

The Minister's Word...

One of the hardest things for the church to grapple with in the West is that the Gospel challenges and undermines many of the assumptions our way of life is built upon. Sometimes we fall into the trap of taking the capitalist/free market context as a given without noticing that we end up living out of its truth rather than the Gospel's. Capitalism has a funny way of bending otherwise good things to suit its ends. Take the whole charity industry. The call to give money for causes beyond ourselves which will improve the lives of others or contribute to medical research is of course a good thing. But as we all know from receiving multiple brochures, phone calls, or being approached on the street, the charity market is incredibly competitive, so reflecting the overall nature of capitalism. Learning to live within our system while embodying a different way which may speak against some of the underlying assumptions, is a tricky business. The church must always be 'in' the world even as it is called not to be 'of' it, yet we are also called to evangelise and engage. So, it's going to require deep thought and understanding as to how we go about things. Our call is not to seem haughty or superior, but rather to be fully engaged and attentive to our world so that by the example of our lives and actions we commend a different way of being. *Blessings, Michael*



CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES (Samaritans Purse)

Empty Shoeboxes are available from **Barbara Learmont** if you would like to participate in this year's donation for Operation Christmas Child. Special items to fit into your Shoeboxes include: Something to wear, Something to play with, Something for school, Something to love, Something special, Something for personal hygiene. This is a wonderful gift to children in need overseas!

Please see Barbara today!!

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 2 July 2017 (Pentecost 4)



Our ministry focus areas are:

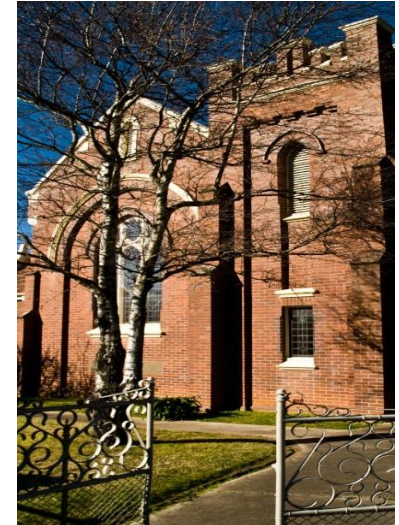
*Worship & Discipleship
Children & Families
Seniors
Community engagement*

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:

Genesis 22: 1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6: 12-23; Matthew 10: 40 – 42

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 3 July

9.30am Peace with Pieces

Tuesday 4 July

9.30am Pieces & Yarns

10.00AM MEN'S Coffee @ Bradman

7.00pm Bible Study @ Netta

McKay's, Mittagong

7.30pm Bible Study @ the Dinning's, Mittagong **IN RECESS**

7.30pm Young Women's Bible Study @ Lucy Earl's **IN RECESS**

Wednesday 5 July

10.00am Reflections Study Group IS IN RECESS

12 noon – 1.30pm OPEN CHURCH

12.30pm Food & Fellowship in the Gallery... All welcome!

Thursday 6 July

3.30pm Kids Connect **IN RECESS**

Friday 30 June

6.00pm Bell Ringing Practice

TODAY'S SERVICES 2 July 2017 (Pentecost 4)

9.00am Service of Worship (Rev Michael Earl)

6.00pm Evening Fellowship Time

NEXT SUNDAY 9 July 2017 (Pentecost 5)

9.00am Service of Holy Communion (Rev Harry Herbert)

6.00pm Evening Fellowship Time

Readings Next Week:

Genesis 24: 34 – 38, 42 – 49, 58 – 67; Psalm 48 10 – 17; Romans 7: 15 – 25a; Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

ROSTER	THIS WEEK: 2 July	NEXT WEEK: 9 July
Organ	Heather Tredinnick	Ann Clipsham
PowerPoint	Barry Roberts	Jon & Sharon Hoogland
Elder	Geoff Webb	Sandra House
Stewards	Greg & Kathy Searle	Clive & Elaine Hills
Flowers	Jan Hamilton, Jenny O'Regan	Pam Wood, Nina Fergusson
Kids Church	See Lucy Earl	IN RECESS
Morning Tea	Arthur/Jenny/Emma Alcorn	Jenny H/Margaret M

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers!

Food & Fellowship for Wednesday, July 12 at 12.30pm **will be in Recess** for one (1) week only... & will resume on **Wednesday July 19 at 12.30pm**



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Truth, even crucified & buried, still has a way of rising faith out of the grave, reasserting itself & challenging people to repentance & change.' *Naim Stifan Ateek (b 1937)*

Palestinian canon of St George's Cathedral, Jerusalem

COMING EVENTS

Mon 3 – Sun 16 July

Rev Michael Earl on leave

Thurs 20 July 2.00pm

CAMEO meets @ Bradman

Thurs 27 July 10.00am

UWISH meets in the Gallery

Thurs 10 Aug 6.30pm

BUC Elders Meet

Thurs 10 Aug 7.30pm

BUC Church Council meets

Fri 15th & Sat 16th September

BUC SPRING FAIR

WHAT A WONDERFUL CELEBRATION WE HAD FOR THE UCA 40TH ANNIVERSARY!!

Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed a hot lunch and some light entertainment.



All of this is us

 Uniting Church in Australia



Most of all, **THANK YOU** to all our **GOOD NEIGHBOURS** who contacted their little 'flocks' and personally invited them to join us.

This personal touch was very much appreciated by all of our church family members. The kindness and thoughtfulness of our Good Neighbours makes an awesome contribution to the life of our congregation and we thank each one for their prayers and support of our people, many of whom are now too frail to join us on a weekly basis.

THANK YOU also to the cooks and the catering helpers – once again, an amazing contribution which is sincerely appreciated. *Over 100 meals were served – and there was food left over!!!* The miracle of the loaves and fishes is alive today!

Please note: Rev Michael, Lucy & the children are on leave from tomorrow and return Monday 17 July. If you need assistance during this time...

please contact Jim Layton (4862 4623) or Kathy Searle (4872 1002).