

Sunday 24 July 2022 | Pentecost 7



*Peter Heals a Crippled Beggar
Acts 3:1-16*

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

One of today's Bible readings is of Peter and John and is found in the Book of Acts in the New Testament.

The Book of Acts talks about the many ways the apostles spread the word of God after Jesus' death. During this time, many people in Jerusalem believed in Jesus. The leaders who crucified Christ tried to stop the apostles from preaching about Jesus. But the Apostles did preach, and like Jesus, they performed many miracles.

The many miracles of healing that Peter and the apostles performed were important because they proved that the apostles' message about Jesus was true. They made the apostles popular, and they helped protect them from the leaders who killed Jesus. The miracles helped many people to change their hearts and minds about Jesus. They turned to him as their Saviour.

In this miracle, Peter and John heal a lame man. The lame man was a beggar. Being a beggar was a miserable life. There was no system at the time that provided for disabled or elderly people. They depended entirely on their family and friends and gifts from kind people.

This beggar was lying outside "The Beautiful Gate." Most scholars think the gate was a gate to the Temple of Jerusalem leading to the part of the temple called

the Court of the Women. It would have been a good place to beg since many people passed it every day.

They were questioned by a council. First, they couldn't believe these fishermen could speak so well, let alone heal. The demanded the two men not preach about Jesus anymore but they would not relent. They would never stop sharing the Word of God.

What is the lesson in all of this? Certainly, we are not capable of performing miracles. So, what is it God asks of us? God asks that continue to be disciples by sharing his Word, by praying together and alone and by continuing to learn about His wonderful ways. At first, it seems overwhelming to us. After all, we are being asked to do something else in addition to our very busy lives? And that is where we should stop, and take stock; What is it that is getting in the way of the very thing we were put here on earth for, that Christ died for? God is not asking us to stop breathing! God is asking us to tell all of His good works, and about His love and His forgiving ways. We start today by sharing the story of the Healing of the Lame Man.

Peter and John could bring the gift of health and a new life in every sense of the word – both physical and spiritual. This miracle was a sign that God was interested in every part of human life.

Adapted from source: <https://www.rotation.org/topic/peter-and-john-heal-a-lame-man---workshop-lesson-sets-and-ideas>



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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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	Pastoral Care Meeting 10am
Tuesday	Mainly Music 9:30am
Wednesday	Prayer Meeting 8am Coffee With Rev. Aaron 9am Worship Singers 2pm
Thursday	Men's Bible Study group 9am CWCI Bible Study 10am Thursday Night Bible Study 6:30pm
Saturday	Men's Breakfast 8am
Next Sunday	Worship Service 9am

Upcoming events for your diary

Pastoral Care Meeting	25 July @ 10am
Mainly Music Returns	26 July @ 9am
Men's Breakfast	30 July @ 8am
Craft Group	5 August @ 9am
Church Council Meeting	8 August @ 7pm
Fellowship Lunch	10 August @ 11:45am
Messy Church	13 August @ 4pm
Chiara Companion	21 August @ TBA
Church Elders Meeting	12 September @ 4:30pm

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.

Peter and the Lame Man Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be right to left, up and down, or diagonally.



ANKLES
APOSTLES
FEET
HEAL
HELP

JOHN
MONEY
PETER
TEMPLE
WALK

Church Roster

	Today	Next Sunday
Organist	Jill	Audrey
Duty Elders	Elizabeth & Neil	Elizabeth & Jill
Greeters	Lorraine & Robyn	Neil & Nellie
Bible Reader	Dudley & Neil	Sylvia & Nigel
Morning Tea	Terryll & Shirley	Mary & Chris
Hall Set Up	Nigel & Terryll	Nigel & Brian
Cleaning	Craft Group	Sylvia & Nigel

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

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.

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.

