



BANORA POINTER

Sunday 11 September 2022 | Pentecost 14



Message from Rev. Aaron Moad

In today's Gospel reading (John 15:1-10), Jesus uses the image of the vine and the branches. This is a familiar parable. Jesus

tells his disciples that he, Jesus, is the "true" vine and his Father is the vine grower. And if his Father is the vine grower, He is responsible for growing good grapes that will make good quality wine. Jesus also says that the vine grower will prune us. Painful as this seems, this pruning will enable us to bear more fruit.

However, who wants to be pruned? Do you? For myself, I don't like it when I am being pruned. Typically, pruning entails loss and pain. Personally, I prefer to be left alone. However, if I'm not pruned, the consequence is that I won't bear good fruit.

Life prunes us all the time. And most often, we don't like the pruning. Being pruned is typically painful and difficult. but, later, we probably realise that the

pruning has enabled us to bear fruit in new and different ways. We might also begin to experience the new life that has come from our pruning. We may have grown and changed for the better.

The vine grower recognises when the vines need to be pruned. And the vine grower also realises that better fruit will grow because the vine has been pruned. Do we trust our "vine grower?" Do we trust that God only desires goodness, happiness and abundant fruit for us? Hopefully our answer is yes. True, it doesn't take away the pain of being pruned. Most often "being pruned" is difficult. However, if we trust our vine grower and believe that growth and plenty will come from the pruning, we will bear abundant fruit in our lives.

Today and always may we trust our Vine grower. He only desires what is best for us. And He will prune us in a gentle and loving way to be more and more like him every day.

BPUC Church Fete

SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2022 - 8.00AM TO 11.30AM
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN ANYWAY PLEASE SEE TERRYLL



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
Tuesday	Mainly Music 9am
Wednesday	Prayer Meeting 8am 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	Prayer & Christian Meditation 10am
Next Sunday	Worship Service 9am BPUC Congregation Meeting 10am Chiara Companion 12pm

Upcoming events for your diary

Church Elders Meeting	12 September @ 4:30pm
Fellowship Lunch	14 September @ 11:45am
Craft Group	16 September @ 9am
Prayer & Christian Meditation	17 September @ 9am
BPUC Congregation Meeting	18 September @ 10am
Chiara Companion	18 September @ 12pm
Men's Breakfast	24 September @ 8am
Pastoral Care Meeting	26 September @ 10am
Messy Church	8 October @ 4pm
Church Council Meeting	10 October @ 7pm
BPUC Fate	5 November @ 8am

BPUC Congregational Meeting

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the Congregational Meeting, which will take place following our worship service on **Sunday 18 September 2022**. No morning tea will be served on this day.

Pastoral Care Meeting

NEXT PASTORAL CARE MEETING will be held on **Monday 26th September 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

Church Roster

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Duty Elders	Elizabeth & Robyn	Audrey & Jill
Organist	Audrey	Jill
Greeters	Jane & Elspeth	Mary B & Joyce
Bible Reader	Georgina & Patti	Terryl & Walter
Children's Message	Aaron	Neil
Prayer For Others	Georgina	Neil
Morning Tea	Judy & Stephanie	— — — — —
Hall Set Up	Messy Church	— — — — —
Cleaning	Messy Church	Craft Group

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

Contemplative Prayer & Christian Meditation

Please come along on the **17th of September at 9am** in the Church Hall, for a workshop on Contemplative Prayer and Christian Meditation. Both of these Spiritual Disciplines are designed to enrich your personal prayer time with God and bring peace to your day. **All are welcome.**

Invitation To Lunch

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

When: Wednesday 14th September 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 12th Sept. 2022) Contact Janice