



BANORA POINTER

Sunday 8 May 2022 | Easter 4



Message from Rev. Aaron Moad

The setting for today's Gospel is the Temple. Jesus is in the Portico of Solomon and several Jews gathered around him and asked: "How

long will you keep us in suspense? Tell us who you are! Are you the Christ?" They desperately wanted to hear Jesus to say to them: "Yes, I am the Christ."

However, Jesus did not do as they asked. Rather he said to them (perhaps frustrating to them): "I have already told you who I am! And you refuse to believe me." Jesus then tells these difficult Jews that his "sheep" not only hear his voice, they also listen intently to his voice. His sheep trust him and they follow him. Jesus will give up his life to protect His sheep from harm. Jesus then says that he will give them abundant life!

Then Jesus begins to speak of his Father. He says that his Father is greater than anyone. And no one can take his sheep out of the Father's hand. Jesus ends with the simple yet powerful statement: "the Father and I are one." How did the Jews react to Jesus' words? Not very well I suspect.

JOHN 10:27

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.



Did the Jews want to understand who Jesus was? Or were they simply harassing him? I suspect they wanted Jesus to give them an answer that they could use against him in the future. These Jews were not open to Jesus' message. They just were trying to manipulate and trap him.

Jesus refused to play their game. I assume that his refusal to answer their questions simply fuelled their anger. Yet Jesus stayed true to who he was.

Do we stay true to who we are? Do we speak out about what we believe, even when the people who are listening may not want to hear what we have to say? Do we have the courage of Jesus to stand up and speak of our beliefs and values, in the face of criticism or anger?

Being a follower of Jesus is not easy. We are also called to voice the truth. At times, we do this with our words. In other situations, our actions or attitude may speak for us. We may not need words. Jesus will give us the courage and grace when we are in need. Do we trust Him to do so? Will we be a true follower of Jesus?

*"Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised."*

~ PROVERBS 31:30 NIV

Happy Mothers Day

Wishing you God's unending favour, kindness and love this Mothers Day.

From all of us at Banora Point Uniting Church

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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

Monday	Church Elders Meeting 4:30pm
Tuesday	Mainly Music 9:30am
Wednesday	Prayer Meeting 8am Coffee With Rev. Aaron 9am Fellowship Lunch 11:45am Worship Singers 2pm
Thursday	Men's Bible Study group 9am CWCI Bible Study 10am Thursday Night Bible Study 6:30pm
Friday	Craft Group 9am
Saturday	Messy Church 4pm
Next Sunday	Worship Service 9am Chiara Companion 1:30pm

Upcoming events for your diary

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
Pastoral Care Meeting	30 May @ 9:30am
Church Council Meeting	6 June @ 7pm
Messy Church	11 June @ 4pm

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 (0417603054).

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 & Robyn
Greeters	Lorraine & Robyn	Neil & Nellie
Stewards	Neil & Robyn	Neil & Robyn
Bible Reader	Dorothy B & Judy	Terryll & Georgina
Morning Tea	Kristine & Steph	Lorraine & Judy
Hall Set Up	Peter & Neil	Messy Church
Cleaning	Aaron & Steph	Messy Church

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.



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;

* 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