

Minister's Weekly Word...

It has been wonderful to be away on holidays and experience the life of the church in a different context. What was most noticeable to me about the two churches I attended for worship was how in their own ways they are grappling with many of the same challenges we are in Australia: how to re-engage a spiritually indifferent wider society, how to bear witness to Jesus in a multi-religious and multicultural context, and what the present moment requires of the church in terms of peacemaking and justice. In one sense it's heartening to see that we're not alone in our struggles, in another it's disheartening to see how the church is really battling to stay alive in certain places. Many disused churches were passed which are now cafés or bookshops or homes. One could come away with a pretty grim picture, but as always there are signs of hope which remind us of God's faithfulness to us in all times and places. I worshipped in Iona Abbey and York Minster on the two Sundays and both services were thoughtful and engaging, pressing the people to see their faith as having something powerful to say to the world. This is our hope and consolation too. God makes a big deal of love through the small witness of our lives. So we need to keep at it even when faith seems hard. No faithful life is ever lost in God's purposes.

Blessings, Michael



Prayer Points...

...We give thanks for the safe return of our own Minister, Michael, and praise God for the experiences he has had and the way in which his life and discipleship are changed as a result.

...We look forward to a whole new era in the Southern Highlands, with the commencement of our regional Southern Highlands UC, with the addition to the ministry leadership of Kathryn and the commencement of a new Mission Council which will oversee the mission outreach of this new, united, entity.

...Give thanks for all Elders in our three congregations – for their faithfulness and encouragement and nurture.

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/Kangaloon Uniting Church

"A church for all people..."



Sunday 4 September 2016 (Pentecost 16)

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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Readings:

Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 1; Philemon 1:1-21; Luke 14:25-33

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 September

9.30am Peace with Pieces
2.00pm Bible Study @ Margaret Osborne's home
5.30pm Uniting Voices – in Recess

Tuesday 6 September

9.30am UnitingKids 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 Dinning's in Mittagong
7.00pm Bible Study @ Netta McKay's in Mittagong

Wednesday 7 September

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 8 September

9.00am BUC Church Council Exec
4.00pm Kids Connect in the Hall

Friday 9 September

2.00pm Induction Service, Moss Vale
6.00pm Bell Ringing practice

TODAY'S SERVICES 4 September 2016 (Pentecost 16)

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

NEXT SUNDAY 11 September 2016 (Pentecost 17)

9.00am Service of Holy Communion (Rev Michael Earl)
11.30am Uniting Families Connect in the Gallery
6.00pm Evening Fellowship Time

Readings Next Week: Jer 4:11-12,22-28; Ps 51:1-10; 1 Tim1:12-17; Lk 15:1-10

ROSTER	THIS WEEK: 4 Sept	NEXT WEEK 11 Sept
Organ	Heather Tredinnick	Ann Clipsham
PowerPoint	Barry Roberts	J & S Hoogland
Elder	Anne Kingdom	Liz Pattinson
Stewards	G & R Robinson	Ian and Dianne Prior
Flowers	Denise Layton	N Harwood, L Pattinson
Kids Church	See Lucy Earl	Uniting Families Connect
Morning Tea	Arthur/Jenny/Emma Alcorn	Elizabeth & Ed Walker



*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



'God walks slowly because He is love. If He is not love He would have gone much faster. Love has its speed. It is an inner speed. It is a spiritual speed. It is a different kind of speed from the technological speed to which we are accustomed...it goes on in the depth of our life, whether we notice or not, whether we are hit by a storm or not, at 3 miles an hour. It is the speed we walk & therefore it is the speed the love of God walks'
Kosuke Koyama (1929-2009) Japanese born Protestant Theologian, missionary & academic

COMING EVENTS...

Thursday 8 September	BUC Church Council Executive meeting
Friday 9 September	Induction Rev Kathryn Wyndham, Moss Vale
Fri 16 & Sat 17 September	SPRING FAIR
Sunday 18 September	THANKSGIVING SERVICE
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

Only 2 more weeks until...

BUC SPRING FAIR 16 & 17 September 2016

Donations of goods for sale may be made through Stall Co ordinators:

Books: Kay Smith
Craft: Joan Dinning/Pieces & Yarns
Home Baked: Lorraine Neal
Plants: Brian Pattinson
BBQ: Richard Denman & Phil O'Regan

Please see the Roster in the Gallery if you can help.

Withdrawals Needed!

More Jars with metal lids are available for collection in the 'Library' after the service...see Meg Herbert (aka THE JAR BANKER) for any assistance



Come to the Flying Padre concert on Saturday Sep 24th

@ 2pm featuring our own Ann Clipsham on piano and guest artist David Henry on trombone.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES will be collected in the month of September excluding the 11th, but can be dropped off on Wednesday the 7th.

Rhonda Grant

MOSS VALE WELCOMES A NEW MINISTER...

Reverend Kathryn Wyndham will be inducted into the Moss Vale congregation on Friday 9 September at 2.00pm.

Members of the Bowral congregation are invited to attend and welcome Kathryn to the Southern Highlands region.