

## Minister's Weekly Word...

A parable before my eyes...

And the Kingdom of God is like...

At a family service one day the people were receiving communion. The bread had been baked and the juice had been squeezed by the children. It was fruit of their own labour. As they were receiving the bread they had made and the juice they had squeezed, one little girl came back a second time. She broke off another piece of bread and dipped it in the cup of juice another time and ate it. Then came another child who did the same, and another, and another. Watching on the adults began to smile and laugh as they ate the bread baked and the juice squeezed by the children. And pretty soon everyone was laughing together as they ate. Once everyone had finished the children went and told each of the adults that 'God loves you'. Then they stood up together and sang a hymn. *Blessings Michael*



## NEWS ACROSS THE REGION...

The Bowral congregation is invited to the **Service of Celebration and Re-opening of Bundanoon UC** on Thursday 27 October at 12:30 pm. Followed by afternoon tea.

There will be a **CLOSURE OF MINISTRY** service for Pastor Dr Frank Moore at the Mittagong UC on Sun 27 Nov at 2.30pm. All welcome!!

### **"PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE"**

9.30am – 4.00pm Saturday 5 November 2016 Bowral Uniting Church Hall

**AIM: Planning the future of a Southern Highlands Regional Uniting Church**

We will be thinking and planning for regional ministry and mission. Members of the Mittagong, Bowral and Moss Vale Uniting Church congregations are invited to participate in a day of discovery, discussion, workshops and planning together.

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/Kangaloon Uniting Church

*"A church for all people..."*



**Sunday 16 October 2016 (Pentecost 22)**

### 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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### **Church Council Chairperson**

Mrs Kathryn Searle 4872 1002

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### **Church Council Treasurer**

Mr Graham Blackadder 4861 7385

### **Elders' Convenor**

Mr Jim Layton 4862 4623

### **Readings:**

Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

**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?

<b><u>Monday 17 October</u></b> 9.30am Peace with Pieces 2.00pm Bible Study @ Margaret Osborne's home 5.30pm Uniting Voices	7.00pm Bible Study @ Netta McKay's in Mittagong
<b><u>Tuesday 18 October</u></b> 9.30am Playgroup 9.30am Pieces & Yarns 10.00am MEN'S Coffee @ Bradman 7.30pm Bible Study for Young Women @ Lucy Earl's home 7.30pm Bible Study @ the Dinning's in Mittagong	<b><u>Wednesday 19 October</u></b> 10.00am Reflections Study Group @ the Bunker's home. <i>In recess</i> 12 noon – 1.30pm OPEN CHURCH 12.30pm Food & Fellowship in the Gallery... All welcome! <b><u>Thursday 20 October</u></b> 2.00pm CAMEO @ Stumps Cafe 4.00pm Kids Connect <b><u>Friday 21 October</u></b> 6.00pm Bell Ringing Practice

### **TODAY'S SERVICES 16 October (Pentecost 22)**

9.00am Service of Worship (Rev Michael Earl)  
*Guest: Alan Key, short presentation about High School Scripture*  
6.00pm Evening Fellowship Time

### **NEXT SUNDAY (Pentecost 23)**

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

**Readings Next Week:** Joel 2:23-32; Jer 14:7-10, 19-22; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk18:9-14

ROSTER	THIS WEEK: 16 Oct	NEXT WEEK 23 October
<b>Organ</b>	Heather Tredinnick	Gail Reid
<b>PowerPoint</b>	J & S Hoogland	Narelle Harwood
<b>Elder</b>	Anne Clipsham	Lucy Earl
<b>Stewards</b>	Brian & Liz Pattinson	Jim & Denise Layton
<b>Flowers</b>	H Ling, R Robinson	Kathy Searle, Judy Dyson
<b>Kids Church</b>	Kathy Searle	11.30am Uniting Families Connect
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Robyn S/Lorraine R	<b><i>Volunteers PLEASE</i></b>



*Thank you to our wonderful volunteers!  
If you would like to assist in any of our activities,  
please see the Rosters on the Gallery Noticeboard*

**BUC NAME BADGES.** are now available at Southern Highlands Trophy Centre, Shop 4/ 75 Kirkham Road, Bowral, cnr opp Highland School of Performing Arts. Cost \$13. Phone:48622388.

## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**



'Love remains the vocation of all who are baptised, & love is a sign of God to the whole community. Yet love hurts. Here it is that some of us make our most costly mistakes. Here it is often that our personal story looks most wobbly & incomplete. Here it is, also, that we come to know God not only as our Creator, but as our redeemer, our lover, the hound of heaven who will not let us go.' *Angela Tilby (b 1950) English Television producer & Anglican theologian*

### **COMING EVENTS...**

Thursday 20 October 2.00pm CAMEO meets at Stumps Café/Bradman  
27 October: UWISH in the Gallery. Guest Speaker, Rose Conley  
Saturday 29 Oct: "Tea and Trains in the Garden" Fundraiser at Andrew & Sandra House's home in support of Flying Padre.  
Saturday 5 November Southern Highlands ZONE PLANNING DAY  
Saturday 12 November MEN'S Breakfast. Guest Speaker Peter Madvig  
Sunday 20 November ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Bowral UC  
Thursday 24 November: Seniors Christmas Party @ Bowral UC

**Looking for new Elders...** Is there someone in our congregation who you feel could well fulfill the role of Elder? Please consider prayerfully to discuss & nominate before our Nov 20 AGM (Nomination Forms at back of Church)

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday 12 November @ 8.00am**

Our guest speaker at the Breakfast will be Peter Madvig, "Kilimanjaro to Bowral". Please confirm your attendance to Greg Searle before Wednesday 9 November by: Phone: 4872 1002 or 0418 464958  
Email: [gjsearle@bigpond.com](mailto:gjsearle@bigpond.com) Please feel free to extend friends/family.

**BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION** sessions are set to be run on Sundays 16th & 23rd Oct and 6th & 13th Nov in anticipation of a service on November 20th. This will be a time to explore our faith together and pray for each other as we move forward in our Christian walk. Please contact Rev Michael Earl or Jim Layton for more details.

### **UNITING HIGHLANDS MAGAZINE.**

Closing date today. If you have anything to include that has not already been submitted, please speak to David Manton today. [mantondf@bigpond.com](mailto:mantondf@bigpond.com)

**ANNUAL REPORTS for our BUC Groups & Activities** will once again be published prior to our Annual General Meeting 2016. Reports must be sent to David Manton before 23<sup>rd</sup> October in order to meet our publication deadline. Photos, articles and all information will be gratefully received.

**Message from Thurla and Pat Lynch.** We would like to sincerely thank members of the Bowral congregation for their prayers and support during our recent health problems.

