

Report from Church Council...

We gathered together on Thursday evening 13 October and commenced the meeting with a discussion led by Rev Michael on the topic of his PhD studies..."trust". We feel we have made a worthwhile contribution to his ultimate publication (and we will look for acknowledgement!!).

Items for discussion included:

The recording of our Sunday morning services. Many folk no longer able to attend church would love to listen to, or see, the service, the singing, the gathering. Jim Layton has done a sterling and very time consuming work to get us to the stage where we can now burn DVD's for distribution. He has lately been assisted by Geoff Webb, and really needs additional assistance from someone who has skills/technical expertise. Can you help?

As Graham Blackadder prepares to move away, **Bruce Tredinnick has volunteered to be the Treasurer** and will nominate for election at the BUC Annual General Meeting. **Mrs Rose Conley has volunteered to do the detailed job of data entry** which forms the basis of the treasurer's report. We are very grateful for the dedication of these volunteers into this important task. Graham will complete his term in December this year.

The meeting read a letter from a member of our congregation suggesting that we could perhaps form a small group of people interested in **social justice issues** in the church. Chairperson Kathy and Rev Michael will follow up on this idea and ascertain interest in a group which would consider all sides of any issue.

We have received thank you letters from Picton Uniting and Anglican Churches (for our donations after their flood) and from Inverell UC re our donation for the Burrumbuck Hay Run, where 5,000 bales of hay were delivered by a convoy of 120 trucks over an area of 1800 kilometres. **It is humbling to note that BUC has donated 12.6% of our annual income to mission outreach.**

If any of our members would like to use the Weekly Envelope Offering system, we have new envelopes ready for use from December 2016. Please see Anne Kingdom.

We heard Reports from the Minister, the Chairperson, the Treasurer, the Elders and Property. The reports document the many and diverse areas of our congregational activity and weave a rich tapestry of many threads coming together to form a colourful cloth – a testament to awesome discipleship! **Church Council appreciates your prayers and support.**

NEWS ACROSS THE REGION...

Regional Planning: 9.30am – 4.00pm Saturday 5 November 2016 BUC Hall
Closure of Ministry (Frank Moore) Mittagong UC on Sun 27 Nov at 2.30pm
Everyone is welcome to both events

Bowral/Kangaloon Uniting Church

"A church for all people..."

Sunday 23 October 2016 (Pentecost 23)

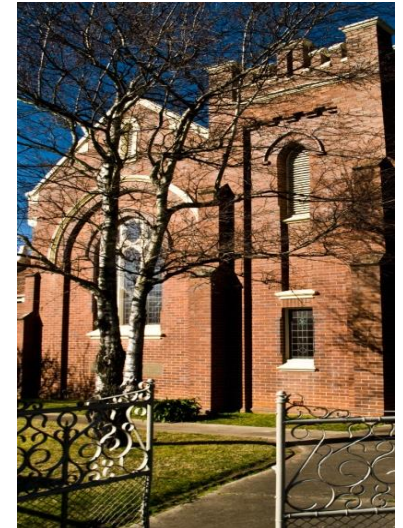


Our ministry focus areas are:

*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:

Joel 2:23-32; Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22;
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18: 9-14

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 October

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

Tuesday 25 October

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 26 October

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 27 October

10.00am UWISH in the Gallery
4.00pm Kids Connect

Friday 28 October

6.00pm Bell Ringing Practice

Saturday 29 October

10am – 2pm Tea & Trains in the Garden – 5 Duke Street, Bowral

TODAY'S SERVICES (Pentecost 23)

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

NEXT SUNDAY 30 October 2016 (Pentecost 24)

9.00am Service of Worship (Elders with Rev Kathryn Wyndham preaching)
3.00pm Bereavement Healing Service – all are welcome, With afternoon tea to follow... see also Insert
Please Note: 6.00pm Service will not be held today

Readings Next Week: Hab1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm32: 1-7; 2 Thess1: 1-4, 11-12; Lk19: 1-10

ROSTER	THIS WEEK: 23 Oct	NEXT WEEK 30 October
Organ	Gail Reid	Ann Clipsham
PowerPoint	Narelle Harwood	Elders
Elder	Lucy Earl	Elders
Stewards	Jim & Denise Layton	Elders
Flowers	Kathy Searle, Judy Dyson	Elaine Hills, Denise Layton
Kids Church	11.30am Uniting Families Connect	See Lucy Earl
Morning Tea	Margaret & Barbara	VOLUNTEERS PLEASE



*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



'He lays upon us no other burden than that of putting our whole trust in Him...no difficult self-immolation, no exaggerated austerities, no excesses of ascetic practice. He wants us to be kind & just & true in all the little dealings of our daily life, but even that He does not expect of us in our own strength.' *John Baillie (1886-1960) Scottish theologian & Church of Scotland minister*

COMING EVENTS...

Saturday 29 Oct: "Tea and Trains in the Garden" Fundraiser at Andrew & Sandra House's home in support of Flying Padre.

Saturday 5 November Southern Highlands ZONE PLANNING DAY

Saturday 12 November MEN'S Breakfast. Guest Speaker Peter Madvig

Sunday 20 November ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Bowral UC

Thursday 24 November: Seniors Christmas Party @ Bowral UC

MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday 12 November @ 8.00am

Our guest speaker at the Breakfast will be Peter Madvig, "Kilimanjaro to Bowral". Please confirm your attendance to Greg Searle before Wednesday 9 November by:Phone: 4872 1002 or 0418 464958

Email: gjsearle@bigpond.com Please feel free to extend friends/family.

BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION sessions are on hold. If you are interested in joining a class, please contact Rev Michael or Jim Layton for more details.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR ANNUAL REPORTS for our BUC Groups & Activities. Reports must reach David Manton TODAY. Photos, articles and all information will be gratefully received.
(note new e-mail...mantondf@bigpond.com)

Looking for new Elders...Is there someone in our congregation who you feel could well fulfill the role of Elder? Please consider prayerfully to discuss and nominate before our Nov 20 AGM (Nomination Forms at back of Church)

Uniting Women in the Southern Highlands (UWISH) will meet this Thursday in the Gallery. **Please join us for morning tea at 10.00am**
Our Guest Speaker is Mrs Rose Conley who will reminisce about her days as a Driving Instructor! How well do you know the road rules?

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 lucyearl79@gmail.com