

Linked Congregations of the Bellarine



Uniting Church in Australia



Portarlington



Drysdale

NEWS SHEET - Sunday, 7 June 2026

JUNE IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

WORSHIP SERVICES

LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday, 7 June

9.00am **Portarlington** Rev. Karen Eller
 10.30am **Drysdale** Rev. Karen Eller
*Holy Communion,
 loose change and foodbank*

Tuesday, 9 June

11.00am **Drysdale** Regis Aged Care Worship
 Rev. Karen Eller

Sunday, 14 June

9.00am **Portarlington** Rev. Karen Eller
Holy Communion.
 10.30am **Drysdale** Lay Team - Jenni

Thursday, 18 June

11.00am **Portarlington** Arcare Worship
 Rev. Karen Eller

Sunday, 21 June

9.00am **Portarlington** Rev. Karen Eller
Loose change and foodbank
 10.30am **Drysdale** Rev. Karen Eller

Sunday, 28 June

9.00am **Portarlington** Lay Team - Porter
 10.30am **Drysdale** Lay Team - Wayne

Sunday, 7 June

Pentecost 2
 Genesis 12: 1-9 Hosea 5:15-6:6
 Psalm 33: 1-12 Psalm 50: 7-15
 Romans 4: 13-25
 Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

Sunday, 14 June

Pentecost 3
 Genesis 18: 1-15 (21: 1-7) Exodus 19: 2-8a
 Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19 Psalm 100
 Romans 5: 1-8
 Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

Sunday, 21 June

Pentecost 4
 Genesis 21: 8-21 Jeremiah 20: 7-13
 Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17 Psalm 69: 7-10
 (11-15) 16-18
 Romans 6: 1b-11
 Matthew 10: 24-39

Monday, 22 June

UCA Anniversary
 Ezekiel 37: 15-28
 Psalm 122:
 Hebrews 13: 1-8
 John 17: 20-26

Sunday, 28 June

Pentecost 5
Uniting World
Sunday
 Genesis 22: 1-14 Jeremiah 28: 5-9
 Psalm 13: Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18
 Romans 6: 12-23
 Matthew 10: 40-42

Minister's Musings

For six weeks I was a traveller, living light; a suitcase and passport, staying with my daughter in Amsterdam or lodged on a ship or in a motel in Norway. Living light offered a simplicity and freedom that I had quite forgotten. There was a day in Oslo that we ventured to Frogmore Park, the home of Vigeland Sculpture Park. Now we had been there before, in 2018, but at the time had not noticed the labyrinth, even though we had walked over it as we walked around a large fountain. I had since learned of the intricate labyrinth of almost 3km length and had made it my mission to walk it this holiday. I wondered what else I have overlooked in my travels and at home. On a mild Oslo spring morning, with tulips opening up, I began what was to be a ninety-minute labyrinth walk. Every other labyrinth I had walked had a central space for stillness and openness to the holy, and I expected that this one would be the same. It was not obvious to me where this space would be, so I kept walking, turning this way and that, straight paths and curving paths, alongside the fountain and far from it. Eventually it dawned on me that there was no central focal point! So I stopped where I was, in full view of the fountain shaped as a giant cup overflowing and held up by many sculpted bodies. I reflected on the abundance of my life, only made possible by the many people who have upheld me in my life's journey. I also realised that in the ordinary we can take time out to be with the Holy One at any time or place – we do not need to wait for the right or designated time or place. Right where we are is sufficient. As we enter Ordinary Time in the church's calendar, may we remember that God grants us the freedom to use our time as we see fit. God does not intend for us to be burdened, but to live lightly and generously. May we take the time to welcome the Holy One into the ordinariness of our everyday, and live lightly enough that we can respond freely with God's love for our neighbour.

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LINKED CONGREGATION NOTICES: JUNE

Annual Retreat

Saturday, 27 June is our 16th Retreat and it will be held at the Portarlington Guide Hall. Starting time is 9.30 and the revised finishing time is 4.00 pm. Please register if you would like to attend and indicate the food item that you are able to provide. This year's retreat has Rev Narelle Collas as workshop leader with the workshop titled "Painting from Inside Out". The workshop will entail some painting, so you are invited to bring a smock, apron, or shirt to wear to protect your clothes and if you have a small easel you are also welcome to bring that along but it is not necessary. We look forward to a fun and rewarding day.

Winter Solstice Labyrinth Walk

This walk will be held on **Sunday, 21 June**. Please meet at 4pm at the William Buckley Labyrinth, Bluff Road, St Leonards. The walk will be led by a trained facilitator. Contact Karen on 0407 519 759 for more information.

Thanks from Act For Peace

Donations have enabled support of work in many countries:

- Local churches in Zimbabwe are working to provide access to clean water and grow food throughout the year.
- Jordanian families are helped to establish small businesses, find work and gain practical skills.
- In Indonesia, work is being undertaken to protect flood prone areas and improve disaster planning and recovery.
- Desperately needed help is being given in conflict zones such as Ethiopia and Gaza.

Please continue to support this vital work.

Andrew Hassett CEO **Act For Peace**

Next news sheet

The due date for items for July's news sheet is **Wednesday evening, 1 July**. It will be distributed by **Sunday, 5 July**.

DRYSDALE NOTICES

Upcoming Events:

2 June: 2.00pm – **Linked Worship Committee**

5 June: 10.30am – **Morning Tea with the Minister** in the church hall. This month will be a fund raiser in support of cancer sufferers. Bring along family and friends.



20 June: 8.00am - **Breakfast Bible Study** at Café Zoo

23 June: 2.00pm - **Joint Co-ordinating Committee meeting**

3 July: 10.30am - **July – Morning tea with the Minister**

PORTARLINGTON NOTICES

Upcoming Events:

5 June: 9.30am - **Bellarine Justice and Mission Group** will meet at 34 Batman Street, Portarlington.

Small change offering

Many thanks for the generous offerings on the 3rd Sundays in April (\$81.95) and May (\$108.60). Our projects this year are supporting:

- a Uniting World project in India who care for and educate vulnerable girls,
- our local Food Assist 3223 food bank.

Sammy Stamp Thanks

Following their receipt of our latest bundle of stamps and a few coins, we heard from Uniting Church folk who look after Sammy Stamp. They noted that a recent donation of eight gold coins, from a member of a Melbourne Uniting Church, meant they were able to sell them online for \$2000 each!!! What an amazing result, due mostly to the meteoric rise in the price of gold.

SO please keep saving those used stamps and bring them along each 3rd Sunday.



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