

The Minister's Weekly Word...

One of the hardest things to come to grips with in the Christian life is seeing that it's a marathon not a sprint. Christian virtues like love, patience and compassion, humility and the like take a lifetime to develop, they don't happen in an instant. All the different experiences in life help us to nurture our faith in order to develop in the practices Christ calls us to. In Lent in particular we are attentive to our faith. We are also attentive to others and to their needs and to what it means to love unconditionally. It's not easy and there will be days when we will struggle. Yet it is also a joyful task and vocation. We know Jesus is with us and so even in the tough times we see through to his resurrection light. Let's keep walking by faith, keep growing, keep listening, let's see the long goal, and take the way that leads there..



Blessings, Michael

Safe Church Workshop:

These workshops are important for every member of the Church and essential for those in leadership.

The next Uniting Church workshop is on

Wednesday, 22nd March at Ulladulla UC from 9.30am to 3.30pm.

Cost is \$25 and bring your own lunch (tea and coffee provided).

Registration before the date is essential.

This can be done online at:

<http://ume.nswact.uca.org.au/upcoming-courses/scta-workshop-registrations/> or see Barbara Towers (Safe Church Contact).

An Afternoon with the UCA President.

Saturday 25 March @ Berry UC.

Church Leaders and members welcome.

Program includes lunch, an address from Stuart McMillan, a time of Q & A, followed by worship and communion.

\$10 per head.

Bookings essential: illawarrauca@bigpond.com. by 19 March 2017

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 12 March 2017 (Lent 2)



Our ministry focus areas are:

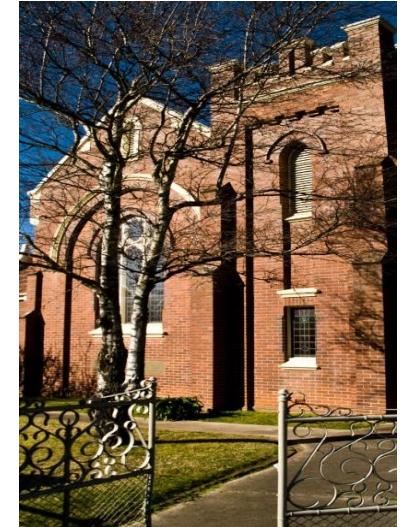
*Worship & Discipleship
Children & Families
Seniors
Community engagement*

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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Readings:

Genesis 12: 1-4a; Psalm 121;

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3: 1-17 or Matthew 17: 1-9

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?



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"I believe in God - not in a Catholic God; there is no Catholic God. There is God, and I believe in Jesus Christ, his incarnation. Jesus is my teacher and my pastor, but God, the Father, Abba, is the light and the Creator. This is my Being." *Pope Francis (b 1936) Argentinian born priest, now Pope of Roman Catholic Church (worked as a Chemical Technologist & Night Club Bouncer before commencing Seminary Studies)*

COMING EVENTS

Sat 8 April 8.00am BUC AUTUMN FAIR
Mon - Thurs...10 - 13 April 9.00am...Holy Week Devotions each day
Thurs 13 April 6.00pm Maundy Thurs Service @ Mittagong
Fri 14 April 9.00am Good Friday Service
Sun 16 April 9.00am Easter Sunday Service

Re SH # 9 *If you have not collected your copy of the Southern Highlands Magazine, you will find them on the bookcase as you enter the Church. If you can deliver an uncollected copy please do so. There are unnamed copies in the Church office. If you removed the name tag of someone from a copy, please let David know so he can amend the list. Thanks, David Manton*

DVD's of our Sunday services are now available.

If you would like to replay the service which you enjoyed, or if you would like to play the service for a special friend or someone who is not able to attend our church service, please take advantage of this very special resource. A small number of portable DVD players are also available. This special ministry is being coordinated by Kay Smith – who will be pleased to help you!

BOWRAL AUTUMN FAIR --- 5 weeks to go...!

It is time to identify which stalls we will be able to have at this fair.

We have coordinators for Books, Garden and Kitchen.

We still need Craft, Cakes/Jams and BBQ
and any other you might suggest?

Please see Sharon if you are able to help.

We would love your donations

of books, cakes, craft items, Jars & jams or preserves!

Church Keys: If you have been issued with a Church/Hall key and no longer require it, please return it to Ian Prior who will issue you with a \$20 cash refund. BUC are running out of keys for issue and it is expensive to have them cut.

PALM BRANCHES NEEDED for Palm Sunday...if you have some palm branches or know of where we can get some... please see Elaine Hills (Phone...48834925)

<u>Monday 13 March</u> 8.30am Church Council Executive 2.00pm Bible Study @ Margaret Osborne's home 5.30pm Uniting Voices Rehearsal	<u>Wednesday 15 March</u> 10.00am Reflections Study Group @ the Bunker's home 12 noon – 1.30pm OPEN CHURCH 12.30pm Food & Fellowship in the Gallery... All welcome! 7.00pm Lenten Study Group at the Pattinson's in Moss Vale
<u>Tuesday 14 March</u> 9.30am Playgroup 9.30am Pieces & 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	<u>Thursday 16 March</u> 2.00pm CAMEO @ The Stumps coffee shop, Bradman Oval 3.30pm Kids Connect
	<u>Friday 17 March</u> 6.00pm Bell Ringing Practice

TODAY'S SERVICES 12 March (Lent 2)

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

NEXT SUNDAY 19 March 2017 (Lent 3)

9.00am Service of Worship (Rev Harry Herbert)
6.00pm Evening Fellowship Time

Readings Next Week:

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5 - 42

ROSTER	THIS WEEK:12 Mar	NEXT WEEK: 19 March
Organ	Ann Clipsham	Heather Tredinnick
PowerPoint	Barry Roberts	Ian Prior
Elder	Tony Towers	Lucy Earl
Stewards	N Harwood, Ena Bell	Ian and Di Prior
Flowers	P Wood, N Fergusson	Fran Manton, Helen Ling
Kids Church	11.30am Uniting Families Connect	See Lucy Earl
Morning Tea	Jenny Hough/Marg Murray	Volunteers PLEASE

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers!



BOWRAL UC NEEDS VOLUNTEERS...!
Please see the rosters on the Gallery noticeboard