

Sunday 5 June 2022 | Pentecost



Message from Rev. Aaron Moad

Today is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost was the second major festival of the Jewish year – after Passover. The name comes from the Greek word Pentecostos

meaning fifty and is fifty days after the Passover. For the Jewish people it was the time of offering the first fruits of the Wheat Harvest to God. It was also the day that the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles. It was the birth of the Christian Church.

As a Christian it is impossible to live without the help of the Holy Spirit. But to appreciate the role of the Spirit in the life of a Christian we have to start with Jesus himself. Even Jesus needed the Spirit. The Spirit had a big role to play in his life. The Spirit descended on him at his baptism, revealing him as the Father's beloved Son.

At his baptism Jesus also received power of the Spirit for the mission he was about to begin. The Spirit was not just given for a moment; the Spirit remained with him throughout his public ministry. Jesus was continually led, strengthened, and guided by the Spirit.

It was the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead. It was the Spirit who opened the minds of his disciples and helped them to understand the meaning of his death. When he was raised up to glory at the right hand of the Father, Jesus poured out the Spirit on those who were to carry on his mission. The Holy Spirit descended on the apostles. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they began their mission. And in the Scriptures, we see the great courage and confidence with which they did so.

It is the same Spirit that descends on us at our Baptism and Confirmation. The Spirit is not given for a moment but accompanies us on our journey in the footsteps of Jesus. The Spirit gives us power to participate in the work of Jesus. The Holy Spirit is our strength in times of weakness, our guide in times of doubt, our consoler in times of sadness, our advocate who always pleads our cause. We can't take even one step without the Spirit. The gifts of the Spirit are: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. Wisdom, understanding, and counsel (right judgment) guide our mind and assist our conscience in knowing right from wrong. Fortitude (courage) enables us to do the right thing even when it is difficult or unpopular.

St. Paul talks about the fruits of the Spirit (Gal 5:22). The Spirit brings love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These are beautiful things and make life joyful.

Paul warns us against self-indulgence, which is the opposite of the Spirit. Self-indulgence produces bad temper, fighting, jealousy, cruelty, meanness, revenge, fornication, idolatry, and drunkenness. These are ugly things and make life miserable. The more we renounce ourselves, and "walk in the Spirit", the more fruitful our lives will become.

The Spirit that we have been given is the Spirit of power. The coming of the Spirit provided the apostles with the energy, the courage, and the love to get on with the task Christ had given them. May the Holy Spirit come upon us and shower us with his gifts that are so needed during these difficult times.



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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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 Council Meeting 7pm
Tuesday	Mainly Music 9am
Wednesday	Prayer Meeting 8am Rev. Aaron's Coffee Catch up 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

Upcoming events for your diary

Church Council Meeting	6 June @ 7pm
Fellowship Lunch	8 June @ 11:45am
Craft Group	10 June @ 9am
Messy Church	11 June @ 4pm
Chiara Companion	19 June @ 1:30pm
Men's Breakfast	25 June @ 8am
Safe Working With Children Workshop	1 July @ 4pm
Church Elders Meeting	11 July @ 4:30pm
Pastoral Care Meeting	TBA

Fred's Place

Winter is suddenly upon us and Fred's Place would appreciate your generous donations to assist them with serving our local homeless community. Items sought are non-perishable food, blankets, jackets and beanies. If you are able to help please contact Marshall.

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 Thursday 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/>

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.

Farewell Morning Tea

'In three weeks, 19th of June, it will be Virginia and Ray Browne's last day with us before they move to Warrick in Queensland. To give everyone the chance to say "farewell" please stay for morning tea that day. Bring a plate to share, if you are able, would be much appreciated.'

Church Roster

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Communion	Isabell, Jill & Jean	-----
Communion	Neil, Robyn, Jill	-----
Elders	Elizabeth	-----
Organist	Lilian	Audrey
Duty Elders	Neil & Elizabeth	Robyn & Jill
Greeters	Cilla & Abby	Judy & Peter
Bible Reader	Terryll & Judy	Dudley & Georgina
Morning Tea	Dorothy & Shirley	Judy & Kristine
Hall Set Up	Nigel & Peter	Messy Church
Cleaning	Terryll & Stephanie	Messy Church

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

Invitation To Lunch

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

When: Wednesday 8th June 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 6th June 2022) Contact Janice