



# BANORA POINTER

Sunday 3 March 2024



## A message from Rev. Aaron Moad



Good morning

As we continue our journey through Lent, a time of reflection, repentance, and spiritual growth, we are called to delve deeper into the transformative power of Christ's love and sacrifice. This season offers us an opportunity to draw closer to God, to examine our lives, and to prepare our hearts to receive the profound message of Easter.

In Mark 9:2-9, we read about the extraordinary account of Jesus' transfiguration. This pivotal moment in the Gospels reveals the divine nature of Christ as he unveils his divinity in a dazzling display of radiant glory. Jesus, Peter, James, and John, climb a high mountain, where His appearance undergoes a remarkable change. His face shines like the sun, and His clothes become dazzling white, surpassing the brilliance of any earthly clothing. This divine manifestation, witnessed by these three disciples, signifies the majesty and splendour of God's presence.

The transfiguration serves as a profound revelation of Jesus' true identity as the beloved Son of God. It is a glimpse of His heavenly glory, affirming His authority and mission on earth. In the midst of this extraordinary event, we hear the voice of God proclaiming, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" (Mark 9:7, NRSV). These words echo through the ages, inviting us to heed the teachings of Christ and to embrace His message of love, compassion, and redemption.

As we contemplate the significance of the transfiguration during this season of Lent, several key themes emerge:

**Divine Presence:** The transfiguration unveils the divine

presence of God in the person of Jesus Christ. It serves as a powerful reminder of God's immeasurable love for humanity and His desire to dwell among us. In Christ, we encounter the fullness of God's grace and mercy, inviting us into a deeper relationship with Him.

**Transformation:** Just as Jesus was transfigured on the mountain, Lent calls us to undergo our own spiritual transformation. Through prayer, studying the Scriptures, and acts of service, we seek to renew our hearts and minds, allowing God's transformative love to shape us into His image.

**Witness and Discipleship:** The disciples' presence at the transfiguration highlight the importance of bearing witness to God's glory to those around us. Like Peter, James, and John, we are called to journey with Christ and to proclaim His gospel to the world. As disciples of Jesus, we are entrusted with the sacred task of sharing His light and love with others.

**Hope and Assurance:** The transfiguration offers a glimpse of the glory that awaits us in God's kingdom. It serves as a beacon of hope, assuring us that, through Christ, we are called to share in His resurrection and eternal life.

During this season of Lent, may we draw closer to God, allowing His transformative love to illuminate our lives and guide our paths. Let us heed the words of the Father and listen to His Son, following Him with steadfast devotion and faith.

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**

**Psalm 27**

**Mark 9:2-10**

## What's Happening This Week

<b>Tuesday</b>	Mainly Music 9.30am
<b>Wednesday</b>	Prayer meeting 8am Book Swap, Coffee & Chat 9.30am
<b>Thursday</b>	Men's Bible Study 8.30am KYB (CWCI) 10am Evening Bible Study 6.30pm

## Church Roster

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
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Kids Church	Jane/Lorraine	Elizabeth/Robyn
Duty Elder	Elizabeth	Neil
Organist	Jill	Audrey
Greeters	Joan C & Walter	Marshall & Lorraine W
Bible Readers	Lumiere & Neil	Walter & Sylvia
Morning Tea	Shirley T & Hazel	Stephanie & Vai
Hall Set Up	Nigel	Walter
Sound Room	Nathan	Ross
Cleaning	Craft Club	Aaron & Jane

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.

## 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** 12 March 9.30am  
**Elders Meeting** 12 March 7pm  
**Book Swap, Coffee & Chat** 13 March 9.30am  
**Fellowship Lunch** 13 March 11.45am  
**Craft Club** 15 March 9am  
**Congregational Meeting** 17 March 10am  
**Chaira Companions** 17 March 12 noon  
**Men's Breakfast** 25 March 8am  
**AGM/Church Council Meeting** 9 April 7pm  
**Pastoral Care Meeting** 24 May 10am TBC

## Nominations

Nomination forms for Church Council, for the positions of Elder, Councillor, or both, are available from CC Secretary Janice. Please speak to Rev. Aaron or any member of CC for more information.

## Anniversary Breakfast

Let's celebrate.... Everyone is invited to breakfast on Saturday 9 March at 8.30am.

Come and celebrate the 31st anniversary of BPUC and hear from our Special Guests, Jemma and Kirsten, who will share about their work teaching Special Religious Education in our local high schools.

Cost is \$15 per head and any donations to support Tweed Coast Christian Education Association will be greatly accepted at the breakfast.

If you plan on attending the breakfast, please place your name on the list in the front foyer.

## \$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.

## 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:

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