

News from the Minister...

As we move towards Pentecost Sunday, we reflect a little on the place of the Spirit in our understanding of God and discipleship. I wonder if you've ever reflected on the fact that the word 'conspire' literally means 'to breathe together'. When we gather in worship and witness we 'conspire' with God and each other to breathe in and through and with the HS. We might recall in John's Gospel where Jesus 'breathes the HS on [the disciples]' in the upper room, thus commissioning them for ministry. Breathing is such a routine thing we do, and yet it is the very thing that keeps us alive. Without that constant rhythm, in/out, we would 'expire', be 'out of breath'. Faith is exactly like this. We breathe the Spirit of God in and out, or perhaps better as the old hymn beseeches, God breathes the Spirit through us. This keeps us attune to the working of God in the world and the call of God on our lives into mission. Together, we 'conspire' to be the church through faith. Today, on Pentecost, we thank God for this very special gift and pray we will continue to breathe our faith in the Spirit in and out, back and forth for all of our lives, until we are gathered into God's own presence for all eternity. ***Blessings, Michael***



Pentecost

“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: 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 lucyear179@gmail.com

Bowral Uniting Church

“A church for all people...”



Sunday 4 June 2017 (Pentecost Sunday)

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

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 5 June

9.30am Peace with Pieces
5.30pm Uniting Voices Rehearsals

Tuesday 6 June

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

Wednesday 7 June

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 8 June

3.30pm Kids Connect

Sun 4 June 2.00pm

Friday 9 June

6.00pm Bell Ringing Practice

TODAY'S SERVICES 4 June 2017 (Pentecost Sunday)

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

NEXT SUNDAY 11 June 2017 (Trinity Sunday)

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

Readings Next Week:

Genesis 1: 1 – 2: 4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13; Matthew 28: 16-20

ROSTER	THIS WEEK: 4 June	NEXT WEEK: 11 June
Organ	Heather Tredinnick	Ann Clipsham
PowerPoint	Barry Roberts	Jon & Sharon Hoogland
Elder	Tony Towers	Ros Hinde
Stewards	Richard & Rosemary Denman	Narelle Harwood & Ena Bell
Flowers	Elaine Hills, Denise Layton	Elaine Hills, Denise Layton
Kids Church	See Lucy Earl	11.30am Uniting Families Connect
Morning Tea	Arthur/Jenny/Emma Alcorn	VOLUNTEERS PLEASE



Thank you to our wonderful volunteers!

If you would like to volunteer in any of our regular activities, please see the Rosters on the Gallery noticeboard.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Since the days of Pentecost, has the whole church ever put aside every other work and waited upon Him for ten days, that the Spirit's power might be manifested? We give too much attention to method and machinery and resources, and too little to the source of power.” – *J. Hudson Taylor (1832-1905) British Protestant Missionary to China & founder of the China Inland Mission ...*



COMING EVENTS

Celebrate 40th Anniversary UCA @ Moss Vale UC, Choir & Afternoon tea
Wed 7 June 6.45pm Social Justice Group @ Bruce Schubert's home
Thurs 8 June 6.30pm Elders, 7.30pm Church Council
Sat 10 June, 8am – 2pm BUC WINTER MARKET
Thurs 15 June 2.00pm CAMEO Coffee @ Bradman
Sun 25 June 12.30pm 40th Anniversary UCA Lunch at BUC
Sun 6 August Pleasant Sunday Afternoon BUC



1 WEEK 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

SAVE THE DATE!! PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Sunday 6 August 2017 @ Bowral Uniting Church

Please put this date into your diary for a wonderful afternoon with special guest speakers, some music and a wonderful afternoon tea!

NEWS FROM THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS ZONE

It was with some sadness that I received a phone call from Moss Vale last Sunday to inform me that at a congregational meeting that day they had voted to withdraw from the 2 year zone trial we have been working in since last September. While this is a disappointing development, Bowral UCA remains the vibrant and joyful community it is, and we will go on together looking for where God might be leading us, much as we were before. I am available to speak with anyone who has concerns or would like to know more, as are the other Mission Council Reps Kathy Searle, Jim Layton, and Tony Towers. We need to continue to pray for our Moss Vale and Mittagong friends, and for ourselves as we look to the future. Blessings and Peace. Michael

Our Bells will be ringing for the Queen's Birthday Weekend... the *Australian & New Zealand Association of Bellringers* will hold their annual festival & AGM in our area between **June 9 -12** & people from all over Australia & New Zealand will be tolling our bells as part of it.