



Uniting Church in Australia

Linked Congregations of the Bellarine



Portarlington



Drysdale

NEWS SHEET - Sunday, 2 August 2026

AUGUST IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

WORSHIP SERVICES

LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday, 2 August

9.00am **Portarlington** Rev. Karen Eller
10.30am **Drysdale** Rev. Karen Eller
*Holy Communion, Loose change
& Foodbank*

Wednesday, 5 August

2.00pm **Portarlington** Mid-Week Service,
Rev Karen Eller

Sunday, 9 August

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

Tuesday, 11 August

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

Sunday, 16 August

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

Thursday, 20 August

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

Sunday, 23 August

9.00am **Portarlington** Lay Team – Keith
10.30am **Drysdale** Rev. Karen Eller

Sunday, 30 August

10.30am **Drysdale** Combined Service, Rev. Karen Eller

Sunday, 2 August

Pentecost 10 Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17: 1-7, 15
Romans 9: 1-5
Matthew 14: 13-21

Sunday, 9 August

Pentecost 11 Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b
Romans 10: 5-15
Matthew 14: 22-33

Sunday, 16 August

Pentecost 12 Genesis 45: 1-15, Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8
Psalm 133, Psalm 67
Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

Sunday, 23 August

Pentecost 13 Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm 124
Romans 12: 1-8
Matthew 16: 13-20

Sunday, 30 August

Pentecost 14 Exodus 3: 1-15, Jeremiah 15: 15-21
Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45b, Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12: 9-21
Matthew 16: 21-28

DRYSDALE NOTICES

Upcoming Events:

Friday, 7 August, 10.30am Morning Tea with the Minister
Saturday, 15 August: 8.00am Breakfast Bible Study at Café Zoo
Thursday, 20 August, 7.00pm Church Council Meeting
Sunday, 6 September, 10.30am Loose change & Foodbank

Reminder: Are you ready for church early some days?
The kettle is boiled and tea/coffee ready from 10 am. Come along early and have a cuppa with others before church.

PORTARLINGTON NOTICES

Upcoming Events:

Diary Date:
Sunday, 11th of October Community Justice Day film afternoon.

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Saturday: 10.30am–1.00pm

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LINKED CONGREGATION NOTICES: AUGUST

Tuesday, 18 August, 2.00pm Linked Worship Committee Meeting at Drysdale (not 11 August as scheduled)

VicTas Uniting Church Historical Society

This Society welcomes all church members who have any interest in our heritage, including buildings, people, and theology. A program of events with guest speakers is run, and a journal of articles and news is published.

You are invited to join.

Speak with Pammi at Portarlington or Wayne at Drysdale who will have copies of the membership brochure.

Seasons Concert Series, at the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels, 136 Yarra Street, Geelong

Friday, 14 August, 7.30 pm

London Calling – Step into the vibrant musical world of early eighteenth-century London, where a remarkable group of expatriate composers found fame and opportunity in the city's thriving theatre scene.

Drawn to the energy and ambition of London around 1720, these gifted musicians brought with them a rich continental style that helped shape the sound of the capital's stages.

Tickets \$40/\$35 from www.trybooking.com/DLCXX or at the door. Children and school students free.

Next news sheet

The due date for items for September's news sheet is **Wednesday evening, 2 September**.

It will be distributed by **Sunday, 6 September**.

Minister's Musings

Most of us are familiar with *The Footsteps* poem. It's the one which gives an image of the footprints of life left in the sand at the end of life. The poem is often accompanied by an image of footprints along a beach or sand dune. The person at the end of their life notices two sets of footprints, except for the period of their life that was particularly difficult. They demand to know of the Holy One, what the heck was going on there. The response comes, "That was when I carried you."

A variant of this poem is when the person notices periods of very scuffed and messy footprints and asks what was going on at those time in their life. The Holy One responds with, "That's when we danced."

Just think of that – our God as a dance partner! The last time I danced, well... that was yesterday! I accompanied Jeanne to an outreach activity of her church, a Christmas in July lunch and singalong. As a complete surprise, a friend on another table came over and invited us both up to dance – and it was joyful and fun, the three of us, a trinity of delight.

It is easy to get caught up in the regularity and urgency of pastoral visits, reading, liturgies, prayer, preaching, meetings and so forth. I am reminded to keep making room for the dance with the Divine. In my life that looks like exercising the playful parts of me. Serious often has the driver's seat, but there needs to be room for Delight to have its turn too. I am reminded to pay attention to that which gives joy and finding ways to share God's delight with others. There is no end to the ways in which the Holy Mystery brings fullness of life to all our lives and our communities of faith. May we never forget the joy in the gifts of Christmas, hope, peace, joy and love. May we be free to share these gifts as participants in God's mission in the world. May our footsteps be very scuffed.

Shalom

Karen

To place a church-related notice in this news sheet, email the wording to the church office, drysdaleuc@yahoo.com.au by the Wednesday prior to the first Sunday of each month and indicate in which section you would like your notice to appear.