

News from the Minister...

This last week the church community gathered around the Menzel and Alcorn families in order to support them through the funerals for Gerd and Nancy. Funerals can be wonderful times, even amidst grief. There's something that drives down deep into the heart of human experience at such times. It's hard to articulate, but it has to do with the knowledge of our mortality and the meaning we associate with our lives. We all know in the back of our minds somewhere that it will not last forever; that one day we too will die, or we'll lose someone we cherish, and nothing will be the same again. The church at its best is the community that makes God's love present in such times; that gathers in God's presence to surround people in their most vulnerable moments. This week we have been that people. The kindness, care, effort, good humour, and grace of all our wonderful volunteers over the time of the two funerals was immense. And that shared contribution said profoundly to both the families that they were not alone at this raw moment of their lives. Thank you so much to all who helped, prayed, laughed, cleaned, cooked, given, embraced, spoke, prepared, and loved together over these last days. It is no small testament to your faith and as such, no small testament to Jesus our Lord. And in the end, this is what really matters. It's what mattered to Gerd and Nancy, their families, and to us all.



Grace and Peace, Michael & Barry.

COMING EVENTS

Thurs 14 September	BUC Church Council Executive meets
Fri 15th & Sat 16th September	BUC SPRING FAIR
Sunday 17 September	Thanksgiving Service
Tues 19 September 12 noon	Biggest BBQ for Frontier Services at Mittagong
Thurs 21 September 2.00pm	CAMEO meets @ The Stumps
Thurs 21 September 7.00pm	Good Neighbours' Meeting in the Gallery

Material for **WEEKLY NEWS** needs to be provided by noon each Wednesday to Rev Michael Earl or Sharon Hoogland, 48711583 or hooglandsj46@gmail.com. Photos, information or notices promoting the work of the church for our **Website** (bkuc.com.au) should be sent to lucyear179@gmail.com

Bowral Uniting Church

"A church for all people..."



Sunday 10 September 2017 (Pentecost 14)

Our ministry focus areas are:

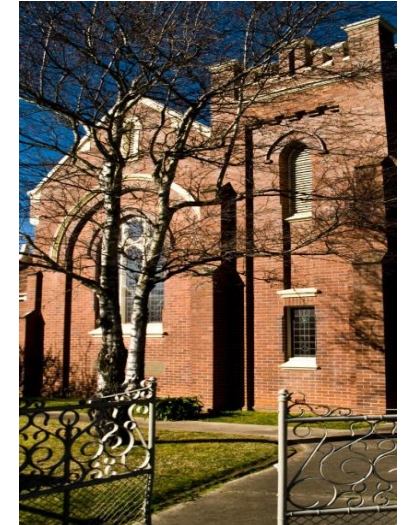
*Worship & Discipleship
Children & Families
Seniors
Community engagement*

You are most welcome at worship today, particularly if you are a visitor or a new resident of the area.

We would love to get to know you, and help you feel at home.

Please make yourself known.

Join us for coffee after the service!



For matters concerning the life of the congregation, contact:
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Readings:

Daniel 6: 16-23, 25-28 Matthew 18: 15-20

A Hearing Loop is in place in the Church and Hall.
To access it, switch your hearing aid to the "T" position.
It is advisable not to sit right against the wall

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Monday 11 September

2.00pm Study Group @ Bunkers
5.30pm Uniting Voices

Tuesday 12 September

9.30am Playgroup
9.30am Pieces & Yarns
7.00pm Bible Study @ Netta McKay's, Mittagong
7.30pm Bible Study @ the Dinning's, Mittagong **CANCELLED TODAY**
7.30pm Young Women's Bible Study @ Lucy Earl's

Wednesday 13 September

10.00am Reflections Study Group
Meets at the Bunker's home 12 noon – 1.30pm OPEN CHURCH
12.30pm Food & Fellowship in the Gallery... All welcome!

Thursday 14 September

2.00pm Grey Gardeners meet at the Hoogland's to potter around...
3.30pm Kids Connect

Friday 15 September

6.00pm Bell Ringing Practice

TODAY'S SERVICES 10 September (Pentecost 14)

9.00am Service of Worship (Rev Michael Earl)
The Prophet Daniel
11.30am Uniting Families Connect (followed by lunch)
6.00pm Evening Worship Service

NEXT SUNDAY 17 September (Pentecost 15)

9.00am *Service of THANKSGIVING* (Rev Michael Earl)
6.00pm Evening Worship Service

Readings Next Week:

Exodus 14: 19-31; PS 114; Romans 14:1 – 12; Matthew 18: 21-35

ROSTER	THIS WEEK: 10 Sept	NEXT WEEK: 17 Sept
Organ	Ann Clipsham	Heather Tredinnick
PowerPoint	Sharon Hoogland	Ian Prior
Video	Jon Hoogland	Phil O'Regan
Elder	Sue Henshall	Brian Pattinson
Stewards	Richard/Rosemary Denman	Narelle Harwood & Ena Bell
Flowers	Fran Manton, Kathy Searle	All Flower Ladies...!!
Kids Church	11.30am Uniting Families Connect	Lucy Earl
Morning Tea	Margaret M & Elizabeth	Robyn Stephens



Thank you to our wonderful volunteers!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Who could have described the blind man's joy in seeing the daylight, when there had not been a particle of hope of his ever seeing it? Even the inspired evangelist has not attempted to do it. I can give only a faint idea of what I felt when my mental eyes were opened, & when I who was sitting in darkness saw a Great Light'. *Pandita Ramabai (1858 – 1920) Indian social activist*

SPECIAL NOTE RE CONSTRUCTION OF ACCESS RAMP

Unfortunately, due to unexpected circumstances, the commencement of construction of our new access ramp is being delayed until after the Spring Fair and we hope building will commence around 18 September.



SPRING FAIR IS NEXT WEEKEND!!!

BOOKS, CRAFT, PLANTS, BRIC A BRAC, CAKES/SLICES & JAMS/PRESERVES WELCOME!

We can collect all donations!!

MANY VOLUNTEERS are required for the two days 8.00am – 3.00pm. Please put your name onto the Roster which is posted in the Gallery.

STALL CO-ORDINATORS

Marketing/advertising	Celine Healy
BBQ	Richard Denman & Phil O'Reagan
Plants	Brian Pattinson
Craft	Joan Dinning
Cakes	Lorraine Neal **Fresh cakes/slices each day please.
Jams	Meg Herbert
Books	Greg Searle
Bric-a-Brac	Jim Layton
Holy Grounds Café	Sharon Hoogland & Denise Layton

Spring Fair Flyers are available TODAY for delivery in your neighbourhood

FLORAL DISPLAY IN THE CHURCH

Each group/activity in the congregation has been invited to prepare a floral display paired with a Book which represents their group. Please deliver arrangements to the church before 2.00pm on Thursday 14th. I will be at the church from 8.30am. If you have any problems doing this please contact me on 0412776262. Thank you, Jan Hamilton

