



# BANORA POINTER

Sunday 30 October 2022 | Pentecost 21



## Message from Rev. Aaron Moad

Do you consider yourself to be an optimist or a pessimist? Do you see the world as a place of opportunity or despair? Do you see

your fellow human beings as companions or obstacles? When you have stopped thinking about those big questions, here is another conundrum: are you an optimist or a pessimist in matters of faith?

We are all called to live a life that is humble, loving and serving. No matter what our personal feelings about the circumstances in which we find ourselves, or about the people amongst whom we live out our daily lives, we are called to walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Saviour.

This is, of course, a very big challenge for all of us. Throughout his earthly ministry, Jesus was constantly surrounded by those who vilified him, by those who plotted to destroy him. But ... this never changed his resolve to bring healing and new life wherever he went.

When we look at Jesus' ministry in this context, and alongside his call for us to live in the same way, it is easy for us to become overwhelmed with our own shortcomings. It is easy for us to see ourselves as being beyond all hope. But, that is not the message we hear in today's reading (Luke 19:1-10): the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.

Zacchaeus saw himself as being beyond hope, and yet he still sought out Jesus. His profession and his personal standing distanced him from 'respectable' religious society, and yet he still sought out Jesus. It could not have been easy for him to climb that sycamore tree, but he did, and Jesus recognized and rewarded the faith of that



man who saw himself as being beyond hope, yet went to extreme lengths just to get a glimpse of Jesus.

As well as being humble, loving and serving, all who call themselves Christians are called to be joyous in their faith. They are called to run on ahead of Jesus as heralds of the good news he brought into this world. They are called to trust that Jesus knows their hearts and minds, and that he will save those who believe themselves to be lost.

As Jesus was walking down the road, he looked up and saw Zacchaeus sitting in the tree. Surprisingly, Jesus asked him to come down. Jesus told Zacchaeus that he wished to stay at his house. Zacchaeus was amazed and overjoyed that Jesus would come to his house but simply being in Jesus' presence overwhelmed Zacchaeus. Immediately Zacchaeus had a deep conversion. Simply being in Jesus' presence and then being seen by him changed Zacchaeus' heart and his life. He would never be the same.

Today Jesus is inviting us to come and spend time with him: to sit, listen, and talk with him. What will our response be? Will we invite him into our inner home? Or will we stay in our tree and watch him walk by?

### There Is Support Available

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"**

### Banora Point Uniting Church

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

## Upcoming events for your diary

<b>Pastoral Care Meeting</b>	<b>TBA @ 10am</b>
<b>Craft Group</b>	<b>11 November @ 9am</b>
<b>BPUC Fete</b>	<b>5 November @ 8am</b>
<b>Fellowship Lunch</b>	<b>9 November @ 11:45am</b>
<b>Messy Church</b>	<b>12 November @ 4pm</b>
<b>Church Elders Meeting</b>	<b>14 November @ 4:30pm</b>
<b>Chaira Companions</b>	<b>20 November @ 1:30pm</b>
<b>Men's Breakfast</b>	<b>26 November @ 8am</b>
<b>Church Council Meeting</b>	<b>13 December @ 7pm</b>

## Activity dates for 2023

As the new year is fast approaching can the organisers of the various activities please email the church: [bpuchurch@optusnet.com.au](mailto:bpuchurch@optusnet.com.au) with the details of your activities for 2023. This will be a great help so that we can make sure that the church calendar for the Pointer is up-to-date and we do not miss your wonderful activities..

## Church Roster

	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
Communion Preparation	-----	Shirley & Stephanie
Communion Elders	-----	Robyn, Elizabeth
Duty Elders	Audrey & Neil	Elizabeth & Neil
Organist	Audrey	Audrey
Greeters	Sylvia & Nigel	Jan & Mary B
Bible Reader	Lynn & Nigel	Terryll & Patti
Children's Message	Aaron	Jane
Prayer For Others	Joyce	Aaron
Morning Tea	Mary & Chris	Pat & Kristine
Hall Set Up	Brian & Peter	Ross & Nigel
Cleaning	Lorraine & Lumiere	Aaron & Shirley

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

# BPUC Church Fete

SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2022 - 8.00AM TO 11:30AM  
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN ANYWAY PLEASE SEE TERRYLL

## Invitation To Lunch

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

**When:** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 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 9th Nov. 2022) Contact Janice