

## The Minister's Weekly Word...

A little over three years ago in celebration of the 150th anniversary of Christian witness in the Southern Highlands we erected a plaque which is proudly displayed on the wall outside the church and which bears the name of one of our longest term members, Ken Adams. It affirms, as we often say, that we are 'A Church for All People'. That plaque is a powerful sign of the faithfulness of past generations and a profound challenge to us who currently make up the life of the church. Can we imagine that in another 150 (147!) years, a similar plaque will be able to be set alongside the current one? It is a great test of our faithfulness in the present and how willing we are to look beyond our own time in order to see the life of the church handed on to future generations as it has been handed on to us. Since the decision to sell the Kangaloon church, the feeling of all councils of our church from the remaining Kangaloon group, to the Bowral CC, to the Congregation, has been to use the proceeds for developing ministry here at Bowral, especially looking to younger generations. This would continue the witness of the Kangaloon people past and present and provide a faithful use of the money of which we are stewards. Last December our CC agreed formally that we should seek to have the money from the sale invested in order to fund a future ministry position that would focus on young families and their children. This year we are looking towards this becoming a reality, but it will take our vision and sacrifice, under God's guiding hand of faithfulness and love, to see it through to fruition. As such as we begin a new year, I invite you to take a moment to look at the Sesquicentenary plaque and imagine the future one sitting next to it 150 years hence. What must our church look like now in order for that to happen? How might we look beyond ourselves to see the name of Jesus continues to be proclaimed in word and deed long after we are gone? At the beginning of a new year, I pray we can open our hearts to the possibilities, and have the courage in faith to walk the path that leads into God's glorious future. **Blessings, Michael**



A recommendation from the Commission of Enquiry into Child sexual abuse is that Uniting (and other) churches are required to have volunteers trained in Safe Church practices. The Illawarra Presbytery is holding **A SAFE CHURCH WORKSHOP** in our church on Saturday 25 February 2017, commencing at 9.00am and finishing at 3.30pm. **Pre registration is required** and may be done via the website: [www.childrensministry.org.au/safety-and-protection](http://www.childrensministry.org.au/safety-and-protection), or by informing Kathy Searle or Sharon Hoogland. You will not be able to participate in the workshop if you have not registered!  
**Who Should Attend?:** Minister, Church Councillors & Elders, Scripture Teachers, Sunday School teachers, anyone who works directly with children.

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 [lucyear179@gmail.com](mailto:lucyear179@gmail.com)

## Bowral/Kangaloon Uniting Church

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



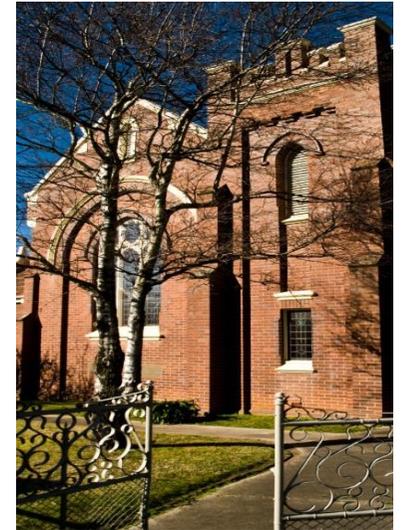
**Sunday 5 February 2017 (Epiphany 5)**

### 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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### Church Council Secretary

Mrs Sharon Hoogland 4871 1583

### Church Council Treasurer

Mr Graham Blackadder 4861 7385

### Elders' Convenor

Mr Jim Layton 4862 4623

### Readings:

Isaiah 58:1 – 9a (9b – 12); Psalm 112:1– 9;  
1 Corinthians 2:1 – 12; Matthew 5: 13 - 20

**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 6 February

9.30am Peace with Pieces  
2.00pm Bible Study @ Margaret Osborne's home recommences  
5.30pm Uniting Voices Rehearsal

the Bunker's home  
12 noon – 1.30pm OPEN CHURCH  
12.30pm Food & Fellowship in the Gallery... All welcome!

### Tuesday 7 February

9.30am Playgroup  
9.30am Pieces & Yarns  
10.00am MEN's Coffee @ Bradman

### Thursday 9 February

4.00pm Kids Connect  
6.30pm Elders' Meeting  
7.30pm Church Council Meeting

### Wednesday 8 February

10.00am Reflections Study Group @

### Friday 10 February

6.00pm Bell Ringing Practice

### Saturday 11 February

8.00am MEN's Breakfast

### TODAY'S SERVICES 5 February (Epiphany 5)

9.00am Service of Worship (Rev Michael Earl)

6.00pm Evening Fellowship Time

### NEXT SUNDAY 12 February (Ephiphany 6)

9.00am Service of Holy Communion (Rev Michael Earl)

11.30am Uniting Families Connect (Rev Michael Earl)  
followed by lunch. All Welcome!

6.00pm Evening Fellowship Time

Readings Next Week: Deut 30:15-20; Ps 119:1-8; ! Cor 3:1-9; Mt 5:21 - 37

ROSTER	THIS WEEK: 5 Feb	NEXT WEEK: 12 Feb
Organ	Heather Tredinnick	Ann Clipsham
PowerPoint	Barry Roberts	Jon & Sharon Hoogland
Elder	Ann Clipsham	Sandra House
Stewards	Jim & Denise Layton	Lorraine Neal, Fran Manton
Flowers	Kathy Searle & Judy Dyson	H Ling, R. Robinson
Kids Church	Kathy Searle	11.30am Uniting Families Connect
Morning Tea	Arthur/Jenny/Emma Alcorn	Victor & Margaret Hugo

*Thank you to our wonderful volunteers!*



### BOWRAL UC NEEDS VOLUNTEERS...!

Kids Church, Kids Connect, Uniting Kids Playgroup, Food & Fellowship, Flowers, Stewards, Morning Tea on Sunday...

### HEAPS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER!

Please see the Rosters in the Gallery if you are able to assist.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



'Near to loosing heart? Are you overborne with labour? Or worn out with worry? Or consumed with hopeless longings? Then won't you take the Lord's advice? Don't try to keep the whole thing pent up within your own heart. Share it with God. Tell him about it, yes, down to the last & absurdest annoying detail.' *John Baillie (1886-1960) Church of Scotland minister & Scottish theologian*

### COMING EVENTS

Thurs 16 Feb	2.00pm	CAMEO meets in the Stumps Coffee Shop
Thurs 23 Feb	10.00am	Uniting Women in the Southern Highlands
Sat 25 Feb	9.00am	Safe Church Workshop @ BUC
Wed 1 March		Ash Wednesday Service/ Light meal following Mon 1
Mon 13 March	8.30am	BUC Church Council Executive meeting
Sat 8 April	8.00am	BUC AUTUMN FAIR

### \*\*\*Its Directory Update Time...

\*\*\*Please see Jim Layton now with your corrections & updates\*\*\*

World Day of Prayer- Fri March 3, 10.00am at Bowral Church of Christ

### UNITING HIGHLANDS #9 magazine.

If you have advertisements, articles or photos for this new edition, please have material to David Manton by Sunday 12 February.

A Special Thank you! I'm recently returned from a Samaritan's Purse Mission Trip in Cambodia, including a shoebox distribution, and was asked to convey the thanks and prayerful greetings of the SP team and the Cambodian people to all here who packed shoeboxes and prayed for recipients. See photos in the gallery of children opening boxes - their faces show best their delight and gratitude. Thank you all. Kay.

*We wish to express our appreciation for the many prayers, phone calls and cards for a successful operation and speedy recovery after Ron's back surgery. He is doing well. A very big Thank you and God Bless Molly & Ron Clissold*

LENTEN STUDIES will be held again this year. We would love to hear from anyone who would like **to host a group in their home**, either daytime or nighttime. We would also like to know if you want **to be a member of a study group**. Please speak with our Small Groups Coordinator, Lawrie Parker as soon as possible to record your intention. This will assist us with planning.