

The Banora Pointer



Don't be Afraid As The Lord Is With You

We hope you enjoy your time acknowledging the Lords
direction and support in these trying times

Preacher: Rev. John Hopping

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Pentecost 22



Our Mission: to love God and love our neighbours

The Banora Point Uniting Church acknowledge the indigenous traditional owners and custodians of this land, the Goori people and their Elders, past, present and future.

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Goodbye to BPUC from Rev John and Lynn

How do you say goodbye to a community of people who have become like a family to us? It's very hard. We've been with you now as 'supply' Minister and wife for just on a year and it feels like much longer. You have, and always will have, a special place in our hearts; and we will miss you all as we leave.

What's Next for us?

I, John, have been asked to provide a needed 'supply' at Mudgeeraba Uniting Church on the Gold Coast; starting on 1st Dec. It's about 15-20 mins from my home in the opposite direction from you. The church runs a very active playgroup ministry, Op Shop, craft group and other activities. We are going there because their previous Minister has just retired, and the Christmas season is upon us. Between now and then we will have a holiday. Please pray for us and MUC.

Regeneration at BPUC

What a great opportunity you have before you. As the Council members visit you, please be enthusiastic about two things:

- I. **Creative thinking.** Keep asking, 'how can BPUC impact the local community and grow?' Prayerfully and bravely set your sights on how great and faithful God is and how he can lead you to new and exciting ministry and mission opportunities. I'll be expecting to hear good things over the next few years.
- II. **Get involved.** It's easy to let others be involved. But God hasn't called any of you to retirement from his service. There are opportunities for you to be involved. This may be front-line or supportive (both are vital); it will mean lots of prayer and pastoral care; it may stretch your limits (but God is able).

I see your potential.

Thanks

It has been a true pleasure to work with the BPUC leaders: the Executive, Church Council and Elders. They have been very welcoming and supportive. Can I especially mention Elizabeth and Neil who I have worked closely with me, esp during this Pandemic season. I have been blessed enormously by their encouragement and support. Also, Les in the office is a godsend for you. He has given over and above to help me and the Church on many, many occasions. With Cilla, they are proving to be a great asset to BPUC.

I have deeply appreciated the **men's group** who have generously let me lead the Thursday Bible Studies (much appreciated guys). Thanks also to the **Pastoral Care team** whom I have called regularly and been encouraged by their dedication.

I leave it is with a sad heart. I would have loved to be a part of the next phase at BPUC as you seek God's guidance to regenerate, renew your mission and find a new Minister. My prayers are with you.

God bless you all in Jesus' name.

Rev. John & Lynn Hopping



A Message From Elizabeth

1st November ~ "All Saints Day"

Best wishes and blessing to all who celebrate a birthday this month. Your church family prays for you and asks God to surround you with His love.

Today, we farewell Rev John and Lynn Hopping. John has been appointed by the Presbytery to fulfil a supply role at Mudgeeraba Uniting Church. It is a year today since John and Lynn began supply ministry with us. What a year that has been!!! I am sure that none of us will ever forget the journey that we have had to share with John. COVID-19 - the changes, the restrictions, the limitations of being able to function as we previously did meant that many did not have the opportunity to get to know John as well as they would have liked. However, John has served us more than well in these extraordinary times and I, for one, will be forever grateful for all that he has done for BPUC. Our sincere and heartfelt thanks to you and also to Lynn for being in ministry with us.

"May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you May the Lord show you his favour and give you peace" (Numbers 6: 24-26 NLT)

Next Sunday, BPUC will welcome Debra Pinkerton who will be our ministry agent in supply as we journey towards a "new" direction and "new" minister in placement". More about that next week!

Please leave a message with Leslie, our administration officer, for him to pass onto Neil Rackham or myself for any pastoral concerns that you may have in the next week,

God bless you,

Elizabeth Wells,

Chair, BPUC Church Council

SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday service will be available on YouTube from Rev. John Hopping via email to your personal email address, the BPUC YouTube Channel or by clicking the link on the Banora Point Uniting Church Website: www.banorapointunitingchurch.org.au

"Hypocrisy – Let's Practice What We Preach" ~ Matthew 23:1-12

If you have not received any emails and would like to keep updated via this method, please call Leslie or John or email: bpuchurch@optusnet.com.au



Sunday Church Services

If you wish to join in the service next Sunday, please contact Les (Admin Officer) on (07) 55 249035 between 10am and 1pm on the Thursday prior to the Sunday Service

Only One Condition

A person may go to Heaven without wealth, without health, without fame, without learning, without culture, without friends, without thousand of other things,
BUT A PERSON CANNOT GO TO HEAVEN WITHOUT CHRIST.

A Treasurers Message To The Congregation

Friends,

Thank you all for your marvelous support and love during these difficult times. Please continue to direct debit/credit directly into your nearest Commonwealth Bank Branch, or take advantage of my offer to pick up offerings from homes within the Banora/Tweed area.

Bank details are:

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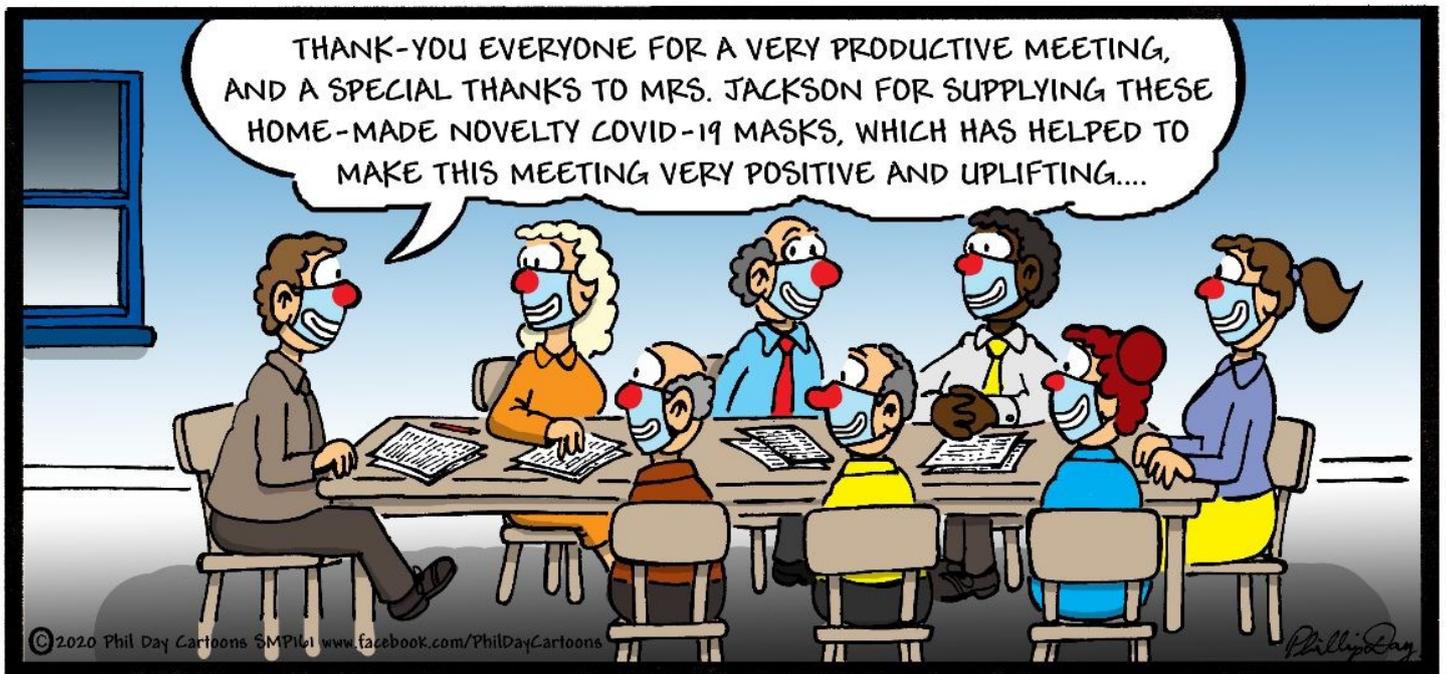
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Also as of this coming Thursday, if you would like to start to bring in your "Mustard Seed" jars, I will start to receive them.

Most importantly- please keep safe.

My prayers go out to each and everyone of you.

Neil Rackham



SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

Weekly online Zoom video small groups for a chat or for Bible Study hosted by Rev. John.

1. Tuesdays at 2pm - an open chat room
2. Thursdays at 9am - Men's Bible Study
3. Thursday Nights at 7pm - a mixed Bible Study