

## Minister's Weekly Word...

Having watched the AFL grand final last week, there was an especially poignant moment in the immediate aftermath. The Western Bulldogs had won the premiership from 7th on the ladder, beating the Sydney Swans who had finished 1st. It was only the Bulldogs' 2nd ever premiership, the 1st coming over 60 years ago. As the presentations were being made, the coach Luke Beveridge received his medal for being the coach of the winning side. Nearing the end of his speech he did something no-one was expecting. He called up to the stage the captain of the team, Bob Murphy, who had been injured way back in round 3 and so hadn't played the rest of the season. Murphy had been a great stalwart of the club for well over 200 games and had stuck with the Bulldogs through some of their darkest days. There was a cruel paradox between the great joy felt by everyone in the club at the success and the fact perhaps the club's greatest servant who had worked so hard for this day hadn't been able to play. Beveridge called Murphy up to the stage and proceeded to remove his medal from his own neck. He then hung it around Murphy's, embraced him, and quietly receded into the back ground as the rest of the team flooded onto the stage in celebration. This was an act of great humility. At the very moment when he could have grasped the limelight and no-one would have thought any less of him for doing so, he affirmed another in his place and reverently withdrew. Acts of grace don't need a religious context to be acts of grace, and they are no less acts of grace for not being in a religious context. It was a powerful and moving moment as moments of sheer grace always are. Now there's something to ponder on..

*Blessings Michael*



## ANNUAL REPORTS for our BUC Groups & Activities will

once again be published prior to our Annual General Meeting Sunday, Nov 20, 2016. Reports must be sent to David Manton before 23<sup>rd</sup> October in order to meet our publication deadline. Photos, articles and all information will be gratefully received.

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 9 October 2016 (Pentecost 21)**

### 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:**  
**Reverend Michael Earl, on (mobile 0422 433 569).**

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### Church Council Treasurer

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### Elders' Convenor

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### Readings:

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2: 8-15; Luke 17:11-19

**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 10 October

2.00pm Bible Study @ Margaret Osborne's home  
5.30pm Uniting Voices

### Tuesday 11 October

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 12 October

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 13 October

4.00pm Kids Connect

### Friday 14 October

6.00pm Bell Ringing Practice

### TODAY'S SERVICES 9 October 2016 (Pentecost 21)

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

### NEXT SUNDAY 16 October (Pentecost 22)

9.00am Service of Worship (Rev Michael Earl)  
*Guest: Alan Key, short presentation about High School Scripture*  
6.00pm Evening Fellowship Time

Readings Next Week: Jer 31:27-34; Psalm 121; 2 Tim 3:14-4:5; Lk 18:1-8

ROSTER	THIS WEEK: 9 Oct	NEXT WEEK 16 October
Organ	Ann Clipsham	Heather Tredinnick
PowerPoint	J & S Hoogland	Ian Prior
Elder	F Manton: B Schubert, L Earl	Heather Fiala
Stewards	Norm & Narelle Dickson	Brian & Liz Pattinson
Flowers	Mary Dunk, Beryl Adams	Kathy Searle, Judy Dyson
Kids Church	See Lucy Earl	11.30am Uniting Families Connect
Morning Tea	Arthur/Jenny/Emma Alcorn	Robyn Stephens



*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*

**BUC NAME BADGES.** are now available at Southern Highlands Trophy Centre, Shop 4/ 75 Kirkham Road, Bowral, cnr opp Highland School of Performing Arts. Cost \$13. Phone:48622388.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



'The Church is not a goal in itself; it is an instrument of salvation for people, for everyone. We therefore defraud the world if we only speak of God's presence when God's word is proclaimed or the sacraments celebrated...If we can imagine the world as God's body, we not only include all people, but also all structures in which people gather; we include the whole of created reality.' *Catharina J M Halkes (1920-2011) Dutch feminist & theologian, Professor of Feminism & Christianity at Radboud University, Netherlands*

### COMING EVENTS...

Thursday 20 October 2.00pm CAMEO meets at Stumps Café/Bradman  
Saturday 29 Oct: "Tea and Trains in the Garden" Fundraiser at Andrew & Sandra House's home in support of Flying Padre.  
Saturday 5 November Southern Highlands ZONE PLANNING DAY  
Sunday 20 November...BUC AGM  
Thursday 24 November: Seniors Christmas Party @ Bowral UC

Looking for new Elders... Is there someone in our congregation who you feel could well fulfill the role of Elder? Please consider prayerfully to discuss & nominate before our Nov 20 AGM (see Insert)

### FLYING PADRE FUNDRAISING EVENT...

"Tea and Trains in the Garden" on Saturday 29th October between 2:00 and 4:30 pm at the home of Andrew and Sandra House, 5 Duke Street, Bowral. Please note this special event in your diary!" **SPECIAL NOTE: FRESH EGGS FOR SALE today in the Gallery – proceeds to Flying Padre**



**BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION** sessions are set to be run on Sundays 16th & 23rd Oct and 6th & 13th Nov in anticipation of a service on November 20th. This will be a time to explore our faith together and pray for each other as we move forward in our Christian walk. Please contact Rev Michael Earl or Jim Layton for more details.

The **BUC FACILITIES BOOKING CALENDAR 2017** is now open for church activities / functions. Preference for bookings is given to BUC activities and bookings, however bookings will be open to the public in late October. *BUC activity coordinators should forward their booking requests to Ian Prior on [ianhprior@bigpond.com](mailto:ianhprior@bigpond.com) to ensure your booking is confirmed.*

**UNITING HIGHLANDS MAGAZINE.** Next Sunday is the closing date for material to be included in UH8, for the months of Nov, Dec, January. If you have anything you want included, please speak to David Manton asap, and have it ready by the 16<sup>th</sup>. [mantondf@bigpond.com](mailto:mantondf@bigpond.com)

There will be a **CLOSURE OF MINISTRY** service for Pastor Dr Frank Moore at the Mittagong UC on Sun 27 Nov at 2.30pm. All welcome!!

**UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA  
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS REGION  
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- Which ones will take priority?
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***Everyone is invited to attend this special time together and to stay for morning tea.***

After morning tea there will be group and workshop sessions.  
All groups will be a mixture of people from all three congregations.  
All materials will be provided.

Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea will be provided.

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