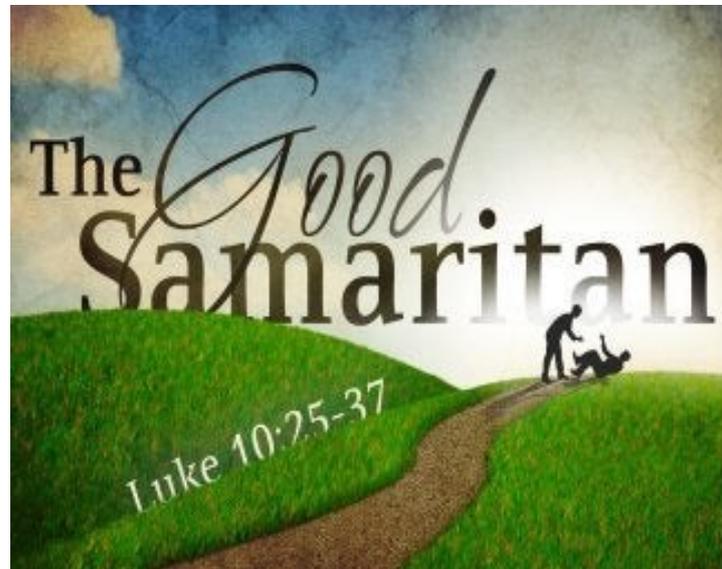


Sunday 10 July 2022 | Pentecost 5



Message from Rev. Aaron Moad

The story of the good Samaritan is one of the most well-known stories in the Bible. In this passage, Jesus is asked two questions by one of

the religious leaders, an expert of the Law. The first is "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" In typical Jesus style he answers this question with a question turning it back on the lawyer. Jesus asks what does the Law say? The Lawyer replies He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." Good answer Jesus tells him. Thinking he can outsmart Jesus the Lawyer asks a second question "And who is my neighbour?"

Realising a teaching opportunity Jesus answers this question with a story of a man who is robbed and left for dead by the roadside. A priest and a Levite pass by without stopping to help, but a Samaritan – a member of a group that was traditionally despised by the Jews – stops to render aid. Whilst Jesus

designed this story to point out a deficiency in the religious leader's character, it is also a story that teaches us as much as it embarrasses the religious leader. This story has much to teach us about compassion, mercy, and love for our neighbour. It reminds us that we are all children of God, regardless of our station in life, and that we are called to love one another as he loves us. As we reflect on this passage, let us pray for the courage to follow the Samaritan's example and show compassion to those who are in need.

The story of the good Samaritan is one that has always stuck with me. It's a story of someone who went out of their way to help a stranger in need, even though it cost them time and money. It's a story of compassion and love, and it's something we should all strive for. So today, I want to pray that God would help us to love others like the good Samaritan. I pray that we would be willing to go out of our way to help those in need, even if it's inconvenient or uncomfortable. I pray that we would have compassion for others, even if they are different from us.



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"

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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
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
Next Sunday	Worship Service 9am

Church Roster

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Organist	Audrey	Jill
Duty Elders	Robyn & Jill	Robyn & Neil
Greeters	Sylvia & Nigel	Cilla & Les
Bible Reader	Jill & Robyn	Yesha & Terryll
Morning Tea	Steph & Kristine	Kristine & Steph
Hall Set Up	Messy Church	Brian & Nigel
Cleaning	Messy Church	Terryll & Stephanie

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

Poem - My Hope ~ Author Unknown

Jesus is coming! It could be today,
It could be tomorrow, but surely one day.
The hope of His coming is blessed to me,
I long for the day when His face I shall see.
When weary with things that perplex and annoy,
And many things threaten my peace to destroy;
I think of His coming and soon they depart,
And peace once again reigns supreme in my heart.
I read of the mansions in heaven so fair,
And ponder the place He has gone to prepare;
And hope fills my soul as I go on my way,
Rejoicing to know that He may come today.
My hope for tomorrow sustains me today.
His Word like a lamp gives a light on my way.
I know that the future is in His control,
This hope for tomorrow brings peace to my soul.

Upcoming events for your diary

Church Elders Meeting	11 July @ 4:30pm
Fellowship Lunch	13 July @ 11:45am
Thursday Night Bible Study	21 July @ 6:30pm
Craft Group	22 July @ 9am
Pastoral Care Meeting	25 July @ 10am
Mainly Music Returns	26 July @ 9am
Men's Breakfast	30 July @ 8am
Church Council Meeting	8 August @ 7pm
Messy Church	13 August @ 4pm
Chiara Companion	TBA

Pastoral Care Meeting

NEXT PASTORAL CARE MEETING will be held on Monday 25th July 2022, in the hall beginning with a cuppa at 9.30am and meeting beginning at 10am.
Georgina Stanton.

Helpers Needed

Helpers needed for a working Bee to clean up the Mainly Music cupboard on Tuesday 19th July at 9am.
All help appreciated, more the merrier.

Thursday Night Bible Study

Thursday night Bible Study is in recess until Thursday 21 July 2022 at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to come and join in. Thank you.

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 13th 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