

(Another) Minister's Weekly Word...

Last Wednesday I was travelling to Sydney by train for an important appointment. We had just left Picton station when I received a 'phone call. (Thank goodness for mobile 'phones!) The person I was to meet was ill and had to postpone the meeting.

I got out at the next station – Douglas Park – to wait for a train back to Bowral. The only structures on the very short Douglas Park platform are two railway seats. There was not a person in sight. Out of the eerie sunny silence I heard a voice.

'The next train to arrive on platform 2 goes to Moss Vale stopping at all stations – Picton etc etc...!' I recognised it as exactly the same recorded voice which I often hear on Bowral station - 'The next train to arrive...' and I was reminded about some of the wonders of remotely controlled centrally located automated communications on which we have come to rely for significant information.

It was easy, as I waited alone during that quiet afternoon, to extend my musing to the wonder of God's voice coming to us in unexpected moments, prompting us on our faith journey to say or do something for another person, or simply to listen and think about the wonder of God's love.

Postscript; I emailed an order of service for today to Sharon imagining her to be, perhaps in the church office, or at the furthest, at home in Braemar. I discovered that she has prepared the Power Point and the Weekly News Sheet from her remote holiday destination 200 kms north of Brisbane! O the wonders of modern communication. Thank you, Sharon.

Elizabeth Walker.

Rev Michael Earl will be on leave from 15 August to 1 September 2016.

**If you have any concerns during that time,
please contact Kathy Searle or Jim Layton.**

Prayer Points...

. We pray especially for those members of our own church family who are grieving the loss of loved ones. May they know the comfort of God's peace.

. We pray for Rev Kathryn Wyndham as she settles in to the Moss Vale township and Uniting Church congregation. May she feel welcomed and 'at home' in the certainty of God's calling on her life.

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 21 August 2016 (Pentecost 14)

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
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Readings:

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

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 22 August

2.00pm Bible Study @ Margaret Osborne's home
5.30pm Uniting Voices

Tuesday 23 August

9.30am UnitingKids 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
7.30pm Bible Study @ Netta McKay's in Mittagong

Wednesday 24 August

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

Thursday 25 August

4.00pm Kids Connect in the Hall

Friday 26 August

6.00pm Bell Ringing practice

TODAY'S SERVICES 21 August 2016 (Pentecost 14)

9.00am Service of Worship (Rev Elizabeth Walker)
6.00pm Evening Fellowship Time

NEXT SUNDAY 28 August 2016 (Pentecost 15)

9.00am Service of Worship (Rev Dr David Manton)
11.30am Uniting Families Connect in the Gallery
6.00pm Evening Fellowship Time

Readings Next Week:

Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-9,15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

ROSTER	THIS WEEK: 21 August	NEXT WEEK 28 August
Organ	Heather Tredinnick	Rosemary Robinson
PowerPoint	Barry Roberts	Narelle Harwood
Elder	Heather Fiala	B Pattinson, B Schubert
Stewards	Barry & Ruth Roberts	N Harwood, E Bell
Flowers	Kathy Searle, Judy Dyson	H Ling, R Robinson
Kids Church	See Lucy Earl	11.30am Family Connect
Morning Tea	Margaret M & Margaret H	Lorraine R & Robyn C



*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

'There is not a guarantee in the world. Oh, your needs are guaranteed, your needs are absolutely guaranteed by the most stringent of warranties, in the plainest, truest words: knock; seek; ask. But you must read the fine print. 'Not as the world giveth, give I unto you'.' *Annie Dillard (b 1945) North American Author & Pulitzer Prize winner*



COMING EVENTS...

Thursday 8 September BUC Church Council Executive meeting
Friday 9 September Induction Rev Kathryn Wyndham, Moss Vale
Fri 16 & Sat 17 September SPRING FAIR
Sunday 18 September THANKSGIVING SERVICE
Saturday 24 Sept @ 2.00pm Flying Padre Concert in our Hall
Saturday 5 November Southern Highlands ZONE PLANNING DAY
Thursday 24 November: Seniors Christmas Party @ Bowral UC

BUC SPRING FAIR 16 & 17 September 2016

Spring Fair cannot happen without willing volunteers!
If you are able to help for any length of time, please see Roster in the Gallery.
Donations of goods for sale may be made through Stall Co ordinators:

Books: Kay Smith
Craft: Joan Dinning/Pieces & Yarns
Home Baked: Lorraine Neal
Plants: Brian Pattinson
BBQ: Richard Denman & Phil O'Regan



The BUC (Spring Fair) Jar Bank is open for withdrawals!

Jars with metal lids are available for collection in the Gallery after the service...Meg Herbert (aka THE JAR BANKER) will be there to offer assistance



Come to the Flying Padre concert on Saturday Sep 24th

@ 2pm featuring our own Ann Clipsham on piano and guest artist David Henry on trombone.

MOSS VALE WELCOMES A NEW MINISTER...

Reverend Kathryn Wyndham will be inducted into the Moss Vale congregation on Friday 9 September at 2.00pm.
Members of the Bowral congregation are invited to attend and welcome Kathryn to the Southern Highlands region.