

Church Council Meeting Report...

-In preparation for the Congregational Meeting on Sunday 20 August, CC considered the 2017/18 draft Budget in detail, along with the process of recruiting and employing our Families Ministry Worker.

-Work has commenced on the **BUC Mission Plan for 2017 – 2020**. A review of our current plan was positive. Focusing on our four ministry areas (see box opposite) there has been much achieved and we agreed that all areas can look forward to increased activity and outreach. The MP is required by Synod in our application to use the Kangaloon Sales Proceeds for new ministry areas where our focus will be on Family Ministry opportunities and activities.

-**Thank you to Heather Fiala** for submitting a successful Application for Funds from Uniting, resulting in a \$15k grant for a bathroom in the basement.

-We support the recommendation that fundraising for the Flying Padre continue next year with a possibility of an intentional relationship with Broken Hill UC.

-Property matters include annual inspections of the manse and church buildings which resulted in a number of issues being listed for upgrade.

-**Thank you to Ken Adams** for his guiding hand in the ramp construction and in lobbying the WS Council to answer our request re a footpath in Boolwey St.

-**Thank you to David Manton** for his editorship of the Highland News and Contact magazines over the last many years. David is stepping down from this position and we are hopeful that written articles may still be produced and posted onto our website for everyone's enjoyment and information.

-Safe Church Workshops are advertised in this news and a number of people will be attending the Dapto workshop on Saturday. Please see Barbara Towers.

-We agreed that once again a \$1000 donation from Spring Fair fundraising will be given to Challenge Southern Highlands (Welby Garden Centre).

-We look forward to a busy time at Spring Fair and request as many volunteers as possible to assist with our stalls and other organization.

-We approved study leave for the Minister from 6 – 12 November 2017.

Church Council values your prayers and support in their endeavours.

Remember – Congregational Meeting next Sunday! **S. Hoogland, secretary.**



Do we hear Prophets' voices today...?

Rev Michael Earl will preach a series in August/September called **'The Word of the Lord: Hearing the Voice of the Prophets Today'**

Commencing on 6 August, each Sunday will bring us the voices of Micah, Amos, Isaiah, Malachi, Jeremiah and Daniel. Don't miss this little sojourn away from the set lectionary for a while!

Bowral Uniting Church

"A church for all people..."



Sunday 13 August 2017 (Pentecost 10)

Our ministry focus areas are:

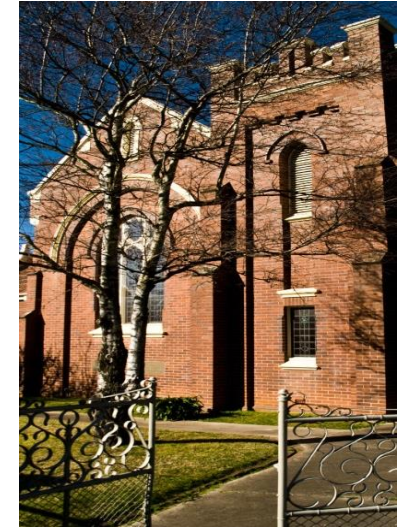
*Worship & Discipleship
Children & Families
Seniors
Community engagement*

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:

Amos 7: 7-9 & 9: 11-15

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 14 August

2.00pm Study Group @ Bunker's

Tuesday 15 August

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

Wednesday 16 August

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 17 August

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

2.00pm CAMEO meets @ Bradman

3.30pm Kids Connect

Friday 18 August

6.00pm Bell Ringing Practice

TODAY'S SERVICES 13 August (Pentecost 10)

9.00am Service of Holy Communion (Rev Michael Earl)

(The Prophet Amos)

11.30am Uniting Families Connect Service (followed by lunch)

6.00pm Evening Fellowship Time

NEXT SUNDAY 20 August 2017 (Pentecost 11)

9.00am Service of Worship (Rev Michael Earl)

(The Prophet Isaiah)

6.00pm Evening Fellowship Time

Readings Next Week:

Gen 45: 1 -15; ; Ps 133; 45b; Rom 11: 1-2a, 29-32; Mt 15: (10-20), 21-28

ROSTER	THIS WEEK: 13 August	NEXT WEEK: 20 Aug
Organ	Heather Tredinnick	Heather Tredinnick
PowerPoint	Jon & Sharon Hoogland	Ian Prior
Elder	Jim Layton	Heather Fiala
Stewards	Jim & Denise Layton	Lorraine Neal, Fran Manton
Flowers	Elaine Hills, Denise Layton	Pam Wood, N Fergusson
Kids Church	11.30 Uniting Families Connect	Kathy Searle
Morning Tea	Ede & Elizabeth Walker	Keith & Sue Henshall

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers!

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'If we were right in saying that the gospel is the knowledge & recognition of God as the Father, the certainty of redemption, humility & joy in God, energy & brotherly love; if it is essential to this religion that the founder must not be forgotten over his message, nor the message over the founder, history shows us that the gospel has, in point of fact, remained in force, struggling again & again to the surface.' *Adolph von Harnack (1851 -1930) German church historian & theologian*

COMING EVENTS

Thurs 17 August 2.00pm

CAMEO meets at Bradman coffee shop

Sunday 20 August after morning service BUC Congregational Meeting

Fri 15th & Sat 16th September

BUC SPRING FAIR

31 August 10.00am

UWISH meet with Guest Speaker Mrs Barbara

Towers presents "Granny Science"



SPRING FAIR IS IN 5 WEEKS!!!

THE JAR BANK needs at least 300 jars NOW to prepare for Spring Fair. Jars between 220 & 350 ml are ideal. Must be able to be sealed with a metal lid.

DONATIONS: BOOKS, CRAFT, PLANTS, BRIC A BRAC –WELCOME!

We can collect all donations if you let us know.

The church will be decorated under the theme "Cups, Saucers & Books"

Each group in our church is asked to prepare a floral decoration with this theme for display during SF. See Jan Hamilton for further information.

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.

Spring Fair Flyers are available TODAY to notify groups you are involved in.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOXES are due for collection by the end of

September! Please see Barbara Learmont.

TUESDAY MORNING PLAYGROUP WOULD LOVE VOLUNTEERS

to help especially with the Morning Tea! There is a Roster on the Gallery noticeboard, or

See Lucy Earl.

