

Sunday 28 November 2021 | Advent 1



Message from Rev. Aaron Moad

Happy New Year

Today is the first week of Advent and Advent is the beginning of the Church year. So happy New Year!

But what is Advent?

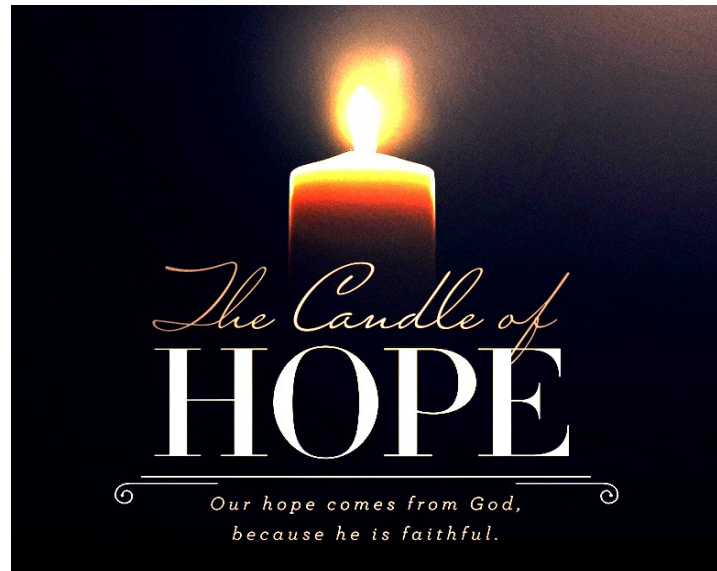
What does it mean and why do we celebrate it?

The word advent comes from the Latin term *adventus* meaning "arrival" or "coming," particularly the coming of something having great importance. Advent is a four week season leading up to Christmas. It's a season of prayer, repentance, anticipation, hope, love, joy and peace. It's a time of preparation, as we get ourselves ready for both, the birth of Jesus Christ and his coming again at the end of time.

It is also a period of frenzied shopping and stress, where the world seems to lose its mind. During such a hectic time leading up to the consumer fest that Christmas has become, it is important for us to prepare for and remember who and why we are celebrating. Although the world has turned Christmas into something that it was never intended to be, it is still definitely worth celebrating because it

is such an amazing and history changing event. We have a God that loves us so much that he left the glory of heaven and became one of us. He started out the same as us, a helpless baby, then as a boy he grew, learning and then teaching. As a man he taught and preached about the coming Kingdom, he healed the sick, he looked after the poor, the lonely and the people society shunned, then he died. He died for us, and every person that came before us and every person who will come after us. Yep, he died, God suffered and died but he was then resurrected fixing the broken relationship we had with God, and at the same time he defeated death, sin, and evil. What an amazing God. No other God in the history of religion has been claimed to do that.

We live in what some scholars call the in between time, we live between the time that Jesus was born, lived, died, and was resurrected, and the time when he will return and usher in the Kingdom of God in all its glory. That is why we celebrate Advent, and why we prepare to meet and celebrate Christ at the first Advent his birth and why we prepare and make ourselves ready for the second Advent when he will come again at the end of the age. Now we don't know when that will be, but we do know that with every passing day we get closer to the glorious return of our Christ so we need to be vigilant and ready.



If you or someone you know is in need of help or support during these difficult times, please let us know and how we can help by calling either;

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"We are all in this together"

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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

"O come, O come, Emmanuel..." (TIS 265)

Welcome to ADVENT! I pray that you will rejoice in knowing that God sent His only Son into the world to redeem us, to save us, to love us unconditionally, no matter who we are or what we do.

"O what a gift, what a wonderful gift! Who can tell the wonders of the Lord?" (TIS 278)

Enjoy ADVENT, with hope, peace, joy and love.

God Bless you

Elizabeth Wells,

BPUC Church Council Chairperson

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 with the details of your activities, so they can be included into the Pointer.

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.**

Offerings

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

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

Messy Church Is Back IN 2 Weeks!!!

Messy Church is back at Banora Point Uniting Church with a special Messy Christmas on Saturday 11 December from 4.00 pm. If you can help in any way, big or small, please get in touch with Elizabeth via email: bpuchurch@optusnet.com.au



What's Happening This Week

Wednesday	Prayer Meeting 8am Worship Singers 2pm
Thursday	Men's Bible Study group 9am CWCI Bible Study 10am Evening Bible Study group 6:30pm
Next Sunday	Worship Service 9am Church Picnic 5pm

Upcoming events for your diary

Fellowship Lunch	8 December @ 11:45am
Messy Church	11 December @ 4pm
Christmas Eve Service	24 December @ 7pm
Christmas Day Service	25 December @ 9am
Boxing Day Service	26 December @ 9am
Chaira Companion	16 January 2022 @ TBA
Mainly Music	Early February 2022

Church Roster

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>
Organist	Audrey	Lillian
Greeter	Sylvia & Nigel	Cilla & Abby
Bible Reader	Yesha & Stephanie	Lynn W & Barbara J
Morning Tea	Judy & Shirley	Vai & Dorothy McA
Hall Set Up	Peter	Ray
Cleaning	Neil & Nellie	Shirley T & Aaron
Communion	— — — — —	Shirley & Jill

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

Fred's Place

There has been a proposal we assist clients of Fred's place by providing some small gifts and/ or non-perishable food items at Christmas.

If any one wishes to contribute to this, a basket will be available in the foyer on 5th 12th and 19th of December.

Contact Marshall Pagan for any queries.

Invitation To Lunch

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

When: Wednesday 8th December 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 6th December 2021) Contact Janice