



BANORA POINTER

Sunday 3 October 2021 | Pentecost 19



Message from Rev. Aaron Moad

reading Luke 6:27-38

Jesus gives his disciples a challenge. He tells them: "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you." However, Jesus does not stop there. He continues: "If someone strikes you on one cheek, offer your other cheek to them as well. If a person takes your cloak, give him your tunic also."

The ultimate call from Jesus is: "Do unto others as you would have them do to you." Today Jesus is calling us to examine ourselves and ask: Do I do unto others as I would like them to do unto me? I assume we likely have varying responses. "I try to live this way, however, there are some people who simply drive me crazy." Or I might say: "I can do that with most people but there is one person who deeply wounded me, and I simply am unable to forgive that individual."

Jesus then says: "If you love the people who love you, what credit is that for you? Even the pagans do this. Stop judging and you will not be judged. Quit condemning others and you will not be condemned!" Jesus then states: "Forgive and you will be forgiven. The measure you give will be the measure that is returned to you."



These bluntly spoken words are difficult to hear. They may challenge us at the deepest level of our being. Most likely, each one of us has been wounded, betrayed or rejected at differing times in our lives. If this person was a friend, this wounding typically is amplified since we trusted this individual. However, each one of us also has wounded or betrayed individuals in our life. It is all part of our human condition.

When Jesus instructs us to love our enemies, he does not mean that this person should become one of my best friends. Jesus understands that forgiving is first a decision. However, it also is a process. The path to forgiveness may take a long time, and understandably so. However, we have to choose to take the first step. No one can force us to take this step; we are the only ones who can make this decision. And in reality, it may take a long time before we are ready and willing to begin the process of forgiveness.

Jesus doesn't ask for miracles nor does he want "play" forgiveness. He continually invites us not only to free the individual who wounded us, but also to free ourselves from the pain, anger and hurt that binds us. Jesus is patient and yet persistent. He continually invites us and calls us to forgive. Perhaps today we can take one small step in this direction.

<https://ferdinandbenedictines.blogspot.com/2015/09/reflection-luke-627-38.html>

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Acknowledgement To Country

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.

Our Mission: To love God and love our neighbours

A Message From Elizabeth

A new day, a new month, with a change in time! Australian Eastern Daylight Saving Time! All activities at BPUC will be in AEDST for the next 6 months.

On behalf of our church family I wish all who are celebrating an October birthday a very happy day, followed by much love, joy and peace in the coming year.

Church Council/Elders next meeting will be held on Monday 11 October 2021 at 7pm in the church hall. I ask everyone to pray for this meeting. It will be the first time that all councillors/elders have been able to meet face to face with Rev Aaron, at the same time. Our August meeting was via ZOOM!

If any member wishes to raise a matter to be included in the agenda for this meeting, please provide same in writing to Leslie (Admin officer) in person or via email to bpuchurch@optusnet.com.au by Thursday 7 October 2021.

God bless you now and always

Elizabeth Wells,

BPUC Church Council Chairperson

What's Happening This Week

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

Church Roster

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>
Organist	Lillian	Audrey
Pianist	— — — —	— — — —
Greeter	Cilla & Abby	Sylvia & Nigel
Bible Reader	Yesha & Neil	Elizabeth & Jill
Prayer	Terryll	Dudley
Morning Tea	Virginia & Janice	Pat & Kristine
Hall Set Up	Ray & Alan	Neil & Nigel
Cleaning	Audrey & Alan	Shirley & Alan
Communion	Audrey & Steph	— — — —

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

Rosters - Help Needed

Please let Janice know if you can help with Greeting and Signing In, you don't have to use laptop; Cleaning or any other rostered duties. We really need more people to 'share the load'. Thank you for helping.

Please contact Janice either via phone: 0457483122 or email: b1234m@hotmail.com

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

Children of God

Luke 6:32-34

"If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same."

Invitation To Lunch

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

When: Wednesday 13th October 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

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