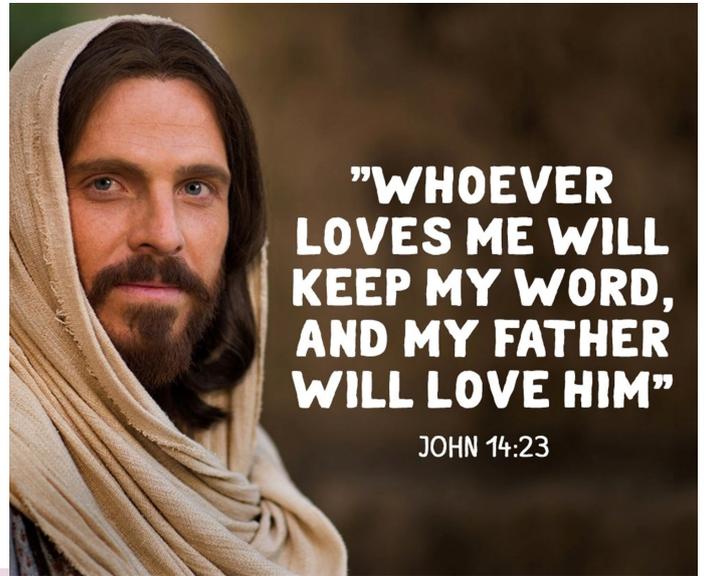




# BANORA POINTER

Sunday 22 May 2022 | Easter 6



## Message from Rev. Aaron Moad

In our gospel reading (John 14:15-29) Jesus is preparing his disciples for the difficult events of his

death and resurrection that lay ahead. He offers words of instruction, warning and promise. Jesus promises the disciples that although he's going away, he is not going to abandon them. 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you' he says. This coming will be in the form of the Holy Spirit whom Jesus describes as an Advocate, the Spirit of truth, 'whom the Father will send in my [Jesus'] name' and who 'will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you'.

For the author John the whole point of Jesus' teaching, his life, death, and resurrection, is to enable those who trust in him to become like him. And specifically, it's to give them a new way of relating to God. He wants us to know that God is not a far-off remote god separate from us but our amazing God dwells in us and us in God. Jesus wants his disciples (and us) to participate in his own relationship with the one he calls 'Father', to become one with God so we can be the presence of God's own truth and love and life.

It is easy from this reading to use it to be either unnecessarily exclusive, or see the gift of the Spirit as a reward for good works. But I think, the deeper insight here, is that the Holy Spirit works through Christians and non-Christians alike, however when the Spirit works through the disciples that keep Jesus' commands it is more effective in ushering in God's Kingdom. The gift of the Holy Spirit is not about believers having a special spiritual experience, a warm fuzzy feeling, or a sense of superior holiness. It is to enable our participation in Jesus' communion with the Father, to be more fully caught up in it and become capable of reflecting the love of God to those around us.

Jesus came to make visible the love of God in a world full of confusion and violence, he was cast out, and crucified; but inevitably he proved that God's love cannot be extinguished and comes again and again with the same offer of peace, liberation, and life. To receive the gift of his Spirit, to allow it to be breathed in us, is to bear this same vocation of making the invisible God's love visible in our communities. This is what Christian life is about – it's what the church, formed by the gift of the Spirit, is to be, a community joined with the Spirit in making visible the love of God.



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**

## What's Happening This Week

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Mainly Music 9:30am</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Prayer Meeting 8am</b> <b>Coffee With Rev. Aaron 9am</b> <b>Worship Singers 2pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study group 9am</b> <b>CWCI Bible Study 10am</b> <b>Thursday Night Bible Study 6:30pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Craft Group 9am</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mens Breakfast 8am</b>
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Worship Service 9am</b>

## Upcoming events for your diary

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

## Pastoral Care Meeting

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

## 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.**

Peace I leave with you;  
my peace I give you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled  
and do not be afraid.

John 14:27 NIV

## TCCEA Special Event... "Setting Apart"

**Everyone is invited** to join in a time of prayer and celebration as we "set apart" our SRE teachers, Kirsten and Jemma.

**Monday 30 May 2022 at 4pm**

Kingscliff Anglican Church  
122 Marine Pde, Kingscliff

## 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	Jill	Jill
Duty Elders	Neil & Elizabeth	Robyn & Elizabeth
Greeters	Sylvia & Nigel	Judy & Peter
Stewards	Neil & Elizabeth	Robyn & Elizabeth
Bible Reader	Walter & Neil	Sylvia & Yesha
Morning Tea	Pat & Shirley	Mary & Chris
Hall Set Up	Nigel & Terryll	Brian & Peter
Cleaning	Neil & Nellie	Nigel & Sylvia

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



# 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.**