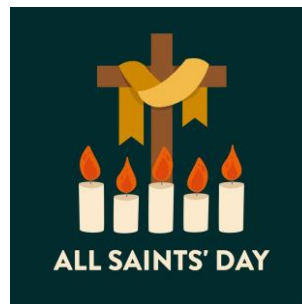
All Saints Day

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

Sunday 9 November

Pentecost 22

Haggai 1:15b - 2:9
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17
Luke 20: 27-38



All Saints

Andrewtide, by Anna Briggs

The crowd had listened to your word
With love their hearts and minds were fired;
The miracle of what they heard
Still kept them close, though hungry, tired.

As daylight left the crowded slope
You saw their simple human need
Sent Andrew and the rest in hope
To find, to gather, and to feed.

The smallest gift a child could share
Some bread, two fishes, simple food
Broke in your hands to love and care
To feed the hungry multitude.

Like Andrew, now we turn and seek;
Earth's hunger haunts us, stark and real;
We fear the gifts we find too weak
The world's distress to touch and heal.

Now send us, searching, for the gift
That hides in every human soul
That in your hands sin's power can shift
And love can make creation whole.

Use us, your friends, to seek and trace
The gifts that seem of smallest worth
To shape the miracle of grace
The love to feed a hungry earth.

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Drysdale Uniting Church Op Shop

High Street DRYSDALE

Monday to Friday: 11.00am–4.00pm

Saturday: 10.30am–1.00pm

Portarlington Uniting Church

(St. Andrew's)

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Newcombe St PORTARLINGTON

<https://portarlingtonunitingchurch.org.au>

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

Soft Plastic Recycling

Have you noticed that Woolworths, and I believe Coles and Aldi too, have introduced a trial of collecting soft plastics again?

Update: From ABC News website -

Some 500 Woolworths, Coles and Aldi stores in NSW and Victoria are now accepting soft plastics from local shoppers.

This is an initiative of the Soft Plastics Taskforce, which was established by the three supermarket chains after REDCycle's collapse.

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/>

Portarlington also now have their contact details listed on the footer of page one of this news sheet.

PORTARLINGTON

Church Lunch

Our next church lunch will be at the Portarlington Golf Club on Sunday, November 16, starting at noon.

If you would like to attend, would you please let Lorraine Hughes know by Thursday, 13 November. There are three ways to do this – sign the sheet at Church, leave a message on 0419 355 492 or email on hughestwo@bigpond.com

Look forward to seeing you there, Lorraine.

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

A HUGE THANK YOU to Dr. Andrea Lindsay



For as long as I have been part of the News sheet Team, Andrea has provided monthly articles, sensitively written by her, from material in the JustAct newsletter.

Andrea has made the decision to retire from this task. We all thank her whole-heartedly for her massive contribution over so many years and wish her well. Thank you Andrea! Marie.

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.