



# BANORA POINTER

Sunday 9 April 2023 - Easter Sunday



## A message from Rev. Aaron Moad



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, we gather to celebrate the glorious event of Easter Sunday, where we remember the resurrection of our Lord and saviour, Jesus Christ. Our reading from Isaiah 65:17-25 reminds us of the new life and hope that come with Christ's resurrection. In this passage, God promises a new heaven and a new earth, where there will be no more weeping or crying, where people will live long and fruitful lives, and where even the animals will live in harmony. This vision of peace and prosperity is made possible through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

In Luke 24:1-12, we read the account of the women who went to Jesus' tomb early on the first day of the week. They found the stone rolled away and the tomb empty. Suddenly, two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning appeared to them and said, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" The women were filled with both fear and amazement at this news. They went and told the disciples, but they did not believe them at first. This account reminds us that the resurrection of Jesus is not just a historical event, but a reality that brings fear and amazement, and has the power to transform our lives today.

Joy, because the resurrection of Jesus brings the ultimate victory over sin and death. Jesus has overcome the power of darkness and has paved the way for us to experience eternal life. This is truly a cause for celebration, as we remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for us on the cross. We can find joy in knowing that our sins have been forgiven and that we have

been reconciled to God.

Love, because the resurrection of Jesus is the ultimate expression of God's love for us. Through his death and resurrection, Jesus demonstrated the depth of God's love, a love that is sacrificial, unconditional, and transformative. This love has the power to heal our brokenness and bring us closer to God. It is a love that we can share with others, as we reach out to those who are hurting and in need of hope.

Hope, because the resurrection of Jesus is a promise of new life. It gives us hope that even in the midst of difficult circumstances, God is present with us, and that he will bring new life out of the ashes. This hope sustains us through the trials and difficulties of life, and it gives us the courage to face the future with confidence.

As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ this Easter, let us remember that the empty tomb is a symbol of hope, love, and joy. Let us hold fast to the promise that we will one day live in a world where there is no more pain or suffering, and where all things are made new. And let us share this message of hope and love with others, so that they too may experience the joy of having a relationship with Jesus Christ.

May the peace and blessings of our risen Lord be with you and your loved ones this Easter season.

In Christ,

Rev. Aaron

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### **Acknowledgement of country**

Banora Point Uniting Church acknowledges the Bundjalung people, the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, we pay respect to their Elders, past, present and future.

## What's Happening This Week

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Prayer Meeting</b> 8am <b>Fellowship Lunch</b> 11.45am
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study group</b> 8.30am <b>KYB (CWC)</b> 10am <b>Bible Study Group</b> 6.30pm
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Regeneration Team Meeting</b> 9am
<b>Sunday 16th</b>	<b>Chaira Companions</b> 1.30 Afternoon Tea at Mary's

## Church Roster

### Today

### Next Sunday

Duty Elders	Elizabeth & Jill	Neil & Elizabeth
Organist	Audrey	Jill
Greeters	Sylvia & Nigel	Joan C & Robyn
Bible Readers	Robyn & Nigel	Stephanie & Noah
Morning Tea	Janice & Vai	Kristine & Stephanie
Hall Set Up		
Cleaning	Aaron & Jane	Aaron

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

## Regeneration Team Meeting

The next regeneration team meeting will take place on Saturday 15 April at 9am. Please speak to Rev. Aaron if you have any queries etc. in this regard.

## Other upcoming events for your diary

**Council AGM** 18 April 7pm  
**Elders/Council Meeting** 18 April 7.15pm  
**Craft Club** 28 April 9am  
**Mens Breakfast** 29 April 8am  
**Mainly Music** 2 May 9.30am  
**Messy Church** 13 May 4pm

## Fellowship Lunch

Everybody is welcome to join the 'Happy Lunchers' 11:45am Wednesday April 12th in the "Secret Garden" South Tweed Sports Club for fellowship and lunch. RSVP to Janice by 10th April.

## There Is Support Available

If you or someone you know is in need of help or support please let us know and how we can help by calling either;

- Rev. Aaron: 0411 325 527
- Your Pastoral Carer

## News from the Admin Desk

As previously advised, I am looking to boost the news items in our Pointer. I would welcome any items regarding our church life and activities. I am also interested in your views on the current format, e.g. do we need the Roster every week? Any ideas, views, help you can give would be much appreciated (within reason!) Please email me or talk to me.



## Offerings

As the Body of Christ here at Banora Point, there are many ways we can contribute to Christ's ongoing mission. Volunteering in local community groups is one way we can be the presence of Christ sharing the Gospel in action in our community.

Another important way we can contribute to the mission of Christ at Banora Point Uniting Church is financially. The offering enables the Uniting Church to have a continued presence in Banora Point, it allows us to run our current outreach programs and will help us meet the changing needs of our local community in the future. Our offerings are received physically during the Worship Service every week or if you prefer you can choose to give electronically, directly into our account. You can do this by direct debit or at your local Commonwealth Bank branch. Please contact Neil Rackham if you need any assistance.

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