



# BANORA POINTER

Sunday 14 November 2021 | Pentecost 25



## Message from Rev. Aaron Moad

Did you know that Banora Point Uniting Church has a daily devotion that is sent out via email every morning.

### S.O.A.P. Devotion Method

There is a simple way to get more out of reading scripture. It's called the **SOAP** method.

All you need is a Bible (or just read the Scripture from the email), a pen or pencil, writing pad and time. You can use this method with any passage of Scripture but I have developed a daily devotion for you.

**S.O.A.P.** stands for Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer.

The SOAP method is not simply reading the Bible it is much more than that and much more rewarding.

It's a method that helps you engage and interact with Scripture which will help you develop lifelong spiritual disciplines that will enrich your journey with God.

And here is how you SOAP.

**S** for Scripture Take time reading and allow God to speak to you. When you are done write down the verse that spoke to you most in the passage.

**O** for Observation What do you think God is saying to you in this scripture? What do you see in the verses that you're reading? Who is the audience? Is there a repetition of words? What words stand out to you? Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal Jesus to you.

**A** for Application Personalize what you have read, by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, revelation of a new promise, or corrections for a particular area of your life. Ask questions like: What is God saying to me today? How can I apply what I just read to my own personal life? What changes do I need to make? Is there an action that I need to take?

**P** for Prayer This can be as simple as asking God to help

you use this scripture, or it may be a greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. (spend time talking with God as you would a friend over the phone or over coffee) Remember, prayer is a two way conversation, so be sure to listen to what God has to say!

It might be useful to reflect on the passage and the focus question and ask what does this mean for us in Banora Point as we are in and out of lockdown?

And how can we be the Body of Christ (Christ's hands and feet), during lockdowns and border closures?

Studying the Scriptures like this can take as little or as long as the time you have to give. Some days it can take just 10 or 15 minutes or half an hour, other days longer.

### **Banora Point Uniting Church is on a journey of regeneration but what does regeneration mean? Here's a definition I found of regenerate by Merriam-Webster**

- To generate or produce anew
- Being restored to a better, higher, or more worthy state
- To change radically and for the better
- Formed or created again
- Spiritually reborn or converted

I believe that the regeneration of our community begins with the spiritual regeneration of each one of us. An important part of the regeneration of a congregation is the discipleship of its members and spiritual disciplines are an essential part of a disciple's daily life.

Spiritual disciplines include activities like, reading Scripture, personal reflection, and prayer among others. I hope you all choose to engage in these daily devotions. Spending time in devotion will help us on our personal journey of regeneration, deepen our relationship with our awesome God, and in turn begin the process of congregational regeneration.

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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

"Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you".  
(James 4:8 NRSV)

As it is one year since BPUC held a Special Congregational Meeting at which the vote of those present indicated that a pathway of Regeneration be adopted, I would like to remind you of the "challenge" that I gave you... to set aside a specific time each day (eg 7.30am, 12 noon, 5.00pm) that allowed you to pray for Regeneration. Are you doing this? Rev Aaron reminded us last Sunday that Regeneration begins with each one of us. We are Christ's disciples in this place, in our homes, in our workplaces, in our schools, in our community. We don't need any special training. All we need is to "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you".

God Bless you today and always

*Elizabeth Wells,*

BPUC Church Council Chairperson

## Messy Church Is Back!!!

We hope you've heard the news – Messy Church is back at Banora Point Uniting Church with a special Messy Christmas on Saturday 11 December from 4.00 pm.

But we need your help to make this a successful event for building our church family and community.

### **MORE HELPERS ARE NEEDED!**

- We need people to:
- Run and help at craft tables
- Help prepare and serve meals
- Assist with worship
- Assist with setup
- Assist with welcoming people and introducing them to Messy Church.



If you can help in any way, big or small, please get in touch with Elizabeth via email:  
bpuchurch@optusnet.com.au

## Activity dates for 2022

As the new year is fast approaching and the new "normal" is taking hold, can the organisers of the activities please give to Leslie or email the church on [bpuchurch@optusnet.com.au](mailto:bpuchurch@optusnet.com.au) with the details of your activities, so they can be included into the Pointer.

## Worship Singers

With the support of Council and Elders and minister Aaron Moad, the worship singers would like to form again to lead a worship time in the quarter of an hour before church.

The singers choose about 4 songs. We would like to meet at 2pm on a Wednesday afternoon to practice and have different people lead the singing.

If you enjoy singing we would welcome anybody to join us this Wednesday, 17th November at 2pm.

There are many great Christian songs that we can share and bring our thoughts of praise to our God into the service at 9am.

## What's Happening This Week

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Prayer Meeting 8am</b> <b>Worship Singers 2pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study group 9am</b> <b>CWCI Bible Study 10am</b> <b>Evening Bible Study group 6:30pm</b>
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Worship Service 9am</b>

## Upcoming events for your diary

<b>Church Picnic</b>	<b>5 December @ TBA</b>
<b>Messy Church</b>	<b>11 December @ 4pm</b>
<b>Christmas Eve Service</b>	<b>24 December @ 7pm</b>
<b>Christmas Day Service</b>	<b>25 December @ 9am</b>
<b>Boxing Day Service</b>	<b>26 December @ 9am</b>
<b>Mainly Music</b>	<b>Early February 2022</b>

## Church Roster

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>
Organist	Audrey	Jill
Greeter	Judy & Peter	Robyn & Janice
Bible Reader	Dorothy B & Neil	Virginia & Dudley
Morning Tea	Virginia & Kristine	Judy & Shirley
Hall Set Up	Ray	Neil
Cleaning	Stephanie	Helen P

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

## Morning tea and chat with Rev. Aaron

Please join Rev. Aaron for morning tea and a chat, Monday mornings at Twisted Fig Café, (near Harvey Norman & Bunnings, in the Tweed Homemaker Centre, Tweed Heads South, at 9:30am.

**Everyone is welcome.**

**Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.**

**Daniel 12:3 NRSV**

## Offerings

Please continue to direct debit/credit directly into your nearest Commonwealth Bank Branch or Please contact Neil Rackham if you need any assistance.

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