

The Minister's Weekly Word...

I've loved the church since I was small. Everything about it from its music to its symbols, its aspirations to its works of witness have captured my imagination and grown my faith in Jesus. By there's nothing so wonderful as seeing people take on faith for themselves and embody the love of God in their lives. Without the people - the saints of the church - the symbols, words, music, architecture are empty gestures. None of us should ever underestimate what our witness can say, can do, can speak, even without words, just in our being. Yet this is God's work in us. On Wednesday night the Elders gathered to pray and share around the theme of companionship: God's companionship with us in Christ, and ours with each other in faith. Without a hint of self consciousness people shared of themselves and their experience of God drawing close and walking alongside us in the way. As always, I received much more than I contributed. But it reminded me again that Christ is our all in all, always with us, always saving us, always calling us. And all that the church is begins there in the heart of our lives. So thank you to Jim and all the elders for your grace, and thank you to you all for living your faith as an example and witness to me. ***Blessings to all, Michael.***



2016 BOWRAL CONGREGATIONAL BREAKFAST

Saturday 13 August @ 8.00am in the Church Hall

Guest Speaker: Rev Dr Murray Earl (Air Commodore RAAF retired)

Please confirm your attendance to Greg Searle before Wed 10 August:

Phone: 48721002 or 0418464958 or email: gjsearle@bigpond.com

Gentlemen \$8, Ladies FREE

Prayer Points...

Pray for victims of civil war and political upheaval in nations throughout the world. Pray for aid to those refugees who are homeless and displaced.

Pray for all who work to provide aid – medical, food supplies, shelter, clothing and comfort to refugees and victims of turmoil. May they find courage and strength to continue their special outreach with love and understanding.

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

Bowral/Kangaloon Uniting Church

"A church for all people..."

Sunday 24 July 2016 (Pentecost 10)



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

Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 138; Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 11:1-13

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 25 July

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

Tuesday 26 July

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 27 July

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 28 July

10.00am Uniting Women in the Gallery
4.00pm Kids Connect in the Hall

Friday 29 July

NO Bell Ringing tonight

TODAY'S SERVICES 24 July (Pentecost 10)

9.00am Bowral Service of Worship (Preaching: Mrs Meg Herbert)
11.30am Families Connect Service in the Gallery
6.00pm Bowral Evening Fellowship Time

NEXT SUNDAY 31 July 2016 (Pentecost 11)

9.00am Bowral Service of Worship (Elders with Preacher: Rev Phil Newton, UCA Uni Chaplain, Wollongong University)
Welcoming of new members
6.00pm Bowral Elders' Service of Healing & Reconciliation

Readings Next Week: Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 49:1-12; Col 3:1-11; Lk 12:13-21

ROSTER	THIS WEEK: 24 July	NEXT WEEK: 31 July
Organ	Gail Reid	Ann Clipsham
PowerPoint	Narelle Harwood	Hooglands
Elder	Kay Smith, B Schubert	Elders
Stewards	Jim & Denise Layton	Elders
Flowers	N Harwood, L Pattinson	Pam Wood, Nina Fergusson
Kids Church	11.30am Uniting Families Connect	Ruth Roberts
Morning Tea	Arthur/Jenny/Emma Alcorn	<i>Volunteers Urgently Needed</i>



*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 is not a goal in itself; it is an instrument of salvation for people, for everyone. We therefore defraud the world if we only speak of God's presence when God's word is proclaimed or the sacraments are celebrated...If we can imagine the world as God's body, we not only include all people, but also all structures in which people gather together; we include the whole of created reality.' *Catharina J M Halkes (1920-2011) Dutch Author, Professor of Theology (St Mary's University, London), Feminist activist.*



COMING EVENTS...

Thursday 28 July @ 10.00am Uniting Women in the Southern Highlands
Saturday 6 August @ 8.00am BUC WORKING BEE
16 & 17 September SPRING FAIR
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

Uniting Women in the Southern Highlands meet on Thursday 28 July

@ 10.00am in the Gallery, commencing with Morning Tea.

Our special Guest Speakers are Dr David and Mrs Daphne Browning who will share with us about the Barbara May Foundation and the work in Tanzania at the Fistula Hospital. All women are very welcome to attend.

You're invited

BUC SPRING FAIR 16 & 17 September 2016

Within the next few weeks, we will be starting to collect donations of Books (in good pre-loved condition), craft items, plants, jams and preserves.

Mrs Meg Herbert has volunteered to run a "JAR Bank" for all those who make jams etc. Meg will be happy to speak with you about any jars you have.

Special Reminders...

***There will be a Flying Padre concert on Saturday September 24th @ 2pm featuring our own Ann Clipsham on piano and guest artist David Henry on trombone...in our Hall with a 'cuppa'.

***Flying Padre Collection Boxes...remember to bring them next (5th) Sunday

****There are copies of the 2016/17 budget available for those who couldn't be at the congregational meeting last week.

******There will be a WORKING BEE at the church on Saturday 6 August, commencing at 8.00am until we're finished...!**

ALL WELCOME – See Jon Hoogland for more details.

A Note from Anne Kingdom: THANK YOU!! To all my friends in BUC for your prayers, phone calls and help during the last couple of weeks after my serious fall. God bless you all!

