



Uniting Church in Australia

## Linked Congregations of the Bellarine



Portarlington



Drysdale

### News sheet for Sunday, 9 November 2025

#### THIS WEEK IN OUR LINKED CONGREGATIONS

##### Sunday, 9 November

###### **Portarlington**

9.00am Portarlington Lay team & from  
Antony McMullen, UnitingWorld

###### **Drysdale**

10.30am Drysdale Lay team & from  
Antony McMullen, UnitingWorld

##### Tuesday, 11 November

11.00am Drysdale Grove Worship Service

##### Thursday, 13 November

10.00am Coffee and Chat, Café Zoo

##### Sunday, 16 November

###### **Portarlington**

9.00am Keith's Lay team  
*Loose change and Foodbank*

###### **Drysdale**

10.30am Jenni's Lay team

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

##### **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

##### **Sunday 16 November**

Pentecost 23 Isaiah 65:17-25  
Isaiah 12  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13  
Luke 21:5-19

##### Prayer of Praise

##### - a version of Psalm 145, 1-5, 17-21

God of the living, Source of all that is,  
my life will sing your praises  
and I will bless you forever.  
Every sunrise I will greet you with gratitude  
and sing praise to your name  
Every day I live, I will bless you  
and endlessly celebrate your love.  
You are magnificent and splendiferous.  
Your greatness is beyond words.  
When we were children we heard wonderful stories of you.  
Now we will tell them to our children,  
Grandchildren and great-grandchildren.  
These stories tell of your marvellous reign  
and I recall them again and again.  
You are always fair and true,  
constantly pouring out loving-kindness.  
You are always near when we call on you  
with open, honest hearts.  
When we approach you in humble awe,  
you satisfy our deep longings.  
You hear our cry and save us.  
Your presence is constant when we live in your love.  
When we turn away, we are lost.  
I will speak constant words of blessing to you,  
and sing in harmony with all living things,  
celebrating your outrageous love.

*Amen. Amen. Amen.*



*From Fig tree worship resources.*

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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

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### Caring for God's Creation

#### What happens to my blister packs

Pharmacycle, the country's only end-to-end blister pack recycling program, has now recycled more than 100 million blister packs since launching in 2022.

Recycling 100 million blister packs has recovered around 150 tonnes of valuable aluminium and plastics, all processed locally in Australia.



After collection, the blister packs are carefully separated into their component materials: plastic and aluminium. The recovered plastic is sent to Pharmacycle's Australian manufacturing partner, Think Fencing Pty Ltd\*, where it is transformed into durable products like OneDeck fencing boards made entirely from recycled content.

The recovered aluminium is processed into deoxidant pucks, which are then used in the steel-making industry to help remove impurities during production.

Furthermore, recycling is about to become much easier for older Australians. Aged care facilities produce large amounts of medication packaging, yet practical recycling options are often limited. To change this, Pharmacycle will be expanding into these facilities, making it more accessible for everyone to recycle.

*Excerpt from article by Ashmeeta Subra, Planet Ark*

Footnote : Think Fencing's Head Office is at 2415 Portarlington Rd, Portarlington 3223

#### 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

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### Advent Study

Our Advent study this year will explore the ideas in the book *The Church as Salt* by Sally Douglas.

There will be three sessions on Wednesdays: 26 November, December 3 and 10.

Arrive with your BYO lunch at noon at Joy and Ian Porter's home, 2/22 Brown St. Portarlington.

See Lorraine to get your pre-reading study book.

### 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](mailto: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

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### Market Stall

We are pleased to announce that the amount raised from our Melbourne Cup long weekend stall was \$4267. A magnificent result with thanks to everyone who assisted in the variety of ways.

### Loose Change

This month's loose change for The Orange Door was \$153. Another great amount pushing us towards our target at the middle of December. Thank you all.

To place a church-related notice in this news sheet, email the wording to the church office, [drysdaleuc@yahoo.com.au](mailto: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.