

The Minister's Word...

I had reason to be in the city this week. I rarely get up to Sydney these days, but this time I couldn't avoid it. While I was there, sitting in one of the many eateries waiting for a meeting, a young man not far from me, for no apparent reason suddenly upended his table quite violently and threw his chair down in anger. He stormed off. Clearly, he was upset about something very deeply. It was quite a shock to those sitting around him. There were some quizzical looks and shakes of the head, but in a minute or so everyone got back on with whatever it was they were doing. It occurred to me as I reflected on this little incident how readily we seem to accept such outbursts as the norm these days. Our world just seems to shrug collectively. This was not the kind of Jesus turning the tables moment. It reminded me that as Christians we are called to be bearers of peace in Jesus' name, and how even in little things we can offer witness to a different mode of being. I pondered what to do, but in the end decided the best I could do was to pick up the tables...so I did. Once they were back in order I wondered about the order Jesus brings to our world and how we participate in it. Maybe little things all add up after a while and speak a more powerful message. Not sure, but we need to keep on reflecting on this question. It's part of our calling.



Blessings, Michael



CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES (Samaritans Purse)

Thank you to Barbara Learmont who has volunteered to co-ordinate the distribution and collection of the Christmas Shoeboxes this year. Please ask Barbara for a box if you would like to participate. Special items to fit into your Shoeboxes (Operation Christmas Child) include: Something to wear, Something to play with, Something for school, Something to love, Something special, Something for personal hygiene.

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

Bowral Uniting Church

"A church for all people..."



Sunday 18 June 2017 (Pentecost 2)

Our ministry focus areas are:

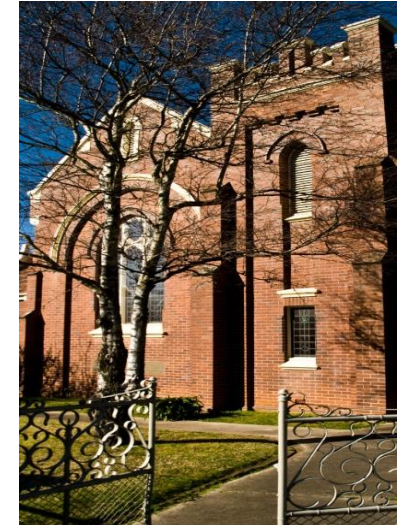
*Worship & Discipleship
Children & Families
Seniors
Community engagement*

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

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><u>Monday 19 June</u> 9.30am Peace with Pieces 5.30pm Uniting Voices Rehearsal</p> <p><u>Tuesday 20 June</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</p>	<p><u>Wednesday 21 June</u> 10.00am Reflections Study Group IS IN RECESS 12 noon – 1.30pm OPEN CHURCH 12.30pm Food & Fellowship in the Gallery... All welcome!</p> <p><u>Thursday 22 June</u> 3.30pm Kids Connect</p> <p><u>Friday 23 June</u> 6.00pm Bell Ringing Practice 7.00pm 'Constance on the Edge' at Mittagong RSL Club (see next page)</p>
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TODAY'S SERVICES 18 June 2017 (Pentecost 2)

9.00am Service of Worship (Rev Dr David Manton)
 6.00pm Evening Fellowship Time

NEXT SUNDAY 25 June 2015 (UCA 40th Birthday)

9.00am Service of Worship (Rev Michael Earl)
 11.30am Uniting Families Connect (In the Church)
 12.30pm UCA Birthday Lunch in the Hall

Readings Next Week:

For UCA Anniversary: Ezekiel 37: 15-28; Psalm 122; Hebrews 13: 1-8;
 John 17: 20 - 26

ROSTER	THIS WEEK: 18 June	NEXT WEEK: 25 June
Organ	Heather Tredinnick	Gail Reid
PowerPoint	Ian Prior	Narelle Harwood
Elder	Lucy Earl	Ann Clipsham
Stewards	Ian & Diane Prior	Graeme & Rosie Robinson
Flowers	H Ling & R Robinson	N Harwood, L Pattinson
Kids Church	See Lucy	11.30am Uniting Families Connect
Morning Tea	Sue & Keith Henshall	Margaret Murray

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'I know of no one fact in the history of mankind which is proved by better evidence of every sort, to the understanding of a fair enquirer, than the great sign which God has given us that Christ died & rose from the dead'

Thomas Arnold (1795 – 1842) Classical Scholar & Headmaster of Rugby

COMING EVENTS

Sun 25 June 12.30pm	40 th Anniversary UCA Lunch at BUC
Mon 26 June 2.00pm	Bible Study at the Bunker's home
Thurs 29 June 10.00am	Uniting Women in the Southern Highlands
EVERYONE WELCOME: Dr Lawrence Peak,	
“Combining Faith & Science”	
Mon 3 – Sun 16 July	Rev Michael Earl on leave
Thurs 13 July 8.00am	BUC Church Council Executive meet
Thurs 20 July 2.00pm	CAMEO meets @ Bradman
Sun 30 July 10.30am	BUC Congregational Meeting

 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 23rd 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...

SAFE CHURCH WORKSHOPS: are important for every member of the Church and essential for those in leadership.

The next Uniting Church workshop is on **Saturday 12th August at Dapto UC from 9.30am to 3.30pm**. A refresher course will be held at Dapto UC on Sunday, 13th August from 1pm - 3.30pm

The last Uniting Church Safe Church workshop for the year in our Presbytery will be on **Saturday 21st October at Austimer UC on Saturday 21st October from 9.30am to 3.30pm**. Refresher course on Sunday 22nd October from 1pm - 3.30pm at Corrimal UC

Cost is \$25 for the workshop 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).