



BANORA POINTER

Sunday 4 February 2024



A message from Rev. Aaron Moad



Good morning,

In today's gospel reading Mark 1:29-39, we read about a day in the life of Jesus. We notice that any given day in Jesus' life is filled with compassion, healing, and a profound sense of purpose. This particular day is the Sabbath, we read that Jesus leaves the synagogue in Capernaum, he and the disciples go to Simon's and Andrew's house. Jesus sees that Simon's mother in law is unwell with a fever. Mark's account is simple but powerful, it shows Jesus' immediate response to the needs of the people around Him. He takes Simon's mother in law by the hand, lifts her up, and the fever leaves her. In this simple act, we find a profound message – Jesus is not just a distant deity, like the Roman gods but he is a compassionate healer reaching out to us wanting to be involved in our lives.

The healing of Simon's mother in law is a small example that mirrors Jesus' whole ministry. His touch brings not only physical healing but also restores Simon's mother in law to wholeness, this is what Jesus came to do to the world. As we reflect on this passage, let us consider the areas in our lives where we need Jesus' healing touch, trusting that He is present and eager to restore us.

The news of Jesus' healing spreads like wildfire, and soon it seems like the entire city gathers at the door, bringing with them the sick and demon possessed. Imagine the scene, a huge crowd coming to witness the healing power of Jesus. In this passage we see the selfless compassion that flows from Jesus. He heals the sick and casts out demons, demonstrating His authority over both physical and spiritual afflictions.

As dawn breaks, the city is silent, but Jesus is not. The next scene takes us to a solitary place where Jesus retreats for

prayer. In the midst of His bustling ministry, Jesus prioritises communion with the Father over sleep. This serves as a powerful reminder for us to carve out moments of solitude and prayer in our busy lives, seeking God's guidance, strength, and renewal. If it's good for Jesus it must be good for us.

Simon and others search for Jesus, and when they find Him, they tell Jesus about the overwhelming demand for His presence back in the city. Yet, Jesus responds with a profound declaration: "Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." Jesus understood His mission – to proclaim the Kingdom of God. His ministry was not confined to a single location but extended to every town and village.

Our reading challenges us to consider the scope of our own mission as followers of Christ. Are we limiting the reach of God's love to our immediate circles, or are we compelled to share the God's love with people beyond our comfort zones? Jesus' example encourages us to broaden our horizons and share the transformative message of His love with the world.

Mark 1:29-39 reveals a day in the life of Jesus marked by compassion, healing, prayer, and a clear sense of purpose. As we navigate our own faith journey, let's imitate Christ's compassion, prioritise prayer, and embrace the expansive mission to share the Gospel with all. May the Holy Spirit guide us in our endeavours, and may our lives be a reflection of the love and grace of Christ.

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

Isaiah 40:21-31
Mark 1:29-39

What's Happening This Week

Today	Kid's Church first day back!
Tuesday	Mainly Music 9.30am
Wednesday	Prayer meeting 8am Book Swap, Coffee & Chat 9.30am
Thursday	Men's Bible Study 8.30am KYB (CWCI) 10am Evening Bible Study 6.30pm

Gay Douglas Funeral

Please note that Gay's funeral will be held at 10.30am on Friday 9 February at Melaleuca Station Memorial Gardens

Church Roster

Today **Next Sunday**

Kid's Church	TBA	TBA
Duty Elder	Neil	Elizabeth
Organist	Audrey & Mel	Jill
Greeters	Jan & Dorothy B	Lynn & Joyce
Bible Readers	Dorothy B & Yesha	Joyce & Lynn
Morning Tea	Shirley T & Dorothy McA	Pat & Steph
Hall Set Up	Neil	Ross
Cleaning	Craft Club	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

Mainly Music 13 February 9.30am
Elders/Council Meeting 13 February 7pm
Book Swap, Coffee & Chat 14 February 9.30am
Fellowship Lunch 14 February 11.45am
KYB (CWCI) 15 February 10am
Craft Club 16 February 9am
Chaira Companions 18 February tbc
Pastoral Care Meeting 23 February 10am
Men's Breakfast 24 February 8am



mainly music

Mainly Music

Term 1 of 2024 starts this Tuesday 6 February. This is an amazing outreach programme for pre-school kids and their carers. Please spread the news.

Kid's Church

Kids Church is back today 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!

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

Evening Bible Study

This also starts back this week on Thursday. For more information please talk to Rev. Aaron.

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.

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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