

## News from the Church Council Meeting 20 April 2017

The Church Council is thrilled with the services and activities which have been held from Ash Wednesday through to Easter Sunday. We are sincerely grateful to Rev Michael, to the Worship team, the Music team and choir, the Elders and to all who took Devotions and Drama throughout the season.

**1. Access Ramp to the church.** Frustration continues as we search for trade's people to construct this much needed new addition. Alternative plans are also being considered.

**2. Safe Church.** We discussed and then adopted the Position Description for the Safe Church Contact Person (Mrs Barbara Towers) and discussed the responsibilities of this initiative for Church Councillors, leaders and congregational members/volunteers.

**3. The new position of PASTOR FAMILY MINISTRY** was taken a step further as we considered the role and responsibilities of the position, which will add significantly to the family ministry which has been built up in the last few years. A draft Position Description is underway and the Finance Committee is looking at options for funding this important new initiative in the life and ministry of our congregation.

**4. Under Heather Fiala's co-ordination,** we are applying for funding from the Uniting grants currently available – **to add a bathroom to our downstairs basement area.** This facility would add a resource which could also be used by homeless persons.

**5. The Food Ministry outreach** of our congregation continues to grow with weekly community lunch, catering for funerals, our market days (cakes, jams, BBQs, kitchen) and a food bank supported by the Oxley College Year 7 students, in addition to Sunday morning teas and meetings. As part of our Safe Church policy we need to examine our practices, procedures, purchases, pricing and the external requirements which will impinge on this special ministry which the church has willingly provided for many years. We may need to consider overall co-ordination of our food ministry outreach.

**6. Across the Southern Highlands zone,** the Mittagong, Bowral & Moss Vale congregations continue to discuss opportunities for shared fellowship and outreach. All Elders are meeting together quarterly, the Preaching Roster is shared and an afternoon tea to celebrate the Uniting Church's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be held at Moss Vale on Pentecost Sunday, 4 June at 2.00pm.

**7. Financially,** the Treasurer continues to provide CC with detailed information re our current and projected situation. We noted that our weekly giving is behind budget, our market income is better than budget and the Finance Committee is considering options for our investment of the Kangaloon Sales Proceeds and Booking Fees for group hire.

**8. The Illawarra Presbytery** has successfully applied for funding for two new positions, a part time Business Manager and a **fulltime Mission Development Consultant.** In recognition of the regional development strategy being implemented in the Highlands, they have allocated the MD Consultant to our area. A Position Description and terms of engagement are currently being formulated. *What an exciting development!!!*

**9. We thank BUC members sincerely for your prayers for and support of, Church Council.**

**Sharon Hoogland, Secretary**

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 [lucyear179@gmail.com](mailto:lucyear179@gmail.com)

## Bowral Uniting Church

*"A church for all people..."*

**Sunday 23 April 2017 (Easter 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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### **Church Council Chairperson**

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### **Church Council Secretary**

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### **Church Council Treasurer**

Mr. Bruce Tredinnick 4861 6990

### **Elders' Convenor**

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### **Readings:**

Acts 2: 14a, 22 – 32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1: 3-9; John 20: 19 - 31

**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 24 April

2.00pm Bible Study @ the Bunkers'  
(see note opposite)

### Tuesday 25 April (Anzac Day)

9.30am Playgroup **IN RECESS**  
9.30am Pieces & Yarns **IN RECESS**  
7.00pm Bible Study @ Netta McKay's, Mittagong **IN RECESS**  
7.30pm Bible Study @ the Dinning's, Mittagong **IN RECESS**  
7.30pm Young Women's Bible Study @ Lucy Earl's **IN RECESS**

### Wednesday 26 April

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

### Thursday 27 April

3.30pm Kids Connect

### Friday 28 April

6.00pm Bell Ringing Practice

### TODAY'S SERVICES 23 April (Easter 2)

9.00am Service of Worship (Rev M Earl & Mrs M Herbert)  
11.30am Uniting Families Connect (followed by lunch)  
6.00pm Evening Fellowship Time

### NEXT SUNDAY 30 April (Easter 3)

9.00am Service of Worship (Elders)  
6.00pm Service of Healing, Wholeness & Reconciliation (Elders)

### Readings Next Week:

Acts 2: 14a, 36 – 41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12 – 19; 1 Peter 1: 17-23; Luke 24: 13 - 35

ROSTER	THIS WEEK: 23 April	NEXT WEEK: 30 April
Organ	Gail Reid	Ann Clipsham
PowerPoint	Narelle Harwood	
Elder	Kay Smith	Elders
Stewards	Ruth & Barry Roberts	Elders
Flowers	H Ling & R Robinson	N Harwood & E Pattinson
Kids Church	Uniting Families Connect	
Morning Tea		

*Thank you to our wonderful volunteers!*



### DVD's of our Sunday services are now available.

If you would like to replay the service which you enjoyed, or if you would like to play the service for a special friend or someone who is not able to attend our church service, please take advantage of this very special resource. A small number of portable DVD players are also available. This special ministry is being coordinated by Kay Smith – who will be pleased to help you!

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Over and over again our spiritual tradition tells us that our will is the part of us which God is interested in, which is needed to fulfil the Kingdom. It is the hardest part of ourselves to commit trustfully, but it is part of us which is of most use. If we fail to follow our promptings we shall miss God, and God will miss us.'

*Margaret Heathfield... Quaker & Counsellor*

### COMING EVENTS

Wed 26 Apr 4.00pm  
Thurs 27 Apr 10.00am  
**Sat 13 May 12.30pm**  
Thurs 19 May 2.00pm  
Sun 21 May 10.30am  
Sun 4 June 2.00pm  
Sun 25 June 12.30pm

Presbytery Meets @ Bowral  
Uniting Women in the Southern Highlands  
**Congregational Lunch with the Flying Padre**  
CAMEO @ The Stumps Coffee Shop  
BUC Congregational Meeting  
Celebrate 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary UCA @ Moss Vale  
40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch at BUC

### EXCITING NEWS - PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

David Shrimpton – our 'Flying Padre' will be visiting us here in Bowral during the weekend of **13th and 14th May**. See more details in the flyer available at the back of the church, with an update on David's activities!

**LISMORE UNITING CHURCH** suffered severe damage in the floods following cyclone Debbie. Church Council Executive have sent your greetings and a cheque for \$1000 on your behalf.

### UNITING WOMEN IN THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

are invited to come along on Thursday 27 April at 10.00am to meet and hear the amazing witness of Ms Penny Carpentier, a young woman who is soon to take up a position as a Bible College lecturer in the Namibia Evangelical Theological Seminary (NETS). Penny has a Masters of Divinity excelling in both Ancient Greek and Hebrew and a Masters of Research with distinction, focusing on the Jerusalem Temple in the Selucid era...! Penny's husband Ben will also be working in Namibia in the distance education program with prison inmates.

**OH, & BY THE WAY, Penny is the daughter of Barbara & Tony Towers!!**

Margaret's **MONDAY BIBLE STUDY** is moving to the Bunkers' residence 2/24-26 Purcell Street and will recommence tomorrow, 24 April @ 2pm. We will be reviewing the Lenten Studies and discuss a future program. Please come with suggestions and any comments on how the group might proceed. For information, Raymond Bunker 4861 1352.