



BANORA POINTER

Sunday 15 May 2022 | Easter 5



Message from Rev. Aaron Moad

The Command to Love

Love. We talk a lot about it, sing about it, we make movies and plays from forgettable

comedies to great Shakespearean theatre about love, or what we think of as love. In my sermons, Bible Studies and these reflections in the Pointer I often discuss the inadequacy of the English word 'love' to convey what love means in the sense of grace, salvation and hope. Can any of us grasp the true nature of love, as Christ meant it? Jesus is commanding us to love one another. He is not saying, "Please love one another." Jesus words "love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." is not a suggestion or a request it is a commandment, a demand, an order. Loving God, one another, our enemies, and everybody in between is imperative as a Christian. If we follow this command, then the whole world will know that we are Jesus' disciples.

Our Gospel reading this morning starts right after Judas had left the group to fulfill the betrayal of



Jesus. Instead of being bitter or getting angry, Jesus starts talking about glorifying God and loving one another. To love one another is not easy especially when there is betrayal. Yet this is the way to glorify God. This is what separates us from the non-believers. It is by our words but more importantly by our actions of love that people will recognise us as Christians. The Christian love is unconditional, seeking nothing in return and sometimes loving in the face of hostility. When Jesus said that there is no greater display of love than to lay down your life for others (John 15:13) he meant it both figuratively and metaphorically. We don't necessarily need to physically die for others to show our love, but we need to surrender, sacrifice our lives to live the way Jesus has taught us, selflessly and in loving service. It is our love for God and our neighbour that makes us worthy of the name Christian. They will know we are Christian by our love.

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.



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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.Your Pastoral Carer

"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

What's Happening This Week

Today	Chiara Companion 1:30pm
Tuesday	Mainly Music 9:30am
Wednesday	Prayer Meeting 8am Coffee With Rev. Aaron 9am Worship Singers 2pm
Thursday	Men's Bible Study group 9am CWCI Bible Study 10am Thursday Night Bible Study 6:30pm
Next Sunday	Worship Service 9am

Upcoming events for your diary

Craft Group	27 May @ 9am
Men's Breakfast	28 May @ 8am
Pastoral Care Meeting	30 May @ 9:30am
Church Council Meeting	6 June @ 7pm
Fellowship Lunch	8 June @ 11:45am
Messy Church	11 June @ 4pm
Chiara Companion	19 June @ 1:30pm
Church Elders Meeting	11 July @ 4:30pm

Pastoral Care Meeting

NEXT PASTORAL CARE MEETING will be held on Monday 30th May 2022, in the hall beginning with a cuppa at 9.30am and meeting beginning at 10am.
Georgina Stanton

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

Church Roster

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>
Organist	Audrey	Audrey
Duty Elders	Neil & Robyn	Neil & Elizabeth
Greeters	Neil & Nellie	Sylvia & Nigel
Stewards	Neil & Robyn	Neil & Elizabeth
Bible Reader	Terryll & Georgina	Walter & Neil
Morning Tea	Lorraine & Judy	Pat & Shirley
Hall Set Up	Messy Church	Nigel & Terryll
Cleaning	Messy Church	Neil & Nellie

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

Food For Thought

Worry is a conversation with yourself about things you cannot change. Prayer is a conversation you have with God about things he can change.



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Men's Breakfast

Day: Saturday 28 May 2022

Time & Venue:

Meeting for breakfast at 8am at the TWISTED FIG Café (Near Bunnings Tweed Heads South), then onto the church for carpet bowls.

All men are welcome.