

## News from the Minister...

We have seen this week in the US, sadly, the specter of hate and prejudice raise its ugly head once more. The events of Charlottesville are a reminder that fear and racism combined make a powerful alliance driving great schisms into our societies, inciting violence, and asserting a view of the world all people of good will should oppose. For the church, the community of Christ in whom there is 'no Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female' (Gal 3), the events of Charlottesville are a complete anathema. This is why a large number of committed Christians, Clergy and laity went to Virginia to stand in non violent vigil against the white supremacists. It was their way of saying, 'this will not stand'. We might ask ourselves what we can do in a world of such hate? It all begins, I believe, in simply being a community of love, peace, and welcome, over time. The presence of Christian communities alone says something profound to the world about a different way and while churches like ours can sometimes feel a long way from such events, our patient and constant faithfulness over generations plays its part. We also keep our eyes alert for the times we might be called upon for more. Hearing the call of the Spirit when such times arise might lead us into deeper prayer, presence, and even protest to bear witness to Jesus' way of grace and peace. **Blessings Michael**



### 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..."*



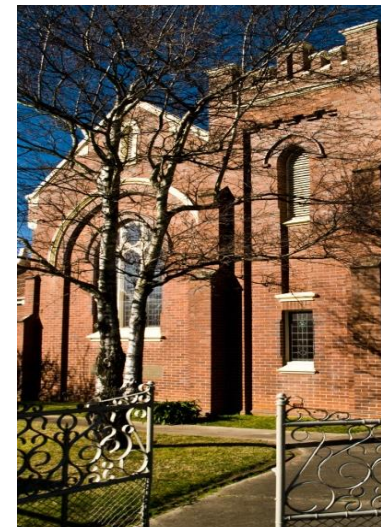
**Sunday 20 August 2017 (Pentecost 11)**

### 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:

Isaiah 53: 1-6 & 55: 6-13; Matthew 15: 21-28

**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 21 August</u></b> 9.30am Peace with Pieces	Meets at the Bunker's home 11.30am Mid-Week Communion service
<b><u>Tuesday 22 August</u></b> 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	12 noon – 1.30pm OPEN CHURCH 12.30pm Food & Fellowship in the Gallery... All welcome! <b><u>Thursday 24 August</u></b> 2.00pm Grey Gardeners meet at the Hoogland's to potter around... 3.30pm Kids Connect
<b><u>Wednesday 23 August</u></b> 10.00am Reflections Study Group	<b><u>Friday 18 August</u></b> 6.00pm Bell Ringing Practice

### TODAY'S SERVICES 20 August 2017 (Pentecost 11)

9.00am Service of Worship (Rev Michael Earl) *(The Prophet Isaiah)*  
**10.30am BUC Congregational Meeting**  
 6.00pm Evening Fellowship Time

### NEXT SUNDAY

9.00am Service of Worship (Rev Michael Earl) *(The Prophet Malachi)*  
 11.30am Uniting Families Connect (followed by lunch)  
 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

<b>ROSTER</b>	<b>THIS WEEK: 20 August</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK: 27 Aug</b>
<b>Organ</b>	Heather Tredinnick	Ann Clipsham
<b>PowerPoint</b>	Ian Prior	Narelle Harwood
<b>Elder</b>	Heather Fiala	Barbara Towers
<b>Stewards</b>	Lorraine Neal, Fran Manton	Barry & Ruth Roberts
<b>Flowers</b>	Pam Wood & Nina Fergusson	N Harwood, L Pattinson
<b>Kids Church</b>	Kathy Searle	Uniting Families Connect
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Keith & Sue Henshall	Lorraine Richardson

**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](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 [lucyearl79@gmail.com](mailto:lucyearl79@gmail.com)

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'People ask us for bread & we offer them a handful of theories about each verse of John 6. They ask questions about God & we offer them 3 theories about the literary form of one Psalm. They thirst for justice & we offer them discussions about the root of the word *sedaga* ('justice' in Hebrew). I am examining my conscience out loud, & the reply I hear is: the one must be done without neglecting the other.' *L. Alonso Schoekel (1920-98) Spanish Jesuit & biblical scholar*-----

## COMING EVENTS

Turs 14 September

BUC Church Council Executive meets

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> & Sat 16<sup>th</sup> September**

**BUC SPRING FAIR**

31 August 10.00am

UWISH meet with Guest Speaker Mrs Barbara Towers presents "Granny Science"



## SPRING FAIR IS IN 4 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.

