



BANORA POINTER

Sunday 11 February 2024



A message from Rev. Aaron Moad



Good morning

In our reading this morning Mark 2:1-12 we read about Jesus miraculously healing a paralysed man this passage teaches us about the nature of faith, compassion, and the transformative power of experiencing the presence of Jesus. The story unfolds as Jesus and his small band of disciples return to Capernaum, and word spreads rapidly that that Jesus is home. Soon, a huge crowd gathers, eager to witness his teachings and experience his healing touch. Among them is a group of friends carrying a paralysed friend on a mat. Faced with the impossibility of getting their friend through the crowded entrance, they display remarkable ingenuity and faith by lowering him through the roof to bring him into Jesus' presence.

The first thing that we notice is the determination of this group to have their friend healed. They do not let anything stop them from reaching their goal. Their faith is not passive but active, motivating them to look for Jesus with unwavering conviction. This act of communal support and solidarity exemplifies the power of friendship and the importance of standing by one another in times of need.

When Jesus sees their faith, he responds with compassion and authority, declaring to the paralysed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven." This statement perplexes the scribes, who question Jesus' authority to forgive sins. Jesus worked on the biggest issue first, salvation, he forgave the man dealing with his spiritual

needs. The Scribes were correct only God has the authority to forgive sins In response to the Scribes questioning, Jesus performs a tangible miracle, instructing the man to rise, take up his mat, and walk. Instantly, the man is healed, and he walks out before the astonished crowd. This reveals the identity of Jesus, he has authority over physical ailments but more important he shows that he is God by forgiving the man of his sins. The significance of this event extends beyond the physical realm. It serves as a profound revelation of Jesus' identity as the Son of God and the embodiment of divine grace and mercy.

This passage challenges us to reflect on our own faith and the barriers that may hinder our spiritual journey. Are we willing to exhibit the same level of faith and determination as the paralysed man's friends? Do we believe in the transformative power of encountering Jesus in our lives, even in the midst of challenges and uncertainties? As we reflect on Mark 2:1-12, let us be inspired by the example of the paralysed man and his friends. Let us develop a faith that is bold, persistent, and unwavering, trusting in the healing and redemptive power of Christ. May we also be reminded of our call to extend compassion and support to people in need, bearing one another's burdens and sharing in the journey of faith together.

Grace and peace

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.

Today's Bible Readings

2 Kings 5:1-14
Mark 2:1-12

What's Happening This Week

Tuesday	Mainly Music 9.30am Elders/Council Meeting 7pm
Wednesday	Prayer meeting 8am Book Swap, Coffee & Chat 9.30am Fellowship Lunch 11.45am
Thursday	Men's Bible Study 8.30am KYB (CWCI) 10am Evening Bible Study 6.30pm
Friday	Craft Club 9am

Other upcoming events for your diary

Fellowship Lunch 14 February 11.45am
Chaira Companions 18 February tbc
Mainly Music 20 February 9.30am
Book Swap, Coffee & Chat 21 February 9.30am
Pastoral Care Meeting 23 February 10am
Men's Breakfast 24 February 8am
Craft Club 1 March 9am
Elders/Council Meeting 12 March 7pm

Church Roster

Today Next Sunday

Duty Elder	Elizabeth	Neil
Organist	Jill	Jill
Greeters	Lynn & Joyce	Mary B & Joan C
Bible Readers	Joyce & Lynn	Lumiere & Sylvia
Morning Tea	Pat & Steph	Sylvia & Vai
Hall Set Up	Ross	Nigel
Sound Room	Ross	Nigel
Cleaning	Aaron & Jane	Craft Club

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

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

Fellowship Lunch

Everybody is welcome to join the 'Happy Lunchers' at 11.45am on Wednesday 14 February in the "Secret Garden" South Tweed Sports Club for fellowship and lunch. RSVP to Janice by 12 February

Kid's Church

Kids Church is back after a very successful first term! Please share this good news with your neighbours, friends and family, as we would welcome more kids becoming involved!

Church Roster

We are always on the lookout for more volunteers for our church roster. At the moment we are really in need of more volunteers for Cleaning. Ideally we would like to have 2 people rostered on together each time. If you are able to help please talk to Janice.

Men's Breakfast

Meeting for breakfast at 8am on Saturday 24 February at the Twisted Fig Café (near Bunnings in Tweed Heads South), then on to our church hall for Carpet Bowls.

All men are welcome.

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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