



BANORA POINTER

Sunday 7 November 2021 | All Saints Day



Message from Rev. Aaron Moad

Today I want to share some insights I gleaned while I was preparing this weeks sermon, particularly from a blog by the Sisters at a Benedictine Monastery called Dome Blog.

Our reading this week Mark 12:38-44, begins with Jesus warning the people about the scribes. He tells them to "Beware of the scribes who dress in long robes, who love the greetings they receive in the marketplaces and the seats of honour they have at banquets and in the synagogue." Jesus then accuses the scribes of "devouring" the homes of widows as they recite lengthy prayers.

Jesus then sat down opposite the treasury. He took watched people who were putting money into the treasury. Many wealthy people put in a lot of money, making a scene about how devout they are. However, a poor widow came and put in two small coins that amounted to just a few cents. Jesus took notice of this woman and her small gift.

Jesus then called his disciples and said to them: "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put more into the treasury than all the other contributors that were giving to the treasury. Most people gave from their wealth while this widow gave from her poverty." The woman gave all that she had. Even though it was a little it was an amazingly generous and loving gift!



Jesus was rebuking the wealthy who often took from the poor for their own gain. Jesus then lifts up and praises the poor widow who freely gave so much to God from the little that she had. Tithing, giving a tenth of what we have is an Old Testament law, there are seasons where we can only give much less and there are seasons in which we can give much more.

Today may we ask ourselves: Do I give from my abundance or from my want? Do I give out of joy or do I give out of duty? How do I share my time, my talents and my treasure? Or do I have a tendency to hoard my time, talents, and treasure?

God has blessed all of us with many gifts. However, most of our gifts are not monetary. How do we share our gifts of joy, love, time and talents? Do we share these gifts freely? Or do we hoard them? Today may we share our abundance throughout our day. The gifts we give may be simple and yet they may be extremely valuable to the person who receives your gift. Trust that God, the giver of all good gifts, will use you and your gifts today. Give thanks for the gifts you have to share with others. And give thanks for the gifts that others share with you!

<https://ferdinandbenedictines.blogspot.com/2015/11/reflection-mark-1238-44.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

*"This is the day that the Lord has made,
Let us rejoice and be glad in it". (SIS 40)*

As we come into the last weeks of Spring, I trust that everyone is continuing to pray for the **Regeneration** of BPUC.

On behalf of our church family, I wish all who celebrate a birthday in November much love and happiness, many blessings too, now and always.

With the easing of some COVID-19 restrictions, Church Council/Elders are looking at ways in which BPUC can connect with the local community. The last Church Council report informed you of the plan to begin a **TOY and BOOK EXCHANGE** commencing on the first Saturday in February 2022, and being held on the first Saturday of each month throughout the year. Church Council Executive will convene a meeting for those interested in supporting this mission and outreach activity. Please refer to "the Pointer" for further information in the coming weeks.

God bless you all
Elizabeth Wells,

BPUC Church Council Chairperson

What's Happening This Week

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| Monday | Catch-up with Rev. Aaron 9:30am |
| Wednesday | Prayer Meeting 8am Fellowship Lunch 11:45am |
| 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 | Lilian | Audrey |
| Greeter | Cilla & Abby | Judy & Peter |
| Bible Reader | Sylvia & Nigel | Dorothy B & Neil |
| Morning Tea | Pat & Judy | Virginia & Kristine |
| Hall Set Up | Nigel | Ray |
| Cleaning | Sylvia & Nigel | Stephanie |
| Communion | Isabel & Robyn | ----- |

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

HELP PLEASE!!!

We desperately need more people to help with the roster, especially cleaning and morning tea.

The more we have helping, the less we each have to do.

Please contact: Janice via phone or email

Also please let Janice know dates you are unavailable by the middle of each month, if possible. Thanks everyone.

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

For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.
2 Corinthians 8:12



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.

Tithes

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Invitation To Lunch

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

When: Wednesday 10th November 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 8th November 2021) Contact Janice