

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 8 August 2021

Pentecost 11



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

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and you shall find knock and it shall be opened unto you. We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord”. (TIS 745)

In these very uncertain times, I encourage you to take comfort in knowing that God will never leave us nor forsake us. I had never imagined that at 10.45pm on a Saturday evening I would need to liaise with our minister and Admin officer, to organise the cancellation of our worship service the next day. I am truly grateful for both Aaron and Leslie for their responsiveness and their caring attitudes for our BPUC family. Together with Ross Biggs (our COVID safety officer) we will continue to comply with the necessary Regulations/restrictions as they evolve. Thank you to all church members for being flexible in these uncertain times. **Special thanks to Neil Rackham**, for leading worship today. Fortunately, Neil hasn't been into Queensland since 21 July 2021!

Our journey of **Regeneration continues** – Have you been praying each day? Some folk have asked me what are our next steps? As you know, Regeneration was seeded at our Congregation Meeting in November 2020. We have been “watering” it with prayer and will continue to seek God's guidance. Rest assured the Church Council/Elders will keep you informed and involved. At this point in time, who knows where God is leading us!

In the meantime, “Seek ye first the Kingdom of God”

In His Service

Elizabeth Wells,

BPUC Church Council Chairperson

Church Council/Elders Meeting

Church Council/Elders meeting has been postponed until Monday 23 August 2021, at 7pm.

Are You Willing To Help?

From the beginning of September 2021 the duties of greeter/sign in person and church/hall cleaner, will be included in the monthly rosters.

If you would like to know what is involved in either of these roles, please speak to Elizabeth Wells.

If you are able to assist in either of these roles, please contact Janice Monk so that she can include you on the Roster.

Many hands make light work – So thank in advance for your help.

What's Happening This Week

Wednesday	Prayer Meeting 8am Fellowship Lunch 11:45am
Thursday	Men's Bible Study group 9am CWCI Bible Study 10am Evening Bible Study 6:30pm
Next Sunday	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	Barbara & Dudley	Audrey & Neil
Prayer	Sylvia	Dudley
Organist	Audrey	Jill
Pianist	Jan	Adrienne
Morning Tea	Shirley & Stephanie	Judy & Dorothy McA
Hall Set Up	Alan & Nigel	Walter & Neil

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

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