

# Linked Congregations of the Bellarine



**Uniting Church in Australia**



**Portarlington**



**Drysdale**

**NEWS SHEET - Sunday, 5 April, 2026**

**APRIL IN OUR CONGREGATIONS**

**WORSHIP SERVICES**

**LECTIONARY READINGS**

**Sunday, 5 April**

9.00am **Portarlington** Rev. Karen Eller, *Holy Communion*

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

**Sunday, 12 April**

9.00am **Portarlington** Rev. Marg Manning

10.30am **Drysdale** Rev. Marg Manning

**Tuesday, 14 April**

11.00am **Drysdale** Lynda Smith, at Regis

**Thursday, 16 April**

11.00am **Portarlington** Rev. Marg Manning, at Arcare

**Sunday, 19 April**

9.00am **Portarlington** Rev. Marg Manning, *loose change and Foodbank*

10.30am **Drysdale** Drysdale Lay Team - Denise

**Sunday, 26 April**

9.00am **Portarlington** Portarlington Lay Team – Hughes

10.30am **Drysdale** Drysdale Lay Team – Wayne

**Sunday, 5 April**

**Easter Day**

Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

**Sunday, 12 April**

**Easter 2**

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

**Sunday, 19 April**

**Easter 3**

Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

**Sunday, 26 April**

**Easter 4**

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

**Minister's Musings**

Christ is risen

He is risen indeed, alleluia!

It's Easter! - the season in which we celebrate the resurrection of Christ and the new life that is available to all in Christ. We will stay in the season of Easter right up until Pentecost on 24 May. In the northern hemisphere it is Spring, I expect to see tulips and many other spring bulbs while in The Netherlands. The bunnies will be emerging from the warrens (hence chocolate Easter bunnies). But here in the southern hemisphere we are moving closer to winter, the days are becoming shorter – and colder – so it takes a bit more effort to see what new things are emerging. This becomes even more of a challenge when we are grieving. Many of us are experiencing diminishing abilities, some have lost loved ones and other griefs may be less obvious. At Easter we do not diminish the suffering in our lives, however we are invited to continue resurrection living. As we move into soup season I will be trying some new recipes. We might try to learn a new skill and perhaps make a new friend or two! In our lives together as the Church, we are invited into a new way of being together. While I am on leave, I encourage you to make new and strengthened connections with one another, and if you have any ideas niggling away to help us serve the wider community better. I encourage you to share them with an elder or church council member. There is no time like the present to begin a new beginning! When the Spirit stirs, we are best to join in!

"Make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind...Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 2:2,5)

Happy Easter

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## LINKED CONGREGATION NOTICES

### **Happy Travels, Karen**

Rev Karen will be on study leave after Easter Sunday, and then on annual leave, (plus a conference) returning for ministry service Tuesday 26 May. Rev Marg Manning, Lynda Smith and the lay teams have the services covered, including mid-week and aged care services.

For pastoral support please contact your elder or pastoral carer. For critical care such as end of life, Rev Deacon Peter Batten will provide pastoral cover in Karen's absence.

Peter 0419 255 585

We wish Karen successful conferences and safe travels.

### **Will You Sing to Make a Difference?**

A group of local members of the Uniting Church in Port Phillip West have decided to sing to show that we want an international treaty to phase out fossil fuels.

People of all faiths are coming together to call for this ahead of the first ever global summit on phasing out fossil fuels in Colombia on April 28 and 29.

We are going to sing a few songs using familiar tunes but with new words about coal, oil and gas. We will be singing at the Geelong Railway station on Thursday 9 April, 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm. The singing will also be filmed, and the video will be added to social media to help show our support.

You are invited to join in with us. Please let **Marg Manning 0409 334 480** know if you are coming and you can ask about more details when you call.

Hope to have you join with us.

**Next news sheet – 29 April** (Wednesday evening) due date for items for May's news sheet, which will be out on **Sunday, 3 May**.

## DRYSDALE NOTICES

**18 April:** 8.00am **Bible Breakfast Study** at Café Zoo

### **Upcoming Events:**

**1 May:** 10.30am – **Morning Tea 'without' the Minister** in the church hall.

## PORTARLINGTON NOTICES

**11 April:** 8.00am **Portarlington Community Breakfast**

**14 April:** 10.00am **Church Council Meeting** at the home of Lorraine & David Hughes

**Late Notice:** Meeting has been cancelled.

The next CC Meeting is on 5 May 2026 at the home of Lorraine & David Hughes.

**17 April:** 10.30am - **Letter writing group** at Marg Manning's house.

### **AGM Results**

At the AGM held on 15 March 2026, Warren Peacock was re-elected as Congregational Chair and Pammi Prior was re-elected as Congregational Secretary. Congratulations Warren and Pammi.

## PORTARLINGTON NOTICES (cont'd)

**Sammy Stamp** *where are the funds donated?*

Funds raised in 2025 were \$35,470 and grants approved during 2025 were:

- Alice Springs UCA -for a Community Engagement Pastor \$5000
- Johnsonville UCA- towards reproductive health education tools in Solomon Islands and Samoa \$1000
- Deaf Ministries - International Agricultural & Livestock Centre Tanzania \$4000
- MLG -transport charitable goods to Pacific neighbours \$5000
- Uniting Vic Tas -Winter Share appeal (Homelessness) \$3000
- UnitingWorld Food -security West Papuan community s\$5000
- Frontier Services -Bush Chaplains outback communities \$5000
- Musicar Rio Brazil -Music project for vulnerable youth \$2000
- Johnsonville UCA- for local overseas seasonal workers \$2500

An amazing contribution from used stamps !!!!

Keep saving them please.

Joy

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