

## Report from the Church Council meeting 8 June 2017...

Our meeting opened with an inspirational reflection on the recent Manchester terrorist attack during the Ariane Grande concert and its aftermath. Does God speak to us through such events? Bruce Schubert asked. The witness of pop stars “love conquers fear and hate” and their music, witnessed to thousands that we can choose LOVE... the very mark of God in our world. Matt 28:19.

### **Items on the agenda included:**

- planning for our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday Lunch (make sure you book today!!)
- the introduction of a Code of Conduct for Lay Leadership as a step further in our commitment of BUC designation as a Safe Church – more info to come.
- 2018 Congregational meetings will ensure that a budget is considered in July and our Annual General Meeting will consider Reports in November.
- BUC made a \$1000 donation to the Bowral Carols for 2017 & Rev Michael is a member of the planning team for this event...
- our much awaited access ramp is scheduled for construction in September. We are grateful to Ken Adams for his expertise and assistance in this endeavor.

Consideration was given to Moss Vale’s unexpected withdrawal from the regional church pilot. Presbytery Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC) has expressed their sorrow in this situation and offered support as we all move forward. Church Council agreed to be gracious in all our relationships and Bowral UC will continue to work enthusiastically on all of our many ministry & mission activities. The Resolution “*That BUC formally revert to a ‘normal’ posture given the decision of the MC Congregation to pull out of the 2 year trial, and acknowledge the formal end of the trial agreement*” was passed.

The recruitment of our Family Ministry worker is on the Presbytery PRC agenda for approval as we prepare to advertise and recruit for this new position.

Our Treasurer is working on our annual budget, assisted by members of the Finance Team. A Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday 20 August to consider the new budget.

An unusual occurrence lately is ‘charity gift envelopes’ appearing in our weekly collection plates. We are unable to forward gifts to other charities – please be assured that your donations will be put to good use within BUC activities!

2018 BUC Market Dates: 10 Mar, 9 June, Sept (Tulip Time), 8 December.  
Rev Michael Earl will be on study leave from 12 – 18 June and on two weeks annual leave from 3 – 16 July.

**Church Council values your prayers and support for their oversight and care of this amazing congregation.** *Sharon Hoogland, BUC Secretary.*

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

## **Bowral Uniting Church**

*“A church for all people...”*

**Sunday 11 June 2017 (Trinity Sunday)**



### **Our ministry focus areas are:**

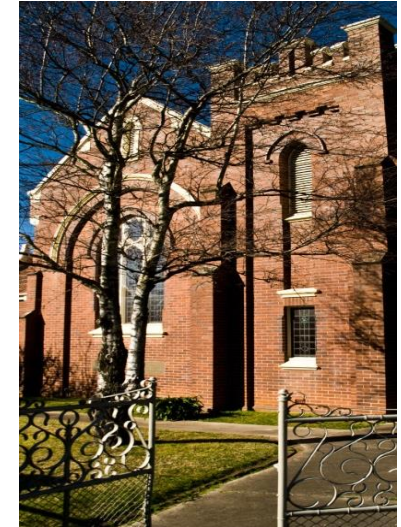
*Worship & Discipleship  
Children & Families  
Seniors  
Community engagement*

*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!*



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### **Church Council Treasurer**

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### **Elders’ Convenor**

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### **Readings:**

Genesis 1: 1 – 2: 4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13; Matthew 28: 16-20

**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?

<p><b><u>Monday 12 June</u></b> PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday 13 June</u></b> 9.30am Playgroup 9.30am Pieces &amp; Yarns 7.00pm Bible Study @ Netta McKay's, Mittagong 7.30pm Bible Study @ the Dinning's, Mittagong 7.30pm Young Women's Bible Study @ Lucy Earl's</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday 14 June</u></b> <b>10.00am Reflections Study Group IS IN RECESS</b> 12 noon – 1.30pm OPEN CHURCH 12.30pm Food &amp; Fellowship in the Gallery... All welcome!</p> <p><b><u>Thursday 15 June</u></b> 3.30pm Kids Connect</p> <p><b><u>Friday 16 June</u></b> 6.00pm Bell Ringing Practice</p>
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### **TODAY'S SERVICES 11 June 2017 (Trinity Sunday)**

9.00am Service of Holy Communion (Rev Michael Earl)  
11.30am Uniting Families Connect (Followed by lunch)  
6.00pm Evening Fellowship Time

### **NEXT SUNDAY 18 June 2017 (Pentecost 2)**

9.00am Service of Worship  
6.00pm Evening Fellowship Time

### **Readings Next Week:**

Genesis 18: 1- 15; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

ROSTER	THIS WEEK: 11 June	NEXT WEEK: 18 June
<b>Organ</b>	Ann Clipsham	Heather Tredinnick
<b>PowerPoint</b>	Jon & Sharon Hoogland	Ian Prior
<b>Elder</b>	Ros Hinde	Lucy Earl
<b>Stewards</b>	Narelle Harwood & Ena Bell	Ian & Diane Prior
<b>Flowers</b>	Elaine Hills, Denise Layton	H Ling & R Robinson
<b>Kids Church</b>	11.30am Uniting Families Connect	See Lucy
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Robyn Stephens/Celine Healy	Sue & Keith Henshall

*Thank you to our wonderful volunteers!*

“One Earth – Many Voices” is the theme for the next *Serendipity:the choir* concert series in June. **We hope you can join us for a performance:** Bundanoon Memorial Hall – Friday 16 June @ 6.00pm, Saturday 17 June @ 3.00pm. Tickets @ \$20.00 are available as always from The Brown Bookshop Bowral, Todds Real Estate Bundanoon, and online @ Trybooking, which is accessed via the *Serendipity:the choir* website”: [www.serendipitythechoir.com](http://www.serendipitythechoir.com)

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

‘Every act formed by charity is revelation of God. Every word of truth & love, every hand extended in kindness, echoes the inner life of the Trinity’  
*Gabriel Moran (b 1935) American Roman Catholic theologian & academic*

## COMING EVENTS

Thurs 15 June 2.00pm CAMEO Coffee @ Bradman  
Sun 25 June 12.30pm 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary UCA Lunch at BUC  
**Thurs 29 June 10.00am Uniting Women in the Southern Highlands**  
**EVERYONE WELCOME: Dr Lawrence Peak, “Combining Faith & Science”**  
Sun 30 July 10.30am BUC Congregational Meeting

## OUR WINTER MARKET!!

As a result of your support and contributions, our market was a wonderful success and a great day of fellowship...



## PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Unfortunately we have had to cancel the planned PSA on Sunday 6 August 2017 @ Bowral Uniting Church...

**Our Bells will be ringing for the Queen's Birthday Weekend...**the *Australian & New Zealand Association of Bellringers* will hold their annual festival & AGM in our area between **June 9 -12** & people from all over Australia & New Zealand will be tolling our bells as part of it.

Mrs PennyMadvig, a member of Rural Australians for Refugees, advises that ‘**Constance on the Edge**’, a film to be shown at the **Mittagong RSL Club** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June is really worth seeing. It tells the true story of Constance and her family, from Sudan, refugees to Australia who settle in Wagga Wagga. The film showing will be followed by a panel discussion and Q&A session with the Director Belinda Mason and refugee advocate and painter Ben Quilty. *Stuart Hills is organising a group attendance, possibly sharing dinner before the film. Please see Stuart or Penny if you would like to join in!*

## **MEN ARE INVITED to the June gathering of Uniting Women!!!**

Guest speaker Dr Lawrence Peak, former Head of Falkiner High Energy Dept School of Physics, Nuclear Physicist – Elder & Worship Convenor at St Ives UC, will address the topic “Combining Faith & Science”. He will consider the concept of time, miracles and the fact that the universe seems to have been carefully designed for us to exist (the Goldilocks Principle).  
10.00am Thurs 29 June. A delicious morning tea will be served...