

The Minister's Weekly Word...

I was reminded this week as I was on our Presbytery retreat of how everyone engages in the practice of faith differently. Most of the three days away was about the art of contemplation in prayer and for some this can be a very helpful and deeply enriching way to pray and come before God. For others, however, it can be a frustrating and difficult thing to be still and silent for so long. Perhaps for these people more active or pragmatic paths of service and devotion lead them to God. Each of us, of course, is a mix and so it can always be a good thing, depending on which end of the spectrum we lean towards, to be pushed to engage in ways which don't come naturally to us. We can learn and develop a side of ourselves which perhaps for a lot of the time we don't pay much heed. At the same time, I'm reminded from a church point of view how we need to be open to all 'types' and not assume one 'way' is better or more serious or more holy than another. If we really are a 'church for all people' that will include those who worship and experience the Christian life differently to the way we do. The church needs many doors in this sense. And perhaps those of us who have already walked through one 'door' or another, might do well to walk through another 'door' from time to time? *Blessings, Michael*



Minister's Diary...

- Michael will be leading the Ordination Orientation at Uniting Theological College, from Monday Nov 21 to Wed Nov 23.
- The Minister is on Annual holiday leave 9th to 30th January 2017

Advent, Christmas & New Years Day Services...

Advent 1: 9am Sun, Nov 27 (Restoration-Hope), Advent 2: 9am Sun Dec 4 (Restoration- Peace)
Advent 3: 9am Sun, Dec 11 (Restoration-Joy), Advent 4: 9am Dec 19 Carols & Readings Service

Christmas Eve Regional Carols Service at Mittagong UC...4.30pm for a 'Cuppa', 5pm for Carols

Christmas Day at Bowral UC...9am Sunday, December 25

New Year's Day at Bowral UC...9am Sunday January 1, 2017

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/Kangaloon Uniting Church

"A church for all people..."



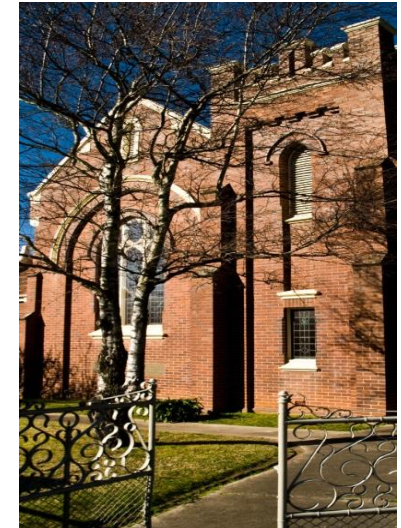
Sunday 20 November 2016 (Christ the King Sunday)

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:

Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1: 11-20; Luke 23: 33-43

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 21 November

9.30am Peace with Pieces
2.00pm Bible Study @ Margaret Osborne's home
5.30pm Uniting Voices

Tuesday 22 November

9.30am Playgroup
9.30am Pieces & Yarns
7.30pm Bible Study for Young Women @ Lucy Earl's home
7.30pm Bible Study @ the Dinning's in Mittagong
7.00pm Bible Study @ Netta McKay's in Mittagong

Wednesday 23 November

10.00am Reflections Study Group @ the Bunker's home. *In recess*
11.30am Mid-week Communion service
12 noon – 1.30pm OPEN CHURCH
12.30pm Food & Fellowship in the Gallery... All welcome!

Thursday 17 November

4.00pm Kids Connect

Friday 18 November

6.00pm Bell Ringing Practice

TODAY'S SERVICES 20 November 2016 (Christ the King Sunday)

9.00am Service of Worship (Rev Harry Herbert Preaching)

10.30am BUC Annual General Meeting

6.00pm Evening Fellowship Time

NEXT SUNDAY 27 November (Advent 1)

9.00am Service of Worship (Rev Michael Earl)

11.30am Uniting Family Connect Service in Gallery (followed by Lunch)

6.00pm Evening Fellowship Time

Readings Next Week: Isa 2:1-5; Ps 122; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:36-44

ROSTER	THIS WEEK: 20 Nov	NEXT WEEK: 27 Nov
Organ	Heather Tredinnick	Gail Reid
PowerPoint	Ian Prior	Narelle Harwood
Elder	Kay Smith	Liz Pattinson / Bruce Schubert
Stewards	Barry & Ruth Roberts	Richard & Rosemary Denman
Flowers	Pam Wood, Nina Fergusson	Fran Manton, V Adlide
Kids Church	Kathy Searle	11.30am Uniting Families Connect
Morning Tea	Arthur/Jenny/Emma Alcorn	Lorraine & Robyn



*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*

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



'The Church...cannot be seen simply as the company of believers who have had spiritual experiences. It is the company of those whose lives are perceived to have the quality of Christ-in-his-struggle-against-human-bondage. It is thus the company of liberators, or it is not the Church.'
Sabelo Ntwasa: South African black theologian, friend of Steve Biko, imprisoned under the apartheid regime.

COMING EVENTS...

Sunday 20 November ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Bowral UC
Thursday 24 November: Seniors Christmas Party @ Bowral UC
Sunday 27 November Closure of Ministry Service, Pastor Dr F Moore
Thursday 1 December 3.00pm Mission Council meeting
Friday 9 December 12 noon: Setting up for Christmas market
Saturday 10 December CHRISTMAS MARKET @ Bowral UC
Sunday 11 December BUC Uniting Families Connect Nativity Play
Thursday 15 December BUC Elders meet, followed by Church Council
Sunday 18 December 9.00am Service : Carols & Lessons
Saturday 24 December Regional Christmas Eve Carols service

The Uniting Voices Church Choir is seeking to recruit new members! If you have a gift to sing, we would love to speak with you, especially sopranos! Please speak with Kerith, Ann, or Michael. Rehearsals each Monday 5:30-7pm.



SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY. You are invited!!
12 noon on Thursday, 24 November in the gallery. Please bring a wrapped gift, of \$5 value, suitable for male or female for a fun exchange of presents. Lunch and light entertainment provided. Please add your name to the list in the gallery if you would like to attend or contact Ros Hinde 4872 4487 or Liz Pattinson 4869 1020 by Mon 21 November.



CHRISTMAS MARKET DAY --- SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER

8.00am – 1.00pm

Plant Stall, Books, Christmas Craft, Cakes, Preserves
Barbeque, Holy Grounds Devonshire Tea/Coffee

OUR PRE-LOVED STALL IS BACK!!

We will welcome donations of saleable pre-loved goods, easy to lift furniture, bric-a-brac...

We would love your help! Please see the Roster in the Gallery...

