

Sunday 1 May 2022 | Easter 3



Message from Rev. Aaron Moad

Before our reading John 21:1-19 Jesus had already met with his disciples twice since the resurrection. Each time they were hiding behind locked

doors fearing for their lives. The Jewish leaders and the Romans were trying to extinguish the Jesus movement.

Jesus tells them to go to Galilee and wait for him, the ever impatient Peter gets tired of waiting and goes back to his former profession of fishing taking a group of disciples with him. They fished all night and caught nothing.

Somebody on the beach calls to them "Children, you have no fish, have you?" "No." Peter replies in frustration. The stranger calls out to them "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish." John realises that it is Jesus, Peter immediately puts on some clothes and dives into the water to get to shore as quickly as he could.

When the rest of the disciples get to shore they have breakfast.

Jesus turns to Peter and asks him a series of question that at first glance look like the same question and it's not until you look at the Greek text that Peter isn't answering Jesus the way he should be.

"Simon son of John, do you love [agape] me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love [phileo] you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶A second time he said to him, "Simon son of

John, do you love [agape] me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love [phileo] you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love [phileo] me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love [phileo] you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

Greek has many words for love all with slightly different meanings for different relationships. Agape is the type of love God has for us, it is the strongest form of love, it is unconditional, it is the type of love that took Jesus to the cross, while phileo is the type of love you have for a friend.

Peter felt hurt because Jesus asked him a third time, "Do you love me?" And he Peter replied, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love [phileo] you." When Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep" Jesus is saying that Peter and the Apostles need to step up and do the work they have been trained for. Jesus is saying you need to lead the sheep, get your eyes off yourselves and earthly things and concentrate on me. This is the second time that they had fished all night and caught nothing but on Jesus words the fished again and caught more fish than they could handle.

Jesus is saying get to work and tell the lost lambs of the world about me. Tend to them. If you love me, obey me don't go back to fishing, "I can provide for your needs do my work and trust in me." The same goes for us. It comes down to the love we have for God. Do we phileo God like Peter? Or do we agape God like we should? We are Jesus' disciples, we need to obey Jesus and tend his sheep safe in the knowledge that God will be with us and provide for us.

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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

What's Happening This Week

Tuesday	Mainly Music 9am
Wednesday	Prayer Meeting 8am Rev. Aaron's Coffee Catch up 9am Worship Singers 2pm
Thursday	Men's Bible Study group 9am CWCI Bible Study 10am Thursday Night Bible Study 6:30pm
Saturday	Toy & Book Exchange 9:30am
Next Sunday	Worship Service 9am

Upcoming events for your diary

Mothers Day Stall	6 May @ 8am
Toy & Book Exchange	7 May @ 9:30am
Church Elders Meeting	9 May @ 4:30pm
Fellowship Lunch	11 May @ 11:45am
Craft Group	13 May @ 9am
Messy Church	14 May @ 4pm
Chiara Companion	15 May @ 1:30pm
Men's Breakfast	28 May @ 8am
Church Council Meeting	6 June @ 7pm
Pastoral Care Meeting	TBA

¹⁷The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, **do you love me?**"
Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "*Do you love me?*" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."
Jesus said, "**Feed my sheep.**"

John 21: 15-17 NIV

Church Roster

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>
Communion	Audrey, Steph, Shirley	-----
Organist	Lillian	Audrey
Duty Elders	Elizabeth & Neil	Neil & Robyn
Greeters	Cilla & Abby	Lorraine & Robyn
Stewards	Elizabeth & Neil	Neil & Robyn
Bible Reader	Robyn & Audrey	Dorothy B & Judy
Morning Tea	Vai & Dorothy M	Kristine & Steph
Hall Set Up	Craft Group	Peter & Neil
Cleaning	Craft Group	Aaron & Steph

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

Coffee Catch Up with Rev. Aaron

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

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

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* The office: (07) 5524 9035 * Rev. Aaron: 0411 325 527 * Your Pastoral Carer

"We are all in this together"

Invitation To Lunch

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

When: Wednesday 11th May 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 9th May 2022) Contact Janice on 0457 483 122