

The Minister's Weekly Word...

So, this is a weekend of mixed emotions for me. I come from small communities which thrive together and laugh together and share their sorrows together. When we go to Mount Gambier on holidays we children joke about how regularly we run into 'PVKs', that's 'people [my aunt] Valerie knows'. It's just the way it is. You are aware of the 'long term' families of the area, the names that recur and crop up just about everywhere. These are the families that sustained communities over the long haul. Close knit communities have been especially held together by their churches for generations. The church is like an old friend we know so well it seems to be a part of us. This weekend as we close Kangaloon Uniting Church, there will be a part of me that is sad. I will give thanks for the many people who have been its life for over 1 1/2 centuries of worship and witness; of how they've handed down their faith and the legacy of the church to those coming after them. But there will be a part of me also that says this is the right and courageous thing to do. The community has changed and recognising that the church's witness must also change as it continues to share the Gospel is a faithful approach to take. I pray for the last remaining members especially, that they would know peace at this time of saying goodbye. Their faithfulness in helping to make this decision is a testament to their sense of faith and God's ongoing work in the world. So, today, we give thanks for Kangaloon Uniting Church, for all it has been, its life and people, its witness and service. And we give thanks to God that we are never left alone, but that as we remember this Pentecost Day, his Spirit is always with us and will continue to be as time goes on. Amen. *Blessings, Michael*



Prayer points:

- . Pray that humanitarian aid sent to Syria might be released for distribution for those who need it most.
- . Give thanks to God for all persons who become involved in voluntary service in the aftermath of devastating events. May they be blessed!
- . Give thanks for the faithfulness of Kangaloon families who have sustained the Kangaloon church over the past 150 years. May they be remembered with gratitude today as the church holds its final service.
- . Pray for JNCs for Moss Vale and for the new position of Presbytery Minister, that they may have the gift of discernment and be blessed with wisdom.

Bowral/Kangaloon Uniting Church

"A church for all people..."



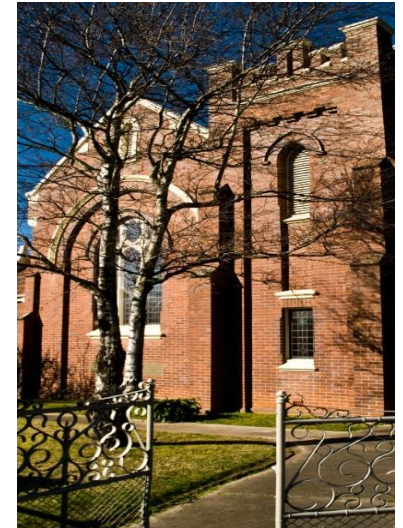
Sunday 15 May 2016 (Pentecost Sunday)

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!



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

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17

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 16 May

9.30am Peace with Pieces
2.00pm Bible Study group @ Margaret Osborne's home
5.30pm Uniting Voices...**In Recess**

Tuesday 17 May

9.30am Pieces & Yarns
9.30am Uniting Kids Playgroup
10.00am MEN'S Coffee Group
7.30pm Bible Study for Young Women (Lucy Earl's)
7.30pm Bible Study @ Anne Thomson's in Mittagong
7.30pm Bible Study @ Netta McKay's in Mittagong

Wednesday 18 May

10.00am Reflections Study Group @ the Bunker's home.
12 noon – 1.30pm OPEN CHURCH
12.30pm Food & Fellowship in the Gallery... All welcome!
2.30pm – Discussion Group – see Ray Bunker

Thursday 19 May

2.00pm CAMEO at Ashes Coffee shop
4.00pm Kids Connect Group

Friday 20 May

6.00pm Bell Ringing practice (note Time change)

TODAY'S SERVICES 15 May 2016 (Pentecost Sunday)

9.00am Bowral Service of Worship (Rev Michael Earl)

11.00am FINAL SERVICE @ KANGALOOON CHURCH

(followed by lunch in the Community Hall)

PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO 6.00pm FELLOWSHIP TIME

NEXT SUNDAY 22 May 2016 (Michael at Moss Vale)

9.00am Bowral Service of Worship (Rev Harry Herbert)

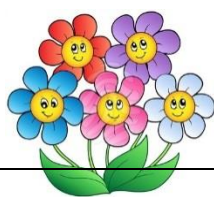
11.30am Uniting Families Connect

6.00pm Bowral Evening Fellowship Time

Readings Next Week:

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

ROSTER	THIS WEEK: 15 May	NEXT WEEK: 22 May
Organ	Heather Tredinnick	Gail Reid
PowerPoint	J & S Hoogland	Narelle Harwood
Elder	Lucy Earl	E Pattinson, B Schubert
Stewards	Barry & Ruth Roberts	Narelle Harwood, Ena Bell
Flowers	Jan Hamilton	Elaine Hills, Denise Layton
Kids Church	Ruth Roberts	11.30am Uniting Families Connect
Morning Tea	Margaret Murray	Elizabeth & Ed Walker



Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who willingly share their gifts and talents throughout the week in our many activities. Please see the Rosters in the Gallery if you would like to assist!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



“The dove descending breaks the air - with flame of incandescent terror
Of which the tongues declare - the one discharge from sin and error.
The only hope, or else despair - lies in the choice of pyre or pyre - to be
redeemed from fire by fire. Who then devised the torment? Love.
Love is the unfamiliar Name behind the hands that wove - the intolerable shirt of flame
Which human power cannot remove. We only live, only suspire
Consumed by either fire or fire.”

T.S. Eliot (1888 – 1965), American-born British essayist, publisher, playwright & poet

Friendship Activities at Bowral Public School

WE WOULD LOVE SOME MORE VOLUNTEERS....*who would like to spend one hour per week (or every few weeks) with primary school children. Every Wednesday, from 1pm – 2pm, a group of BUC members assist in “Friendship Activities” at Bowral Public School. Some assist with the craft group while others chat with children under one of the Friendship Trees. The more helpers we have, the more time we can give to individual children. Please talk to Kathy Searle or Lorraine Neal if you would like more information....or would like to volunteer.*

We've been informed that the **hospital pastoral care volunteers** need to complete some further training for compliance reasons. If you are unsure about this, or have not received a letter in the mail with details, please come and speak to Michael for more clarification...

First training session this Wednesday at 10.30am

COMING EVENTS...

Thursday 26 May: 10.00am Uniting Women in the Southern Highlands

Saturday 28 May: Southern Highlands Zone Planning Day

Sunday 26 June: UCA Anniversary & Soup on Sunday
(see Liz Pattinson & Ros Hinde)

Thursday 24 November: Seniors Christmas Party @ Bowral UC

CAMEO (Come and meet each other) will be held next Thursday, 19 May 2.00pm, at the Ashes Coffee shop adjacent to the Stumps Café at the Bradman Museum. All ladies are welcome. Enquiries: Liz Pattinson 4869 1020

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 lucyearl79@gmail.com