

News from the Minister...

This week it was Wesley Day on Wednesday. May 24th, 1738, was the day Wesley famously had his heart 'strangely warmed' after a gathering with other Christians in which he felt the word of God moved in his heart in a way it hadn't before. The evangelical tradition has always emphasised the experiential side of faith; that we need to feel it deep down in our bones, that it needs to move us and change us like never before. The established church in Wesley's time called the people who were swept into the movement he began, somewhat derisively, 'enthusiasts'. An experience of faith that brought people to tears and touched emotions was far too risky for many, and seemed to promote disorder and chaos. Yet for Wesley, like Luther before him, faith meant nothing if it did not move us personally. If we weren't personally convicted of God's love for us and the remission of sins, religion was little more than a routine. While time has moved on and the church lived and grown through different trends, there is still much we can take from the Methodist tradition in this regard. Indeed every time we sing Wesleyan hymns, we are exercising that warm hearted faith which reflects the theological truths we affirm. The last lines of 'Love Divine', one of C Wesley's greatest hymns says it all in this regard and is a powerful reminder that faith is not something kept at a distance, but that which engulfs and transports us into a different realm: Changed from glory, into glory, til in heaven we take our place, til we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.



Blessings, Michael

“One Earth – Many Voices” is the theme for the next *Serendipity:the choir* concert series in June. The voices are divided into 6 groups representing various aspects of our world, including the good, the beautiful, the challenging and the ‘ugly’. Ann Clipsham has written two wonderful arrangements especially for the program – one of Debussy’s “Golliwogg’s Cakewalk” (Debussy’s spelling!) and the other of the lovely theme ‘Gabriel’s Oboe’ from the film ‘The Mission’.

We hope you can join us for a performance: Mittagong Playhouse – Saturday 3 June @ 3.00pm, Bundanoon Memorial Hall – Friday 16 June @ 6.00pm, Saturday 17 June @ 3.00pm. Tickets @ \$20.00 are available as always from The Brown Bookshop Bowral, Todds Real Estate Bundanoon, and online @ Trybooking, which is accessed via the *Serendipity:the choir* website”: www.serendipitythechoir.com

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 Uniting Church

“A church for all people...”

Sunday 28 May 2017 (Easter 7)

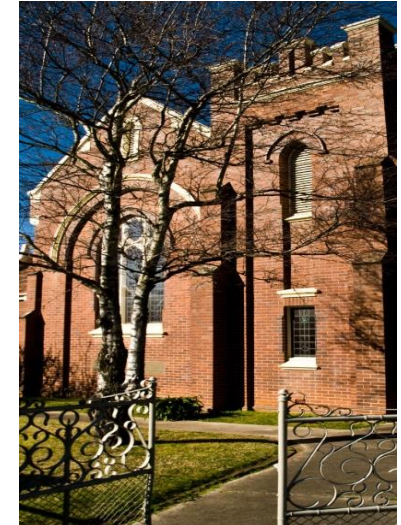


Our ministry focus areas are:

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:

Acts 1: 6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17: 1-11

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 29 May

2.00pm Bible study @ the Bunker's
5.30pm Uniting Voices Rehearsals
@ **MOSS VALE UC**

Tuesday 30 May

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

Wednesday 31 May

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

Thursday 1 June

3.30pm Kids Connect
7.00pm An Hour with Bruce Schubert

Friday 2 June

6.00pm Bell Ringing Practice

TODAY'S SERVICES 28 May 2017

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

NEXT SUNDAY 4 June 2017 (Pentecost Sunday)

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

Readings Next Week:

Acts 2: 1-21; Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b; Acts 2: 1-21; John 7: 37 – 39

ROSTER	THIS WEEK: 28 May	NEXT WEEK: 4 June
Organ	Gail Reid	Heather Tredinnick
PowerPoint	Narelle Harwood	Barry Roberts
Elder	Anne Kingdom	Tony Towers
Stewards	J & S Hoogland	Richard & Rosemary Denman
Flowers	Mary Dunk, Beryl Adams	Elaine Hills, Denise Layton
Kids Church	11.30 Uniting Families Connect	See Lucy Earl
Morning Tea	Margaret M & Lorraine R	Volunteers Please



It is a great privilege to be part of such a beautiful Church Community as we experienced the support and love in so many ways following the loss of our son Andrew. Your prayers and condolences have carried us through a very difficult time. Thank You.
Ron & Molly Clissold & family

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



'The early Church's belief in the Ascension can be read as its refusal to allow its Lord to be localised or spiritually restricted. The Ascension in its simplest terms means that Jesus is mobile. He is not baal, but the Lord of all history.' *Harvey Cox (b 1929) US Theologian, Professor of Divinity at Harvard University (retd)*

COMING EVENTS

Thurs 1 June 7.00pm

Sun 4 June 2.00pm

Wed 7 June 6.45pm

Thurs 8 June

Sat 10 June, 8am – 2pm

Thurs 15 June 2.00pm

Sun 25 June 12.30pm

An Hour with Bruce Schubert (see below)
Celebrate 40th Anniversary UCA @ Moss Vale UC, Choir & Afternoon tea
Social Justice Group @ Bruce Schubert's home
6.30pm Elders, 7.30pm Church Council
BUC WINTER MARKET
CAMEO Coffee @ Bradman
40th Anniversary UCA Lunch at BUC



2 WEEKS UNTIL OUR WINTER MARKET!!

Are you available to help on a stall?

Please See the Roster in the Gallery.

Your donations of books & bric-a-brac (in good condition), home baked cakes, slices, jams, SR Flour, cream, eggs etc. will be very much appreciated. **There is a PICK UP service available for Books/DVD's & CD's or 2nd hand items in good condition.** See Sharon

NEXT SUNDAY IS PANTRY SUNDAY!!!

Requirements, ie cereals, small jars of coffee, pasta and pasta sauces and other basic foodstuffs will be very much appreciated by local families and individuals. Ros Hinde



An hour with Bruce Schubert,

Thursday, 1 June @7.00 pm in the Gallery

Good Neighbours, Elders and interested members are invited to hear Bruce investigate the issue of suicide. This will include an overview of the topic and why it is so hard to talk about, to hear about and to bear. It will be an opportunity to understand how to care for others in these circumstances. All are welcome.

This will replace the Good Neighbours scheduled meeting.

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