

Minister's Weekly Word...

Today is All Saints' Sunday, where the church below remembers and celebrates the faithful of generations past. My favourite day of the Christian year! During the week in one of the small groups we considered the theme of forgiveness and I've been thinking this week about how forgiveness and All Saints' hold together. In forgiving and being forgiving, we are opening ourselves up to the notion that there is something infinitely more important to our lives than our pride and need to be 'right'. That in fact, the fullness of our dignity as human beings is found not in self assertion, but in the assertion of grace which means a laying aside of self importance for the sake of others. Forgiveness, then, breaks open our will to be for ourselves, our way, our preference, our 'rights', and makes way for a new dynamic which involves vulnerability, relationship, and love. On All Saints' Sunday we might consider how that great cloud of witnesses that has gone before us teaches us to forgive. We might think of all the times in the church's long history, even in the face of unthinkable evil, people have found the courage and the faith to say 'I forgive you.', or 'please forgive me.' And how that forgiveness, which begins in God, has opened up God's new way of hope. This All Saints' day, let's seek to be a forgiving people, to cultivate a pattern of forgiveness in our lives which is reflective of God's love for us all. Who knows what 'new thing' God might do as a result?



Blessings, Michael

NEWS ACROSS THE REGION...

Closure of Ministry (Frank Moore)
Mittagong UC on Sun 27 Nov at 2.30pm
Everyone is welcome

Looking for new Elders...Is there someone in our congregation whom you feel could well fulfill the role of Elder? Please consider prayerfully to discuss and nominate before our Nov 20 AGM (Nomination Forms at back of Church).

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/Kangaloon Uniting Church

"A church for all people..."



Sunday 6 November 2016 (All Saints Day)

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:

Haggai 1:15b – 2:9; Psalm 17:1-9;
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-18; Luke 20:27-38

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 7 November

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

Tuesday 8 November

9.30am Playgroup
9.30am Pieces & Yarns
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 9 November

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 10 November

4.00pm Kids Connect

Friday 11 November

6.00pm Bell Ringing Practice

Saturday 12 November

8.00am MEN'S Breakfast
8.30am PLANT SALE

TODAY'S SERVICES 6 November 2016 (All Saints Day)

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

NEXT SUNDAY 13 November 2016 (Pentecost 26)

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

Readings Next Week: Isaiah 65:17 – 25; Ps 98; 2 Thess 3: -13; Luke 2:5-19

ROSTER	THIS WEEK: 6 Nov	NEXT WEEK: 13 Nov
Organ	Heather Tredinnick	Ann Clipsham
PowerPoint	Barry Roberts	Hooglands
Elder	Ann Clipsham	Anne K : Bruce Schubert
Stewards	L Neal, F Manton	Jon & Sharon Hoogland
Flowers	N Harwood, L Pattinson	Jan Hamilton
Kids Church	Ruth Roberts	Uniting Families Connect
Morning Tea	Jenny H & Margaret M	VOLUNTEERS PLEASE



*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



For All Saints Day... 'Keep in mind that our community is not composed of those who are already saints, but of those who are trying to become saints. Therefore let us be extremely patient with each other's faults & failures.' *Mother Teresa (1910-97) also known as St Teresa of Calcutta, Albanian-Indian Roman Catholic nun & missionary*

COMING EVENTS...

Saturday 12 November MEN'S Breakfast. Guest Speaker Peter Madvig
12 Nov PLANT SALE – Grey Gardeners' \$1 pots
Sunday 20 November ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Bowral UC
Thursday 24 November: Seniors Christmas Party @ Bowral UC
Sunday 27 November Closure of Ministry Service, Pastor Dr F Moore
Saturday 10 December CHRISTMAS MARKET @ Bowral UC
Sunday 11 December BUC Uniting Families Connect Nativity Play
Saturday 24 December Regional Christmas Eve Carols service

MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday 12 November @ 8.00am

Guest speaker Peter Madvig, "Kilimanjaro to Bowral". Please RSVP to Greg Searle by Wed 9 Nov. Phone: 0418 464958 or gjsearle@bigpond.com
Please feel free to extend an invitation to friends/family.



... ALSO ON SATURDAY... 8.30am PLANT SALE

Hundreds of \$1 pot plants – Petunia and Tomato Plants.
(Grey Gardeners)

Flying Padre Support Update – thank you for all the money boxes last Sunday! Collections totalled \$1,000! Late boxes accepted!

Our 'Tea and Trains' event at Sandra & Andrew House's home raised \$539. We also received a \$200 donation from morning tea contributions! A wonderful support of the outreach of our Flying Padre!

EGGS FOR SALE! In the Gallery today - \$4 dozen. Proceeds to Flying Padre

The Uniting Voices Church Choir is seeking to recruit new members! If you have a gift to sing, we would love to speak with you, especially sopranos! Please speak with Kerith, Ann, or Michael. Rehearsals each Monday 5:30-7pm.



New Home Group...called 'Love in Action' with a special focus on Social Justice Issues, will commence on Wednesday Nov 16, commencing at 6.30pm (with a light meal). Where? At the Schubert's home, 69 Bulwer Rd., Moss Vale. More info? Contact Bruce Schubert (0411176528) or Stuart Hills (0476134307)