



# BANORA POINTER

Sunday 17 July 2022 | Pentecost 6



**Rev. Aaron Moad**  
currently on much  
needed holidays

**"You are anxious -  
one thing is needful"**

**Scripture:**

*Luke 10:38-42*

**Meditation:** Does the peace of Christ reign in your home and in your personal life? Jesus loved to visit the home of Martha and Mary and enjoyed their gracious hospitality. In this brief encounter we see two very different temperaments in Martha and Mary. Martha loved to serve, but in her anxious manner of waiting on Jesus, she caused unrest. Mary, in her simple and trusting manner, waited on Jesus by sitting attentively at his feet. She instinctively knew that what the Lord and Teacher most wanted at that moment was her attentive presence.

**Give your concerns and pre-occupations to the Lord**  
Anxiety and preoccupation keep us from listening and from giving the Lord our undivided attention. The Lord bids us to give him our concerns and anxieties because he is trustworthy and able to meet any need we have. His grace frees us from needless concerns and preoccupation. Do you seek the Lord attentively? And does the Lord find a welcomed and honored place in your home?

**Always welcome the Lord into your home and heart**

The Lord Jesus desires that we make a place for him, not only in our hearts, but in our homes and in the daily circumstances of our lives as well. We honor the Lord when we offer to him everything we have and everything we do. After all, everything we have is an outright gift from God (1 Chronicles 29:14). Paul the Apostle urges us to give God glory in everything: "Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Colossians 3:17).



When you sit, eat, sleep and when you entertain your friends and guests, remember that the Lord Jesus is also the guest of your home. Scripture tells us that when Abraham opened his home and welcomed three unknown travellers, he welcomed the Lord who blessed him favourably for his gracious hospitality (Genesis 18:1-10; Hebrews 13:2). The Lord wants us to bring him glory in the way we treat others and use the gifts he has graciously given to us. God, in turn, blesses us with his gracious presence and fills us with joy.

"Virtue does not have a single form. In the example of Martha and Mary, there is added the busy devotion of the one and the pious attention of the other to the Word of God, which, if it agrees with faith, is preferred even to the very works, as it is written: 'Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her.' So let us also strive to have what no one can take away from us, so that not careless but diligent hearing may be granted to us. For even the seeds of the heavenly Word itself are likely to be taken away if they are sowed by the wayside (Luke 8:5,12). Let the desire for wisdom lead you as it did Mary. It is a greater and more perfect work. Do not let service divert the knowledge of the heavenly Word... Nor is Martha rebuked in her good serving, but Mary is preferred because she has chosen the better part for herself, for Jesus abounds with many blessings and bestows many gifts. And therefore the wiser chooses what she perceives as foremost." (excerpt from *EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 7.83-86*)

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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>Wednesday</b>	<b>Prayer Meeting</b> 8am <b>Worship Singers</b> 2pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study group</b> 9am <b>CWCI Bible Study</b> 10am <b>Thursday Night Bible Study</b> 6:30pm
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Craft Group</b> 9am
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> 9am

## 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.

## Poem - Direct Me, O Lord ~ Author: M.S. Lowndes

Direct me, O Lord, To where you want me to be  
Give light to my steps, And a lamp to my feet

Give me your wisdom, So I'll know which road to  
take And know the twists and turns  
And when I need to wait

All these things, O Lord, Are important in our walk,  
So we won't go the wrong way,  
Forgetting what you've taught

Let us know your will, The plans you have for us,  
So we may fulfil our destiny  
And be walking in your love

So that others may also Come to know your ways  
And follow after you, O Lord,  
And walk within your grace.

**Christian Poem relating to God's Direction  
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## Upcoming events for your diary

<b>Thursday Night Bible Study</b>	<b>21 July @ 6:30pm</b>
<b>Craft Group</b>	<b>22 July @ 9am</b>
<b>Pastoral Care Meeting</b>	<b>25 July @ 10am</b>
<b>Mainly Music Returns</b>	<b>26 July @ 9am</b>
<b>Men's Breakfast</b>	<b>30 July @ 8am</b>
<b>Church Council Meeting</b>	<b>8 August @ 7pm</b>
<b>Fellowship Lunch</b>	<b>10 August @ 11:45am</b>
<b>Messy Church</b>	<b>13 August @ 4pm</b>
<b>Church Elders Meeting</b>	<b>12 September @ 4:30pm</b>
<b>Chiara Companion</b>	<b>TBA</b>

## Thursday Night Bible Study

Thursday night Bible Study will resume this coming Thursday, 21 July 2022 at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to come and join in. Thank you.

## Church Roster

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Organist	Jill	Jill
Duty Elders	Robyn & Neil	Elizabeth & Neil
Greeters	Terryll & Cilla	Lorraine & Robyn
Bible Reader	Yesha & Terryll	Dudley & Neil
Morning Tea	Sylvia & Lorraine	Terryll & Shirley
Hall Set Up	Brian & Nigel	Nigel & Terryll
Cleaning	Terryll & Stephanie	Craft Group

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



# Men's Breakfast

**Day:** Saturday 30 July 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.**