

The Banora Pointer



Don't be Afraid As The Lord Is With You

We hope you enjoy your time acknowledging the Lord's direction and support in these trying times.

Preacher: Rev. Aaron Moad

Sunday 1 August 2021

Pentecost 10

Then Jesus declared... **I am the bread of life**



Whoever comes to me
will never go hungry, and
whoever believes in me
will never be thirst

John 6:35

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 Reverend Aaron Moad

Our purpose – our mission

“On Resurrection Sunday evening Jesus appeared to His disciples, explaining that Scripture had foretold His suffering, death and resurrection, and that ‘repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations’ (Luke 24:47)...

A short time later in Galilee Jesus again met them, declaring: ‘All authority in heaven and on earth had been given to me’, commanding them to do what He had been doing: ‘Therefore go and make disciples of all nations’ (Matt 28:19).

Luke records: On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: ‘Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father has promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ Acts 1:4-8.

This is our mission: to be a witness of Jesus, to make disciples who can make disciples...”(SHIFTm2M - The Movement Strategy of Jesus in the Early Church (powertochange.org.au))

You might find it surprising, but it’s not our job to worry about filling the pews here at Banora Point Uniting Church and we may also need to reconsider what outreach means.

Our real mission is to follow the Great Commandment:

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself. ‘There is no commandment greater than these.” (Mark 12:30-31)

And the Great Commission:

‘go and make disciples of all nations’ (Matt 28:19).

We are called to love God with all that we are, love everybody we meet and share our faith. Our mission is to make disciples who make disciples. That was Jesus’ method of growing his followers. The method worked then and with the power of the Holy Spirit with us it will also work now.

Here at Banora Point Uniting Church we are entering into a time where we are going to rethink what it means to be Church. It’s an exciting time but it also might be a scary or anxious time. Let’s hand that fear and anxiety over to God, and get busy praying and listening for where our amazing God wants to lead us.

A Message From Elizabeth

"Let your unfailing love surround us Lord, For our hope is in you alone". (Psalm 33:22)

A new day, a new month... on behalf of the Church Council and your church family, I wish all who celebrate a birthday in August, God's richest blessings, good health, peace and contentment on your special day and in the coming year.

As Rev Aaron is settling in to life and ministry at BPUC, I wish to remind each person in our church family of the commitment that we, The congregation made at Aaron's induction service, when asked by the Presbytery Chairperson the following:

"Will you honour Aaron as your pastoral leader;
will you listen for God's word in his preaching;
will you welcome him into your homes;
will you provide for him that which is necessary for his physical welfare;
and will you at all times support him with your love and prayers?"

Our response: "We will, the Lord being our helper" (UCA South Moreton Presbytery Induction Service, 17 July 2021) Your church councillors and elders trust that everyone at BPUC is prepared to fulfil the commitment made to Aaron on that day.

Church Council/Elders will meet on Monday, 9 August 2021 at 7pm. At this meeting we will discuss the future direction for BPUC in relation to Regeneration and the best ways forward, albeit still within the bounds of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I wrote in my message a year ago that "It's not over until it is over!" What is God telling not only to us but also the world at this point in time? Take comfort in the words of Psalm 33:22 (quoted above)

God bless you now and always

Elizabeth Wells,

BPUC Church Council Chairperson



Thursday Night Bible Study

Thursday night bible study will resume this coming Thursday, 5 August 2021 at 6.30pm in the church hall. We will commence the term, looking at a study entitled: "The faith effect - God's love in the world". For any enquires, please contact Elizabeth.

Church Council/Elders Meeting

Any matters you wish to raise with the Church Councillors/Elders, need to be sent via email to bpuchurch@optusnet.com.au or given in writing to our Office Administrator by 4pm, Wednesday 4 August 2021.

What's Happening This Week

Wednesday	Prayer Meeting 8am
Thursday	Men's Bible Study group 9am CWCI Bible Study 10am Thursday Night Bible Study 6:30pm
Next Sunday	Prayer Meeting 8.30am & Worship Service 9am

Invitation To Lunch

Everyone is most welcome to join the Happy Lunchers... ..

When: Wednesday 11th August at 11:45am

Where: In the "Secret Garden" South Tweed Sports Club

Why: To enjoy friendship, lunch and fellowship.

For more information and to RSVP (By 9 August 2021) Contact Janice

Church Roster

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>
Bible Reader	Dudley & Dorothy B	Barbara & Terryll
Prayer	Virginia	Sylvia
Organist	Lillian	Audrey
Pianist	-- -- -- --	Jan
Morning Tea	Pat & Kristine	Shirley & Stephanie
Hall Set Up	Walter & Ray	Alan & Nigel
Communion Prep	Jill & Shirley	-- -- -- --

*If you are unable to do your roster, please organize a swap
AND let Janice know ASAP.*

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