



BANORA POINTER

Sunday 30 April 2023

A message from Rev. Aaron Moad



As I was reflecting on our readings Psalm 23, John 10:1-18, and Acts 2:42-47 during the week, I was struck by the common themes of how much God loves us and God's will to provide for our needs. These passages offer a beautiful and powerful picture of God as our loving and faithful shepherd, who guides us, provides for us, and protects us.

In Psalm 23, David uses the metaphor of a shepherd and his sheep to describe the relationship between God and his people. He writes, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." This verse expresses the idea that when we have God as our shepherd, we have everything we need. We lack nothing because we have the ultimate source of provision and care in our lives.

Psalm 23 goes on to describe the ways in which God provides for us as our shepherd. He makes us lie down in green pastures, he leads us beside still waters, and he restores our souls. These images paint a picture of a God who cares deeply for his people and who is intimately involved in our lives. When we find ourselves in situations where we feel lacking or in need, we can trust that God is our provider and that he will meet our needs according to his will, love, and faithfulness.

In John 10:1-18, Jesus uses the same metaphor of a shepherd and his sheep to describe his own relationship with his followers. He says, "I am the good shepherd"; he says the Good Shepherd knows his sheep and the sheep

know the shepherd. Jesus offers us the ultimate example of a shepherd who loves his sheep and is willing to lay down his life for them.

In this passage, Jesus also describes the ways in which he provides for his sheep. He says that he gives them abundant life and that no one can snatch them out of his hand. This offers us a sense of security, protection, peace and hope that is only possible through our relationship with Jesus. We can trust that he will always be with us and that he will always be with us and he it is his will to provide what we need.

In Acts 2:42-47 we see a beautiful picture of what it looks like to live in community as followers of Christ. This passage describes the early Christian church, which devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. They shared their possessions with one another, and they worshiped together with glad and sincere hearts.

Acts 2:42-47 reminds us that God's provision is not just about meeting our individual needs. It is also about living in community with one another, God works through others in community, as we share our resources, love each other, and support each other in our walk with Christ. As we follow Jesus together, we can experience the fullness of his provision and care in our lives.

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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.

Today's Bible Readings

Acts 2:42-47

John 10:1-18

What's Happening This Week

Tuesday	Mainly Music 9.30am
Wednesday	Prayer Meeting 8am
Thursday	Men's Bible Study group 8.30am
	KYB (CWC1) 10am
	Bible Study 6.30pm

Other upcoming events for your diary

Mainly Music 9 May 9.30am
Elders/Council Meeting 9 May 7pm
Fellowship Lunch 10 May 11.45am
Craft Club 12 May 9am
Messy Church 13 May 4pm
Chaira Companions 21 May 12noon

Church Roster

Today **Next Sunday**

Duty Elders	Neil & Robyn	Neil & Elizabeth
Organist	Jill	Jill
Greeters	Jane & Elspeth	Jan & Mary B
Bible Readers	Barbara & Dudley	Lynn W & Noah
Morning Tea	Mary & Chris	Shirley T & Dorothy McA
Hall Set Up	Craft Club	Nigel
Cleaning	Craft Club	Lorraine W & Helene

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

Fellowship Lunch

Everybody is welcome to join the 'Happy Lunchers' 11:45am Wednesday May 10th in the "Secret Garden" South Tweed Sports Club for fellowship and lunch. RSVP to Janice by 8th May.

Craft News



Our craft club are on the lookout for old greetings cards. If you have any such cards (Christmas, Birthday, Sympathy cards etc) and would be willing to pass them on to be recycled/reused for new cards to be sold for church funds, please speak to Sylvia.



Mainly Music starts back on Tuesday. This pre school group is one of our most enjoyable outreach activities. Why not check it out?!

Border Council of Churches - combined worship evening

A combined churches worship evening is being held today, Sunday 30 April at The Gathering, 56 Caloola Drive, Tweed Heads. It starts at 4pm with a food truck on the grass, and the worship service begins at 5pm. Everyone is most welcome to attend, however if you are intending to go, could you please let Dudley know, as approximate numbers have been requested.



Facebook

Do you use Facebook? You can help us get the word out to our community! If

you're on Facebook, please like and follow Banora Point Uniting Church Facebook page. When you see our posts, you can then like (or react), comment or share as this will help to get more exposure for our church and be seen by more people.

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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