



Linked Congregations of the Bellarine



Portarlington



Drysdale

Uniting Church in Australia

News sheet for Sunday, 16 November 2025

THIS WEEK IN OUR LINKED CONGREGATIONS

Sunday, 16 November

Portarlington

9.00am Keith's Lay team
Small change and Foodbank

Drysdale

10.30am Jenni's Lay team

Tuesday, 18 November

2.00pm Joint Church Council meeting

Thursday, 20 November

10.00am Coffee and Chat, Café Zoo
11.00am Arcare Worship, Portarlington
7.00pm Drysdale Church Council meeting

Sunday, 23 November

Portarlington

9.00am Portarlington Lay team - Ian and Joy.

Drysdale

10.30am Rev. Karen Eller

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday 16 November

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

Sunday 23 November

Christ the King
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Luke 1:68-79
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

Theme from Ministry Matters

A new heaven and a new earth . . . wars and persecutions. . . they don't seem to go together.

What were the lectionary folks thinking?

These seemingly contradictory passages speak of endings and beginnings—the vision of what can and will be times of trial, times of peace.

It was the best of times; it was the worst of times. It is the contradiction we live in every day. We are caught between despair and hope; caught between people who tell us to be realistic and our vision of a better life.

We are caught between those who believe the world is going to hell, and those who see a different life—a better life, a life that can come to be, will come to be, if we only believe the promises of God and live into them.

Prayer from Ministry Matters

God of hope and promise, speak again your words of life and death, for reports of violence and bloodshed are all around us.

In a world where refugees have nowhere to turn, bless us anew with visions of heavenly shalom, that the world may be healed and your people may live in safety and peace.

Teach us the joy of sharing simple acts of kindness and heartfelt gifts of tender mercy, that we may be people of your kingdom and children of your love.

Amen.



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ALL CONGREGATIONS

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

And many congratulations!

The Drysdale folk are recycling their blister packs so well that the container has been emptied several times since the collection began.

Keep up the good work, everyone!

Empty Christmas Tree

The empty Christmas Tree is up at Drysdale and is awaiting its gifts and decoration, with all donations going to Uniting.

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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.

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

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.

Worship survey

Thanks to all who contributed to the survey over the past weeks. The comments are presently being summarized for the Church Council meeting this week.

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