

## Minister's Weekly Word...

The Greek word 'kenosis' pertains to a sense of 'emptying'. It is used by Paul in Philippians 2 when he describes how Christ 'made himself nothing', or a more literal translation is 'emptied himself'. Paul is seeking to describe the nature of God's humility in sending Jesus to live and die for us. Charles Wesley famously surmised in his hymn 'And Can it Be', that Jesus, 'emptied himself of all but love', which is a striking description of God's will to redeem his creation, reflecting that same sense of utter humility. This is how God shows himself trustworthy and beckons us to trust and obey. There is no self interest in God. All is given away for the sake of the world. Jesus is subject to death, even death on a cross, thereby going to the place of deepest human separation and grief. Even in death, we are not alone. Jesus dies with us, alongside us. So we see here how the church must be if it is to emulate its saviour and prove itself trustworthy to the world. It must empty itself of all but love and act always for others: no self interest. In this way we will draw closer to God and we pray closer to the way of Christ. *Blessings Michael*



## AFL GRANDFINAL NEXT SATURDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> October!!!



The most important day of the year, the AFL Grand Final, is approaching. There is an open invitation to any (real) footy fans to come and watch the game at the manse, 15 Lilac Avenue, Bowral, from 2pm. The only entry requirement is no barracking for any team other than the minister's team will be tolerated. If you can accept this stipulation we'd love to see you for what should be a great game which may well involve at least one of the Sydney teams.

TODAY 10am-4pm...Pual Ramsay's spectacular garden "Yarawin", Burradoo Rd., Burradoo is open to raise funds for Welby Gardens for the Disabled...\$15 pp...parking & entry via Burradoo Rd & Sunnibghill Ave.

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/Kangaloon Uniting Church

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



**Sunday 25 September 2016 (Pentecost 19)**

### 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: Reverend Michael Earl, on (mobile 0422 433 569).**

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### Readings:

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16: 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 26 September

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

### Tuesday 27 September

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

### Wednesday 28 September

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

### Thursday 29 September

10.00am UWISH meet in the Gallery  
4.00pm Kids Connect ***In Recess***

### Friday 30 September

6.00pm Bell Ringing Practice

### TODAY'S SERVICES 25 September 2016 (Pentecost 19)

9.00am Service of Worship (Rev Michael Earl)  
11.30am Uniting Families Connect (followed by lunch)  
***...includes the baptism of Lilly-Rose Dodds. All are welcome!***  
6.00pm Evening Fellowship Time

### NEXT SUNDAY 2 October 2016 (Pentecost 20)

9.00am Service of Worship (Rev Michael Earl)  
6.00pm Evening Fellowship Time

**Readings Next Week:** Lam 1:1-6; Psalm 37:1-9; 2Tim 1:1-14; Lk 17:5-10

ROSTER	THIS WEEK: 25 Sept	NEXT WEEK 2 October
<b>Organ</b>	Gail Reid	Heather Tredinnick
<b>PowerPoint</b>	Narelle Harwood	Barry Roberts
<b>Elder</b>	Ros Hinde, Bruce:Lucy	Lucy Earl
<b>Stewards</b>	Clive & Elaine Hills	Anne Kingdom, Helen Ling
<b>Flowers</b>	P Wood, R. Collins	F Manton, B Windybank
<b>Kids Church</b>	11.30am Families Connect	See Lucy Earl
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Margaret M & Lorraine R	<b><i>VOLUNTEERS PLEASE</i></b>



***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***

**BUC NAME BADGES.** are now available at Southern Highlands Trophy Centre, Shop 4/ 75 Kirkham Road, Bowral, cnr opp Highland School of Performing Arts. Cost \$13. Phone:48622388.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



'A religion of Sunday Worship but of unjust weeks does not please the Lord. A religion of much praying but with hypocrisy in the heart is not Christian. A church that sets itself up only to be well off, to have a lot of money & comfort, but forgets to protest injustices, would not be the true church of our Redeemer.' *Oscar Romero (1917 - 80) Roman Catholic Archbishop of El Salvador, murdered while preaching*

### COMING EVENTS...

**Thursday 29 Sep: 10.00am UWISH with special Guest Speaker in the Gallery**  
Saturday 29 Oct: OPEN GARDEN & 'Train Experience' Fundraiser at Andrew & Sandra House's home in support of Flying Padre.  
Saturday 5 November Southern Highlands ZONE PLANNING DAY  
Thursday 24 November: Seniors Christmas Party @ Bowral UC

### FLYING PADRE FUNDRAISING EVENT...

**OPEN GARDEN & 'Train Experience'** at Andrew & Sandra House's home on Saturday 29 October.

### UNITING WOMEN IN THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

**NEXT MEETING Thursday 29 September 2016 @ 10.00am**

We have a very special Guest Speaker at our next meeting which will be held in the Gallery. Gill is a young mother who is bravely battling Motor Neurone Disease. She will give us an understanding of this illness and speak of her Christian journey and how her faith allows her to face each new day. We would love to welcome all women to this special time of gathering together.

**PANTRY SUNDAY NEXT WEEK!** Goods needed include biscuits, tinned fruit, cereal, school lunch snacks, Vegemite, small jars coffee, jelly, pancake and cake mixes. Anglicare is grateful for your ongoing support.

### **SHOEBOXES, SHOEBOXES, SHOEBOXES.**

Christmas shoeboxes must be in by next weekend at the very latest, 2nd October so they can be delivered to Sydney.

### **# VOLUNTEER VACANCY: PUBLICITY OFFICER.**

Thank you to Heather Fiala and Virginia Adlide who have volunteered to fill this very important position – telling our story locally and abroad...!