



The Minister's Word...

Today we resume our Families Connect Service at 11:30am. Families Connect is at the heart of our families ministry and has grown steadily over the last couple of years. In reaching out to families and their children with the Gospel message of the love of God we are saying that all people are of worth in God's sight. No one is excluded or left behind. Children especially have regularly been ignored or dismissed in human history, and even worse exploited and abused. As we begin a new year can I encourage you to pray for our families and their children and the ongoing connections made through our various ministries of which you are all a part. My prayer is that the great foundation of faith in Jesus represented in our older people will be handed on to the next generations. This way faith is a living, shared gift which none of us own, but which spreads out like a great canopy across all ages, holding us together as one, reminding us that we are kept in God's loving care from before we are born, to the day we die, and beyond. What wonderful love this is, and we hope and pray many more people in our region can come to know and follow the source of that love, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessings, Michael

Presbytery Service of Celebration 2018 at the Wollongong Mission Church on the Mall 2.00pm on Saturday 17 Feb 2018.

ALL CONGREGATIONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS CELEBRATION

This will be a wonderful celebration of the life and witness of the Presbytery during 2017.

A sincere thank you to all for generous donations on Pantry Sunday. Two car boot loads of goods were delivered to the very grateful staff at Anglicare. Please keep an eye on the notice board near ramp for latest news from Anglicare. **The Pantry Sunday Team.**

Our Program for this year's Lenten Services...

Throughout Lent, each 9.00am Sunday Service (commencing next Sunday, Feb 18) will be structured around the six Lenten Study Topics... **'Courage', 'Humility', 'Justice', 'Patience', 'Hope' and 'Faithfulness'**. We trust that they will enrich your journey through to Easter this year.

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..."

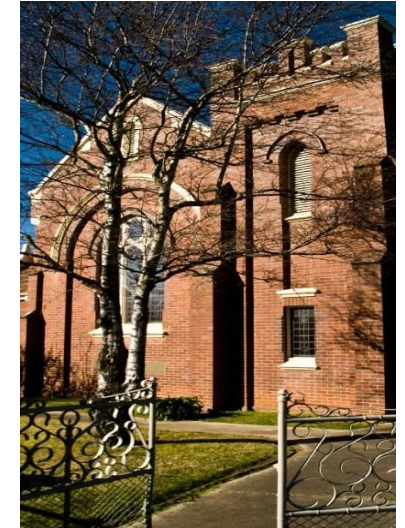
Sunday 11 February 2018 (Transfiguration)

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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Lectionary Readings Today:

2 Kings 2: 1 – 12; Psalm 50: 1 – 6; 2 Cor 4: 3 – 6; Mark 9: 2 - 9

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?

<p><u>Monday 12 February</u> 2.00pm Study Group @ Bunker’s 5.30pm Uniting Voices <u>Tuesday 13 February</u> 9.30am Pieces & Yarns 9.30am Uniting Kids Playgroup 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</p>	<p><u>Wednesday 14 February</u> 10.00am Reflections Study Group Meets at the Bunker’s 12 noon-1.30pm Open Church 12.30pm Food & Fellowship/Gallery 7.00pm Lenten Study - Pattinsons <u>Thursday 15 February</u> 2.00pm Grey Gardeners meet at the Hoogland’s to potter around... <u>Friday 16 February</u> 6.30pm Bell Ringing Practice</p>
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TODAY’S SERVICES 11 February (Transfiguration)

9.00am Service of Holy Communion (Rev Michael Earl)
 Commissioning of Elders
 11.30am Uniting Families Connect Service followed by lunch. All welcome!
 6.00pm Evening Fellowship Time

NEXT SUNDAY 18 February (Lent 1)

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

Readings Next Week:

Genesis 9: 8 – 17; Psalm 25: 1 – 10; 1 Peter 3: 18 – 22; Mark 1: 9 - 15

ROSTER	THIS WEEK: 11 Feb	NEXT WEEK: 18 Feb
Organ	Ann Clipsham	Heather Tredinnick
PowerPoint	Sharon Hoogland	Ian Prior
Video	Jon Hoogland	Jenny O’Regan
Elder	Frances Manton	Sue Henshall
Stewards	Brian & Liz Pattinson	Jim & Denise Layton
Flowers	Denise & Elaine	No flowers during Lent
Kids Church	Uniting Families Connect	Kathy Searle

Morning Tea	Linda, Roy & Robyn S	Volunteers PLEASE
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We very much appreciate our cohort of willing volunteers who fill our roster spaces each week.



This is a special ministry!



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“When we struggle for human rights, for freedom, for dignity, when we feel that it is a ministry of the church to concern itself for those who are hungry, for those who have no schools, for those who are deprived, we are not departing from God’s promise. He comes to free us from sin, and the church knows that sin’s consequences are all such injustices and abuses. The church knows it is saving the world when it undertakes to speak also of such things.” — **Oscar A. Romero** (1917-80) Archbishop of San Salvador, Activist against poverty, injustice, torture & more; assassinated while offering Mass.-----

COMING EVENTS...

Mon 12 Feb	11.00am	Funeral Service Mrs Lorna Mulveney
Wed 14 Feb	5.00pm	Ash Wednesday Service (see below)
Thurs 15 Feb	2.00pm	CAMEO @Stumps Café Bradman Oval
Sat 17 Feb	2.00pm	Presbytery Service of Celebration
Sun 25 Feb	11.30am	‘Round the pool’ Family Connect (Schuberts)
Thurs 8 Mar	6.30pm	Elders Meeting
	7.30pm	Church Council Meets
Sat 10 Mar	8.00am – 2.00pm	BUC MARKET DAY
HOLY WEEK... Mon Mar 26 to Thur Mar 29 at 9 am brief Devotional Services		
Thur 29 Mar	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Fri 30 March	9.00am	Good Friday Service
Sun 1 April	9.00am	Easter Sunday Service
Sat 5 May	9.00am	Safe Church Workshop @ BUC
Thurs 24 May	10.00am	UCA Adult Fellowship Rally @ BUC



OUR 2018 LENTEN JOURNEY

The LENTEN STUDIES booklet and its companion 40-day LENTEN DEVOTIONS booklet is now available. Together, the 2-booklets are \$10, separately - \$2 for the Devotions and \$8 for the Study booklet. We encourage everyone to use both booklets during Lent. **Please see Laurie Parker for your copy.**

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE @ BUC, 5.00pm

Wednesday 14 February

Please join us for a light supper in the Gallery after the service.

COME AND MEET EACH OTHER (CAMEO)

recommences this THURSDAY!!!

All ladies of the church are welcome to meet at the Stumps Café attached to the Bradman Museum. 2.00pm. Liz & Ros