



BANORA POINTER

Sunday 10 March 2024



**A message from
Rev. Aaron Moad**



Good morning

As we continue our journey through the season of Lent, we are called to reflect deeply on our faith, our actions, and our relationship with God. In John 2:13-22, we read about an important moment in the Jesus' ministry – the cleansing of the temple. This event serves as a poignant reminder of the importance of reverence, purity, and dedication in our worship and in our lives.

In this passage, we see Jesus coming into the temple courts and finding them filled with merchants and moneychangers. Rather than a sacred space of prayer and worship, the temple had been turned into a marketplace, where commerce overshadowed the solemnity of devotion.

Filled with righteous indignation, Jesus overturns the tables and drives out the merchants, declaring, "Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" (John 2:16). His actions are not simply acts of anger or disruption; they are symbolic gestures of cleansing and restoration. Jesus is reclaiming the sacred space of the temple and restoring its intended purpose as a place of reverence and communion with God.

This act of cleansing the temple challenges us to examine our own hearts and the state of our spiritual lives. Are we treating our places of worship with the reverence they deserve, or have

they become spaces of convenience and consumerism? Do we approach God with sincerity and humility, or do we allow distractions and worldly concerns to take precedence?

As we continue our journey through Lent, let's take this opportunity to cleanse our own temples – the temples of our hearts. Let us rid ourselves of anything that hinders our relationship with God, whether it be selfish desires, material attachments, or spiritual complacency. Let's cultivate a spirit of devotion, prayer, and repentance, turning away from sin and turning toward the abundant grace and mercy of our loving God.

Ultimately, the cleansing of the temple foreshadows the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus on the cross – the sacrifice that cleanses us from sin and reconciles us to God. As we prepare to commemorate this sacrifice during the Easter season, may we open our hearts to the transformative power of God's love, allowing it to purify us and renew our commitment to following Christ.

May this Lenten season continue to be a time of deep spiritual reflection and renewal for each of us, as we strive to live faithfully in the footsteps of our Lord and Saviour.

Grace and peace

Rev. Aaron

MINISTER: Rev. Aaron Moad
Phone: 0411 325 527

Church Office:

63 Darlington Drive, Banora Point, NSW 2486
Postal: PO Box 577 Banora Point, NSW 2486
Phone: 07 5524 9035
Email: bpt.uchurch@gmail.com

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

Jeremiah 7:1-15
John 2:13-22

What's Happening This Week

Tuesday	Mainly Music 9.30am Elder's 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

Congregational Meeting 17 March 10am
Chaira Companions 17 March 12 noon
Mainly Music 19 March 9.30am
Book Swap, Coffee & Chat 20 March 9.30am
Men's Breakfast 23 March 8am
Craft Club 5 April 9am
AGM/Church Council Meeting 9 April 7pm
Fellowship Lunch 10 April 11.45am
Elder's Meeting 14 May 7pm
Pastoral Care Meeting 24 May 10.15am

Church Roster

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Kids Church	Elizabeth/Robyn	Jane/Lumiere
Duty Elder	Neil	Audrey
Organist	Audrey	Jill
Greeters	Marshall & Lorraine W	Lorraine & Daphne
Bible Readers	Walter & Sylvia	Robyn & Yesha
Morning Tea	Stephanie & Vai	N/A
Hall Set Up	Walter	N/A
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.***

Congregational Meeting

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend our Congregational Meeting, which will take place following our worship service on Sunday 17 March. There will be no morning tea that day.

Fellowship Lunch

Everybody is welcome to join the 'Happy Lunchers' at 11.45am on Wednesday 13 March in the "Secret Garden" South Tweed Sports Club for fellowship and lunch. RSVP to Janice by 11 March.

\$2000 for term 1!!!

The Church Council are running an appeal to raise the \$2000 shortfall to pay our Special Religious Teachers' wages for this term. Please place your donations in the box in the church foyer, and together let's ensure hundreds of high school students in our local high schools get to learn about the true meaning of Easter. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. If you require a tax receipt, please see Elizabeth. God bless each and every giver.

Men's Breakfast

Meeting for breakfast at 8am on Saturday 23 March at the Twisted Fig Café (near Bunnings in Tweed Heads South), then on to our church hall for Carpet Bowls.

All men are welcome.

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

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.

Banora Point Uniting Church Bank details are:

Account Name: The Uniting Church in Australia Banora Point Church (Note: Your Bank website may limit the number of characters you can put into the account name box so "The Uniting Church in Aust" is OK)

BSB No: 062 611 **Account No:** 10120762