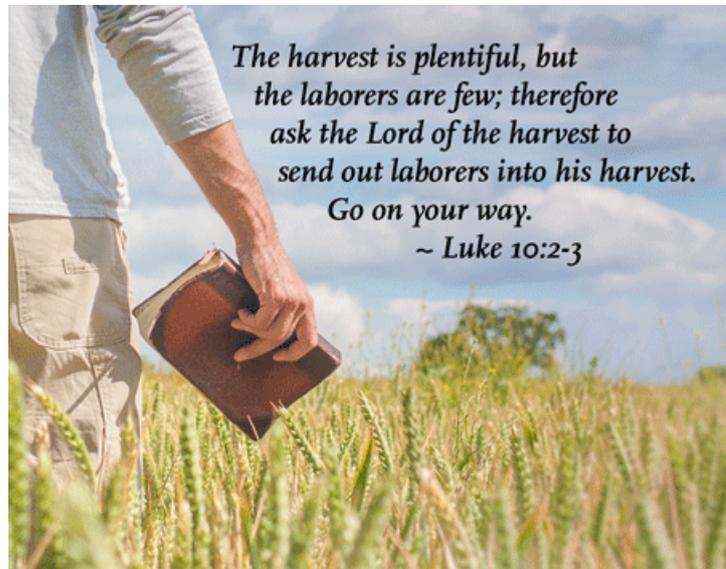




# BANORA POINTER

Sunday 3 July 2022 | Pentecost 4



*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. ~ Luke 10:2-3*



## Message from Rev. Aaron Moad

### We are all apostles

Today's Gospel reading from Luke reminds us that we are all called to go out into the world as

apostles of Christ. Apostle simply means one sent on a mission, and we are all sent just as the first apostles were. Jesus' command to the seventy others is clear: Go on your way. Jesus sends those apostles out in pairs because he knows the dangers that lurk around every corner. He also tells them to go 'as they are', without elaborate preparations and large amounts of luggage. Jesus knows that he is sending them out like lambs going into the midst of wolves. Jesus knows our mission isn't an easy one.

Many of us consider the challenge of living and preaching the gospel as being beyond us. We struggle with the ridicule and rejection with which we are confronted. We like to think of this aspect of the Christian faith as being the job of the professionals, ministers, preachers and missionaries. But, of course, we should all consider ourselves to be 'professionals' we are all missionaries when it comes to living and preaching the Good News of Jesus Christ. Jesus calls us to love God, our neighbours and go and make disciples.

Whilst some are called to travel far and wide furthering the mission and ministry of the Church, others are called to live out their faith in their local

community. Those who travel far and wide are urged by Jesus to travel in faith to travel light. The Franciscan Order is a good example of this. Franciscans have no worldly possessions, in honour of their oath of poverty, and as they travel they do so in faith, relying upon the charity, the love, of those whom they serve. We are all called to embrace this model. We are all called to set aside our 'need' to prepare for every possible eventuality as we travel and to trust that God will provide.

For those who are called to serve in their local communities, our Lord's words are no less potent. As we meet friends, family and neighbours we are called to radiate the love and light of Christ in all we say and do. We are called to set aside our love of local gossip and rumour mongering and focus on loving and serving in the name of Jesus Christ.

All of this is a challenge. Whether we are stepping into the unknown or the familiar, Jesus' words remain just as relevant. We are sent out to be disciples and apostles. We are called to follow that path trusting in God alone. And ... when we meet hostility and rejection (those wolves!) we need to turn away and focus on those who want to feel the love and grace of God and the joy of God's kingdom. We are not called to judge, that task belongs to God alone, we are not even called to 'convert' people only the Spirit can do that, but we are called to tell people about God's love in words and actions and we are called to continue journeying in faith and in joy, in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Church Council Meeting</b> 7pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Prayer Meeting</b> 8am <b>Rev. Aaron's Coffee Catch up</b> 9am <b>Worship Singers</b> 2pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study group</b> 9am <b>CWCI Bible Study</b> 10am
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Messy Church</b> 4pm

## Upcoming events for your diary

<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>Mainly Music Returns</b>	<b>19 July @ 9am</b>
<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>Men's Breakfast</b>	<b>30 July @ 8am</b>
<b>Church Council Meeting</b>	<b>8 August @ 7pm</b>
<b>Chiara Companion</b>	<b>TBA</b>

## The Sin of Lying

A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17."

The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."

## Church Roster

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Communion	Isabell, Jill & Jean	-----
Communion	Neil, Robyn,	-----
Elders	Audrey, Elizabeth	-----
Organist	Audrey	Audrey
Duty Elders	Neil & Elizabeth	Robyn & Jill
Greeters	Terryll & Lynn W	Sylvia & Nigel
Bible Reader	Steph & Dorothy	Jill & Robyn
Morning Tea	Dorothy & Vai	Steph & Kristine
Hall Set Up	Nigel & Neil	Messy Church
Cleaning	Aaron & Shirley	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

## 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.**

## 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.

# 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