

News from the Minister...

I was reading a book this week that questioned the generally held assumption that we live in a 'secular society'. This author, rather, suggested that we actually live in a 'generically religious' society. What she meant I think is that what might be called the 'religious impulse' is still very much in evidence today, just in a changing way. People are still considering the existential and 'spiritual' meaning of their lives, it's just being expressed more often in 'generically religious', rather than 'specifically religious' ways. The huge crowds at ANZAC day events across the nation probably underline this thought to some degree. ANZAC Day means different things to different people, yet seemingly many people find meaning in some form, even if it's only in a blurry sense of 'nationhood'. This trend is at once a great challenge and a great opportunity for the church. People are hungry, so it seems, for meaning, yet perhaps the questions arise about what is really true and good and of worth; in other words where they might find true meaning. Given we believe as Christians that Jesus is, 'the way, the truth and the life', there is then a call to invite the world to look again at Jesus and what he came to do...do this faithfully and we might just find some of the 'generically religious' elements of our society consider again what it means to be a bit more 'specific'. **Blessings, Michael**



DVD's of our Sunday services are now available.

If you would like to replay the service which you enjoyed, or if you would like to play the service for a special friend or someone who is not able to attend our church service, please take advantage of this very special resource. A small number of portable DVD players are also available. This special ministry is being coordinated by Kay Smith – who will be pleased to help you!

PRAYER LIST...

Give thanks for: the inspirational services held at BUC from Ash Wednesday through to Easter Sunday, and for the diverse gifts of our congregational members: flowers, music, drama, preaching/teaching, food, worship committee.

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 30 April 2017 (Easter 3)



Our ministry focus areas are:

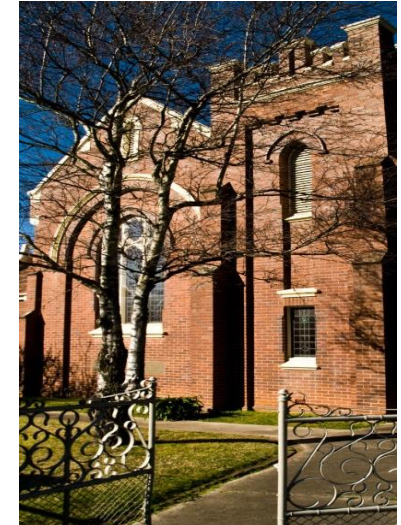
*Worship & Discipleship
Children & Families
Seniors
Community engagement*

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 2: 14a, 36 – 41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12 – 19;

1 Peter 1: 17-23; Luke 24: 13 - 35

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 1 May

9.30am Peace with Pieces
2.00pm Bible Study @ the Bunkers'
5.30pm Uniting Voices Rehearsals resume

Tuesday 2 May

9.30am Playgroup
9.30am Pieces & Yarns
10.00am MEN'S COFFEE @ Stumps
7.00pm Bible Study @ Netta McKay's, Mittagong
7.30pm Bible Study @ the Dinning's, Mittagong

Tuesday 2 May

7.30pm Young Women's Bible Study @ Lucy Earl's

Wednesday 3 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 4 May

3.30pm Kids Connect

Friday 5 May

6.00pm Bell Ringing Practice



TODAY'S SERVICES 30 April (Easter 3)

9.00am Service of Worship (ELDERS)
6.00pm Service of Healing, Wholeness & Reconciliation (Elders)

NEXT SUNDAY 7 May (Easter 4)

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

Readings Next Week:

Acts 2: 42 – 47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2: 19 – 25; John 10: 1 – 10

ROSTER	THIS WEEK: 30 April	NEXT WEEK: 7 May
Organ	Ann Clipsham	Heather Tredinnick
PowerPoint	Jim Layton	Barry Roberts
Elder	Elders	Heather Fiala
Stewards	Elders	Jim & Denise Layton
Flowers	N Harwood & E Pattinson	Jan Hamilton, Jenny O'Regan
Kids Church	See Lucy Earl	11.30am Families Connect
Morning Tea	Margaret M & Barbara L	Sue & Keith Henshall

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers!



BUC WELCOMES VOLUNTEERS!!

There are many opportunities to volunteer...

Sunday morning Stewards, join the Flower Roster team, the Sunday Morning Tea Roster, Food & Fellowship welcome cooks and helpers, Playgroup (helpers and morning tea) and Kids Connect (helpers and afternoon tea).

PLEASE SEE THE ROSTERS ON THE GALLERY NOTICEBOARD...

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



'The Gospel is so foolish (according to my natural wisdom), so scandalous (according to my conscience), & so incredible (according to my timid heart), that it is a daily battle to believe the full scope of it as I should. There is simply no other way to compete with the forebodings of my conscience, the condemnings of my heart, & the lies of the world than to overwhelm such things with daily rehearsings of the Gospel' *Milton Vincent American pastor, teacher & author*

NEXT WEEK IS PANTRY SUNDAY!!!!

A reminder to all you generous souls: May 7th is Pantry Sunday. Brooke at Anglicare has listed needed items this month including pasta/pasta sauce, rice, cereal, biscuits, school snacks and tinned fruit. Thank you, Ros Hinde.



The Winter issue of the Uniting Highlands Magazine will be available on Sunday 28th May. Closing date for material for the magazine is Sunday 14th May. Please respond to David Manton

COMING EVENTS

Thurs 11 May 9.00am
Sat 13 May 12.30pm
Thurs 19 May 2.00pm
Sun 21 May 10.30am
Thurs 1 June 7.00pm
Sun 4 June 2.00pm

BUC Church Council Executive meeting
Congregational Lunch with the Flying Padre
CAMEO @ The Stumps Coffee Shop
BUC Congregational Meeting
Good Neighbours meeting/Common Room
Celebrate 40th Anniversary UCA @ Moss Vale
Afternoon tea
CAMEO Coffee @ Bradman
40th Anniversary UCA Lunch at BUC
BUC WINTER MARKET

Thurs 15 June 2.00pm
Sun 25 June 12.30pm
Sat 8 July 8am – 2pm

EXCITING NEWS - PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

David Shrimpton – our 'Flying Padre' will be visiting us here in Bowral during the weekend of **13th and 14th May**. See more details in the flyer available at the back of the church, with an update on David's activities!



UNITING VOICES REHEARSALS...

recommences this... **Monday (May1) at 5.30pm.**
See Kerith if you would like to join in the singing

