

Sunday 26 June 2022 | Pentecost 3



## Message from Rev. Aaron Moad

### The cost of discipleship.

The opening words of our Gospel reading this week are: "As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem." Jesus sent His messengers on ahead of Him to Jerusalem so that they could prepare for his arrival.

As Jesus travelled up to Jerusalem, there were people who refused to welcome Him. When James and John saw this happening, they were extremely angry. They turned to Jesus and asked: "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven and annihilate these people?" Jesus turned and sternly looked at them. Then He corrected them for what they had said.

As they approached Jerusalem, a man came Jesus and said to Him: "I will go with you wherever you go." Jesus replied to him, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests. However, the Son of Man has no place to call His own." Jesus then invited another man to follow Him. However, the man looked at Jesus in dismay and said: "Let me wait until I have buried my father." Jesus bluntly responded: "Let the dead bury the dead."

Then another person came to Jesus and said: "I want to follow you, Lord; however, I need to return



home and take care of some affairs and then I will follow you." Jesus looked at the man and said: "Anyone who begins to plough and keeps looking back is not worthy of the Kingdom of Heaven."

While this collection of stories may just seem to be strung together as a sequence of events that occurred as Jesus made his way toward Jerusalem, there is a common theme. In these stories, even though Jesus' words appear harsh, Luke is telling us how to receive Jesus and his call, even if we find the call inconvenient or untimely.

We are called to follow Jesus' call without reservation. It is easy for us to say, "Sure, Jesus, I will do this for you after I do what I want to do." Jesus does not want a half-hearted response from us when he calls. He wants all of us, our entire selves, and he wants us to respond to his call with a wholehearted "yes."

So, what is Jesus calling you today?

Maybe spend some quiet time today reflecting on this question.

What do you feel stirring within your heart?

Most importantly, how will you respond to Jesus' call for you?



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>Safe Working With Children</b>
	<b>Workshop 4pm</b>
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Worship Service 9am</b>

## Upcoming events for your diary

<b>Safe Working With Children</b>	<b>1 July @ 4pm</b>
<b>Workshop</b>	
<b>Messy Church</b>	<b>9 July @ 4pm</b>
<b>Church Elders Meeting</b>	<b>11 July @ 4:30pm</b>
<b>Fellowship Lunch</b>	<b>13 July @ 11:45am</b>
<b>Pastoral Care Meeting</b>	<b>25 July @ 10am</b>
<b>Church Council Meeting</b>	<b>8 August @ 7pm</b>
<b>Craft Group</b>	<b>22 July @ 9am</b>
<b>Men's Breakfast</b>	<b>30 July @ 8am</b>
<b>Chiara Companion</b>	<b>TBA</b>

## 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.**

**BUT I SAID,  
"I HAVE LABORED IN VAIN;  
I HAVE SPENT MY STRENGTH FOR NOTHING AT ALL.  
YET WHAT IS DUE ME  
IS IN THE LORD'S HAND,  
AND MY REWARD  
IS WITH MY GOD."  
ISAIAH 49:4 NIV**

## Church Roster

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Communion	—————	Isabell, Jill & Jean
Communion	—————	Neil, Robyn,
Elders	—————	Audrey, Elizabeth
Organist	Audrey	Audrey
Duty Elders	Elizabeth & Robyn	Joyce & Elizabeth
Greeters	Nigel & Sylvia	Cilla & Abby
Bible Reader	Yesha & Elizabeth	Steph & Dorothy
Morning Tea	Pat & Stephanie	Dorothy & Vai
Hall Set Up	Craft Group	Nigel & Neil
Cleaning	Craft Group	Aaron & Shirley

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

## 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

## Safe Working With Children

We are trying to organise a 'Safe Working With Children' in service which is compulsory and delivered online. For those needing help we are planning a hands on workshop Friday the 1st of July at 4pm to complete the training. We need numbers of those attending and whether they need a computer. For those who are comfortable completing this themselves at home please go to the following link:  
<https://educate.ucaqld.com.au/login/>

# Invitation To Lunch

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

**When:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 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 11th July 2022) Contact Janice