

News from the Minister...

This week we have lost two of the wonderful stalwarts of our church. Nancy Alcorn and Gerd Menzel, each in their own way, exemplified what it means to be faithful over time. We will miss them both greatly of course, but in their deaths we are reminded of God's constant love and the promise of eternal life. We are all mortal and each must face the reality of our own deaths in our own way, but like all things in the Christian life, we don't face this prospect alone. We die together as we have lived together, as we have prayed together, as we have wrestled with our faith together. We carry each other's dreams and hopes as well as our sadnesses and sorrows. When we come to commit Gerd and Nancy to God this week we will do that together as well. Best of all, as Wesley famously said, God is with us. Through all our being together is the glue of God's Spirit holding us together. The Holy Spirit is what helps us forgive each other, and weep with each other, and love each other; it's what helps us reach out beyond the church's walls to our community. It's also what gives us the inner peace we long for as we struggle with earthly fragilities. Today we are thankful for two lives well lived. And thankful that we have been blessed to be a part of them. We are thankful that love goes on beyond death and is never broken or watered down. We are indeed a blessed people even as we grieve. God bless their memories, their families, and may God's blessing be with us all now and forever. Amen. ***Blessings Michael***



Do we hear Prophets' voices today...?

Rev Michael Earl will preach a series in August/September called
'The Word of the Lord: Hearing the Voice of the Prophets Today'

Each Sunday will bring us the voices of Micah, Amos, Isaiah, Malachi, Jeremiah and Daniel.

Don't miss this little sojourn away from the set lectionary for a while!

Bowral Uniting Church

"A church for all people..."



Sunday 3 September 2017 (Pentecost 13)

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:

Jeremiah 31: 1-6 Matthew 16: 24-28

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 4 September

9.30am Peace with Pieces

5.30pm Uniting Voices

Tuesday 5 September

9.30am Playgroup

9.30am Pieces & Yarns

10.00am MEN's coffee @ The Stumps

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 6 September

10.00am Reflections Study Group
Meets at the Bunker's home

**10.30am Funeral service for
Mrs Nancy Alcorn**

12 noon – 1.30pm OPEN CHURCH

12.30pm Food & Fellowship in the
Gallery... All welcome!

Thursday 7 September

**1.00pm Funeral service for
Mr Gerd Menzel**

2.00pm Grey Gardeners meet at the
Hoogland's to potter around...

3.30pm Kids Connect **CANCELLED**

7.00pm Good Neighbours meet in the
Gallery

Friday 8 September

6.00pm Bell Ringing Practice

TODAY'S SERVICES 3 September (Pentecost 13)

9.00am Service of Worship (Rev Michael Earl)

Baptism of Sebastian Harnett

6.00pm Evening Worship Service

NEXT SUNDAY 10 September (Pentecost 14)

9.00am Service of Worship (Rev Michael Earl)

11.30am Uniting Families Connect (followed by lunch)

6.00pm Evening Worship Service

Readings Next Week:

Exodus 12: 1- 14; Psalm 119: 33-44; Romans 13: 8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

ROSTER	THIS WEEK: 3 Sept	NEXT WEEK: 10 Sept
Organ	Heather Tredinnick	Ann Clipsham
PowerPoint	Barry Roberts	Sharon Hoogland
Video	Jim Layton	Jon Hoogland
Elder	Ann Clipsham	Sue Henshall
Stewards	Jon/Sharon Hoogland	Richard/Rosemary Denman
Flowers	Pam Wood/Nina Fergusson	Fran Manton, Kathy Searle
Kids Church	Lucy Earl	11.30am Uniting Families Connect
Morning Tea	Keith/Sue Henshall	<u>Volunteers Please</u>

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers!

Another Thank you...Margaret & Victor Hugo have greatly appreciated the prayerful support they have received over recent days...& want to say a big Thank you to you all

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'If only God would lean out of heaven & tell me my children are going to make it, I could relax. But God doesn't do that. He tells us to be the parents he has called us to be in his strength & promises to do his part. Driven to prayer (after discovering that manipulation didn't work), I began to realise I was only truly positive when I'd been flat on my face before the Lord'. Jill Briscoe (b 1935) English born Bible teacher & Writer, retired director of World Relief & Capernwray Hall

COMING EVENTS

Thurs 14 September

BUC Church Council Executive meets

Tues 19 September 12 noon

Biggest BBQ for Frontier Services at Mittagong

Fri 15th & Sat 16th September

BUC SPRING FAIR

Sunday 17 September

Thanksgiving Service

SPECIAL NOTE RE CONSTRUCTION OF ACCESS RAMP

Unfortunately, due to unexpected services in the church this week, the commencement of construction of our new access ramp is being delayed until a suitable date after the Spring Fair. We give thanks for the graciousness of our construction team who hope to commence building after 18 September.



SPRING FAIR IS IN 2 WEEKS!!!

**BOOKS, CRAFT, PLANTS, BRIC A BRAC,
CAKES/SLICES & JAMS/PRESERVES WELCOME!
We can collect all donations!!**

MANY VOLUNTEERS are required for the two days 8.00am – 3.00pm.
Please put your name onto the Roster which is posted in the Gallery.

STALL CO-ORDINATORS

Marketing/advertising

Celine Healy

BBQ

Richard Denman & Phil O'Reagan

Plants

Brian Pattinson

Craft

Joan Dinning

Cakes

Lorraine Neal **Fresh cakes/slices each day please.

Jams

Meg Herbert

Books

Greg Searle

Bric-a-Brac

Jim Layton

Holy Grounds Café

Sharon Hoogland & Denise Layton

Spring Fair Flyers are available TODAY for delivery in your neighbourhood

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