

## *The Minister's Weekly Word...*

Like most of us I'm sure, I was shocked and dismayed to see the 4 Corners report on Monday night regarding the treatment of children in prison in the Northern Territory. Sadly, we have grown used to seeing such images in different contexts overseas, but we have probably assumed Australia was different in that regard. We consider ourselves a compassionate and humane nation and while, like any country which seeks to do the right thing, we make mistakes from time to time, it was truly appalling to see children being treated as they were. I applaud Malcolm Turnbull's swift action to call a Royal Commission and let's hope that real and effective change can happen quickly. For the church, it is a reminder once more that when we speak of love and justice for all, our words have concrete implications and imperatives. They are 'active' words as we are called to be as Jesus' followers. We cannot speak of love Sunday by Sunday and then ignore abuses or injustices we see in the wider community. We must speak out with our words and lives to say that there is a better way and it is forged in the example, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, putting down death and the things that lead to death forever, we too as his body the church must em-body his way of life for all. This is a hugely hard and difficult task, and not one which is ever likely to meet a wholly satisfactory end. Yet, we persevere day by day, week by week, year by year, and work and pray for change which we hope will be lasting. We have much to be joyful for, not least that our faith enriches our lives and causes us to see each person and ourselves in a new light, each as children of God. Let's hope things can change for the better and the church can continue to be a light shining in the dark places of our world and society.

*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](mailto:gjsearle@bigpond.com)

Gentlemen \$8, Ladies FREE

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 [lucyearl79@gmail.com](mailto:lucyearl79@gmail.com)

## **Bowral/Kangaloon Uniting Church**

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



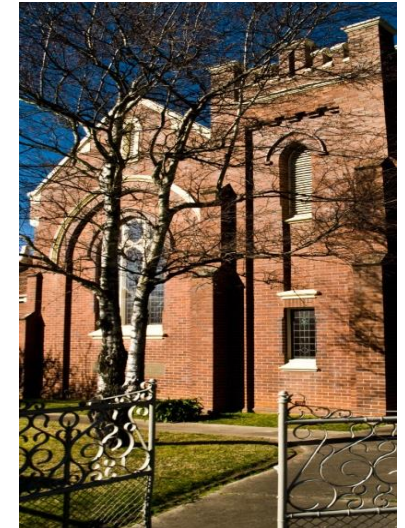
**Sunday 31 July 2016 (Pentecost 11)**

### **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:**  
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### **Church Council Chairperson**

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### **Elders' Convenor**

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### **Readings**

Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 49:1-12; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

**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 August

9.30am Peace with Pieces  
2.00pm Bible Study @ Margaret Osborne's home  
5.30pm Uniting Voices... **In Recess**

### Tuesday 2 August

9.30am Uniting Kids Playgroup  
9.30am Pieces & Yarns  
10.00am Men's Coffee @ Bradman  
7.30pm Bible Study for Young Women @ Lucy Earl's home  
7.30pm Bible Study @ the Dining's in Mittagong

### Tues (continued)

7.30pm Bible Study @ Netta McKay's in Mittagong

### Wednesday 3 August

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 4 August

4.00pm Kids Connect in the Hall

### Friday 5 August

6.00pm Bell Ringing practice

### TODAY'S SERVICES 31 July 2016 (Pentecost 11)

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

### NEXT SUNDAY 7 August 2016 (Pentecost 12)

9.00am Service of Worship (Rev Michael Earl)

6.00pm Evening Fellowship Time

**Readings Next Week:** Isa1:1, 10-20; Psalm 33:12 – 22; Heb 11:1-3, 8-16; Lk12:49-56

| ROSTER      | THIS WEEK: 31 July       | NEXT WEEK: 7 August    |
|-------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Organ       | Ann Clipsham             | Ann Clipsham           |
| PowerPoint  | Hooglands                | Barry Roberts          |
| Elder       | Elders                   | Lucy Earl              |
| Stewards    | Elders                   | L Neal, F Manton       |
| Flowers     | Pam Wood, Nina Fergusson | F Manton, B Windybank  |
| Kids Church | Ruth Roberts             | Kathy Searle           |
| Morning Tea | Arthur/Jenny/Emma Alcorn | Margaret M & Barbara L |



***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

'Let us belong to God even in the thick of the disturbance stirred up round about us by the diversity of human affairs. True virtue is not always nourished in external calm any more than good fish are always found in stagnant water.' *Francois de Sales (1567-1622 - Canonised 1665), French born Bishop (of Geneva) & spiritual writer.*



### COMING EVENTS...

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

### BUC SPRING FAIR 16 & 17 September 2016

We would love donations of  
Books (in good pre-loved condition),  
craft items, craft books (In good condition)  
plants, jams and preserves.

Mrs Meg Herbert has volunteered to run a "JAR Bank" for our jam makers.  
Meg will be happy to speak with you about any jars you have.  
Please see Sharon Hoogland



### Next Sunday...Special Request for Pantry Sunday.

In lieu of food this month, Anglicare would appreciate toiletries, baby products, shampoo/conditioner, laundry powder/liquid, or cash donations. Small jars of coffee, sugar, jelly, tinned ham/Spam, Vegemite/peanut butter are also welcome.

There is a great need for volunteers. (See letter on church notice board).

\*\*\*There will be a **Flying Padre concert on Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup> (in our Hall)** @ 2pm featuring our own Ann Clipsham on piano and guest artist David Henry on trombone.



### WORKING BEE NEXT SATURDAY.(Aug 6) commencing at 8.00am until we're finished...!

There will be LOTS of dusting, washing, floor cleaning, pew oiling... Please bring cleaning cloths/rags  
**ALL WELCOME – See Jon Hoogland for more details.**

