



BANORA POINTER

Sunday 28 January 2024



A message from Rev. Aaron Moad



Good morning,

We find ourselves in Capernaum, the scene unfolds in the synagogue, a place where people sought spiritual guidance and engaged in communal worship. It was a Sabbath day like no other when Jesus, the embodiment of divine authority, entered the synagogue to teach. His words were unlike anything the people had heard before—words infused with wisdom and authority that resonated deeply within their souls.

Mark paints a vivid picture of the astonishment that gripped the hearts of the onlookers. Jesus spoke with an authority that emanated from the very essence of His being. Unlike the scribes, His teachings were not mere recitations of tradition but revelations of divine truth, cutting through the religious norms and stirring the spirits of those present.

As the atmosphere in the synagogue pulsed with the weight of Jesus' teachings, an unexpected interruption occurred. A man with an unclean spirit cried out, acknowledging Jesus as the Holy One of God but challenging Him. The collision of the sacred and the demonic revealed the depth of the divine authority Jesus possessed. In that moment, the unclean spirit recognised Jesus not just as a teacher but as the very embodiment of holiness and divine power.

The confrontation that followed is a testament to the unmatched authority of Christ. With a simple command, Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and the congregation witnessed a display of divine power that left them

astonished. The authority of Jesus extended beyond His words; it manifested in His actions, affirming His identity as the Son of God.

In a world filled with chaos and uncertainty, where conflicting voices clamour for our attention, the authority of Jesus remains a steady anchor for us. His teachings are not just historical anecdotes but living truths that pierce through the complexities of our modern existence.

The encounter in the synagogue challenges us to examine our own demons that may be lingering in our lives—those doubts, fears, and sins that seek to separate us from God. Just as Jesus confronted the unclean spirit with authority, He stands ready to confront the darkness within us, offering the light of redemption and grace.

Our passage today Mark 1:21-28 invites us to embrace the transformative authority of Jesus Christ. Let's approach His teachings with awe and reverence, allowing His words to penetrate the depths of our hearts. As we navigate the challenges of life, may we find solace and strength in the unwavering authority of the Holy One of God. May His presence cast out any unclean spirits that threaten to disrupt our peace, and may we, like those in the synagogue, be left marvelling at the authority of our Lord and Savior.

Grace and peace

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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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Mark 1:21-28

What's Happening This Week

Tuesday	Mainly Music Meeting 8.30am
Wednesday	Prayer meeting 8am
Thursday	Men's Bible Study 8.30am Evening Bible Study 6.30pm
Friday	Craft Club 9am



Craft Club

Craft Club resumes this Friday 2 February at 9am. Why not come along and give it a try?! If you want more information, please talk to Yesha or Sylvia.

Church Roster

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Kid's Church	N/A	TBA
Duty Elder	Neil	Neil
Organist	Audrey	Audrey & Mel
Greeters	Jill & Lynn	Jan & Dorothy B
Bible Readers	Dudley & Sylvia	Dorothy B & Yesha
Morning Tea	Mary & Chris	Shirley T & Dorothy McA
Hall Set Up	Walter	Neil
Cleaning	Lynn	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

Other upcoming events for your diary

Kid's Church	4 February 9am
Mainly Music	6 February 9.30am
Book Swap, Coffee & Chat	7 February 9.30am
KYB (CWCI)	8 February 10am
Elders/Council Meeting	13 February 7pm
Fellowship Lunch	14 February 11.45am
Craft Club	16 February 9am
Chaira Companions	18 February tbc
Pastoral Care Meeting	23 February 10am
Men's Breakfast	24 February 8am



Mainly Music

There is a pre-term meeting and toy clean up this Tuesday at 8.30am. If you would like to help with this most successful outreach programme, please do come along. Further details can be obtained from Lynn.

Kid's Church

Kids Church is back next Sunday February 4, after a very successful first term! If you would like to be part of this wonderful initiative please talk to Jane.

KYB (CWCI)

Please note that KYB start back date has changed from 1 February to 8 February. If you would like to know more, please talk to Shirley T.



Messy Church

Please note that due to the success of Kid's Church and having limited resources, it has been decided to put Messy Church into abeyance for the foreseeable future.

Church Activities restart

All our various activities are starting back in the next week to 10 days. Please check out the coming week's Pointer for further details!

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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