

Sunday 9 October 2022 | Pentecost 18



Message from Rev. Aaron Moad

In our reading (Luke 17:11-19) Jesus is on his journey traveling to Jerusalem for the last time. When he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came

toward him. They kept their distance, protect Jesus and his followers from their disease. However, all ten of the lepers shouted out to Jesus: "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" Immediately Jesus turned to them and said: "Go and show yourselves to the priests."

At these words, the lepers left to go to the temple. As they were walking towards the temple, the lepers realized that they had been healed. Can you imagine the wonder and joy they experienced as they began to comprehend the fact that Jesus had healed them? What a great gift Jesus had given them. The lepers likely had expected to be outcasts in society for the rest of their lives.

Sadly, only one of the lepers returned to Jesus to thank him for the great gift Jesus had given him. The leper knelt at the feet of Jesus and praised him. Ironically, this

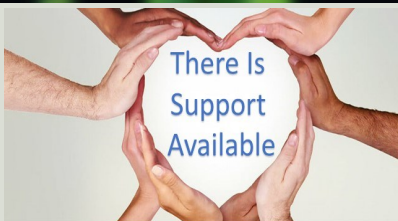
man was a Samaritan. This would have come as a shock to Jesus audience, a huge plot twist in the story. Historically, there were irreconcilable differences between the Jews and the Samaritans. The Jews typically regarded the Samaritans as the worst of the human race. However, when Jesus saw the Samaritan, he did not see a Samaritan or a leper. Instead Jesus recognised a fellow human being who was suffering and who was in need.

Today Jesus reminds us to have open minds and hearts to every individual person we encounter. We may not like everybody we meet, we may even consider them an "outcast." However, Jesus today reminds us to "see" the everybody we encounter with his loving eyes. And if we choose to do this, we may also receive the gift of being seen by the loving eyes and heart of another person. Who knows: the gift we give, may also be the gift we receive. The question is: Will we strive to have open eyes and an open heart to see everybody we meet as Jesus did?



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

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| Monday | Church Council Meeting 7pm |
| 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 |
| Next Sunday | Worship Service 9am Chiara Companion 1:30pm |

Upcoming events for your diary

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| Church Council Meeting | 10 October @ 7pm |
| Fellowship Lunch | 12 October @ 11:45am |
| Thursday Night Bible Study | 13 October @ 6:30pm |
| Craft Group | 14 October @ 9am |
| Chiara Companion | 16 October @ 1:30pm |
| Mainly Music | 18 October @ 9am |
| Men's Breakfast | 29 October @ 8am |
| BPUC Fete | 5 November @ 8am |
| Church Elders Meeting | 14 November @ 4:30pm |
| Pastoral Care Meeting | TBA @ 10am |

Church Roster

| | <u>Today</u> | <u>Next Sunday</u> |
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| Duty Elders | Jill & Neil | Neil & Robyn |
| Organist | Audrey | Jill |
| Greeters | Steph & Lorraine | Robyn & Joyce |
| Bible Reader | Robyn & Steph | Joyce & Neil |
| Children's Message | Terryll | Audrey |
| Prayer For Others | Aaron | Audrey |
| Morning Tea | Judy & Sylvia | Terryll & Steph |
| Hall Set Up | Messy Church | Brian & Peter |
| Cleaning | Messy Church | Craft Group |

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

Breakfast & Hear From SRE Teachers

Everyone is invited to breakfast on **Saturday 29 October 2022 at 8.30am**. Come and enjoy breakfast and hear from our SRE teachers Jemma and Kirsten about their work in our local high schools. **Cost is \$15 per head**. Please place your name on the list in the front foyer.

All welcome.

TCCEA Prayer Meeting

Everyone is invited to come along to our next prayer meeting will be held on:

**Monday 24 October 2022 at 4pm,
Tweed Heads Presbyterian Church,
18 Florence St, Tweed Heads**

Join with other Christians from our member churches in a time of prayer for our SRE teachers, the schools and their teachers as well as the students and their families.

TCCEA AGM Meeting

Save the date

Everyone is invited to attend the AGM of the TCCEA
**Tuesday 18 October at 6pm,
Tweed Heads Presbyterian Church,
18 Florence St, Tweed Heads.**

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 12th October 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 10th Oct. 2022) Contact Janice