

# 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: Pastor Debra Pinkerton**

## Sunday 6 December 2020

Advent Sunday 2



### **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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# Message from Pastor Debra Pinkerton

## *Advent Week 2: The Candle Of Peace*

The angels proclaimed “Peace on Earth” when the Baby Jesus was born. Today we wonder as we listen to the evening news, is peace possible? We all need two kinds of peace in our lives. We need inner peace but we also need peace with others. God addresses both. He tells us what to do to find that peace.

### **Inner Peace**

Inner peace begins with a relationship with God and it continues as we focus on His strength and allow Him to fill us. We can exchange our weakness for His strength in any area of life. God’s Word says, “*You will keep him in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.*” Isaiah 26:3

Personalise that verse, affirm it and say it out loud...“God will keep me, [insert your name] in perfect peace as my mind focuses on Him and trusts Him.”

### **Inner peace hinges on our trust in God.**

If inner peace is eluding you these days and anxiety is spilling over in your life, choose to trust God. If we don’t trust him, we increase stress and worry. Inner peace is there for the choosing.

### **Peace With Others**

“Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called the children of God.” Matthew 5:9  
Peace with others begins as we understand that God has called us to be peacemakers in our world. Is there somewhere in your own world where you can be a peacemaker this Advent and Christmas? Is there an invitation that needs to be extended to smooth over a fractured family relationship?

Is there an apology to be made or a silence to be broken that has stood as a barrier for too long? Don’t miss the blessing God promises in your life as you respond to His call to be a peacemaker in your own circle.

We can help bring peace to our world one heart at a time.

~ Source: Gail Rodgers – *The Life*

### **A prayer for this week written by St. Francis of Assisi**

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy...*

*Divine Master - Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*



*Pastor Debra Pinkerton*

## A Message From Elizabeth

*"The north wind is tossing the leaves,  
The red dust is over the town" (TIS 322)*

Welcome to Summer! On this first Sunday of December I wish all who celebrate a birthday this month love, happiness and God's richest blessings as you celebrate, or have celebrated, your special day.

On Monday week, 14 December 2020, Church Council/Elders will hold the last regular meeting for this year. If you have any matters that you would like to be discussed, please forward same to me in writing by Thursday 10 December 2020 so that such matters can be included in the meeting agenda. Provide a written copy in an envelope addressed to me with Leslie Goodman, at the church office on Thursday morning. A report of this meeting will be provided in the Pointer on Sunday 20 December 2020.

Continue to stay SAFE, stay WELL and stay CONNECTED!

God Bless you all throughout this season of Advent

*Elizabeth Wells,*

Chair, BPUC Church Council

## Consultation Meeting - Regeneration

*Report by Councillor Janice*

It was wonderful that 60 of us were able attend the Consultation Meeting with Rev David Busch, our Presbytery minister, on Saturday 21 November 2020.

Our meeting opened and closed with prayer.

CC Chair Elizabeth introduced David who used a Power Point presentation to define and explain Regeneration within the Uniting Church.

We then watched a short video in which Scott Guyall explained how Regeneration is progressing in a number of churches throughout Australia.

There was a time of Questions (and answers), comments and discussion.

There was a consensus to commit to Prayer, and to advise Presbytery we wish to begin the process of Regeneration.

### ***Very Important points:***

- \* Regeneration begins and ends with Prayer
- \* We need to advertise nationally for a Ministry Agent to lead and guide us
- \* It will not happen overnight - it will be in God's time not our time. Months and years, rather than days.

Rev David Busch also noted useful information about Regeneration occurring in other parts of the Uniting Church can be found on the website of *Port Phillip Bay West regenerating*.

## 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:

Account Name: The Uniting Church in Australia Banora Point Church

(Note: Your Bank website may limit the number of characters you can put into the account name box so "The Uniting Church in Aust" is OK)

BSB No: 062 611

Account No: 10120762

Most importantly- please keep safe.

My prayers go out to each and everyone of you.

*Neil Rackham*

## Sunday Church Services

If you wish to join in the Sunday Service, please contact Les (Admin Officer) on (07) 5524 9035 between 10am and 1pm on the Thursday prior to the Sunday Service



## Keep This Date!!!!

Christmas Eve Service for all ages, Thursday 24 December 2020 – 7.00pm DST  
"Come with me to Bethlehem" ~ Led by Elizabeth

## Updating Of Contact Details

Every so often we need to make sure our records are accurate and up to date. If you have not received one and would like one, please contact Les at the church to organize a form to be sent to you. Please fill out the form and bring or send back to Banora Point Uniting Church.

## SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday service will be available on YouTube from Pastor Debra Pinkerton 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](http://www.banorapointunitingchurch.org.au)

*"Prepare The Way" ~ Mark 1:1-8*

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