



# BANORA POINTER

Sunday 12 May 2024



## A message from Rev. Aaron Moad



There is a special day in May, Mother's Day which we celebrate today. It is a day when we collectively pause to honour and celebrate the remarkable women who have shaped our lives with their love, wisdom, and unwavering devotion.

Mother's Day is more than just a date on the calendar; it's an opportunity to express our gratitude for the countless sacrifices our mothers and mother figures in our lives have made for us. From before our birth, they have been our nurturers, our protectors, and our guiding lights through life's journey. Their love knows no bounds, their strength knows no limits, and their presence is a beacon of hope and reassurance in times of joy and sorrow alike.

In our church, we are blessed to witness the embodiment of maternal love in the countless women who grace our pews. Whether they are mothers by birth, adoption, or by the love they pour into the lives of others, each one of them shows effect that a mother's love can have on the world around us.

Let's take a moment to reflect on the immeasurable blessings that our mothers brought into our lives. Let us remember the countless sleepless nights they spent cradling us in their arms, the gentle words of encouragement they whispered in our ears, and the silent prayers they offered on our behalf.

But let us also remember that Mother's Day is not just a day for celebration; it is also a day for reflection and gratitude. It is a day when we acknowledge the challenges and sacrifices that mothers often face, and we offer our

unwavering support and love in return.

As we gather with our family to celebrate Mother's Day, let's remember to cherish every moment we share with the special women in our lives. Let us take the time to express our gratitude, to offer a word of encouragement, and to shower them with the love and appreciation they so richly deserve.

To all the mothers in our church family, we say thank you. Thank you for your selflessness, your compassion, and your unwavering faith. Thank you for being the rock upon which we build our lives, and the guiding light that leads us through the darkest of nights.

However, on these special days we need to be aware and recognise that these days are not easy for some of us, not everybody has a relationship with their mother so let's be mindful of those people who find these days to be a challenge. And to those who may be grieving the loss of a mother, or longing to become a mother themselves, we offer our love and support. May you find comfort in the cherished memories you hold dear, and may you take solace in the knowledge that you are never alone. We as your Church family are here for you and the love of God surrounds you.

This Mother's Day, let us celebrate the extraordinary women, mothers and mother figures who have touched our lives in ways too numerous to count. And let us give thanks for the boundless love of God that surrounds us each and every day.

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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**

**Ezekiel 37:15-28**  
**John 17:6-23**

## What's Happening This Week

<b>Tuesday</b>	Mainly Music 9.30am Elder's Meeting 4.30pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Prayer Meeting 8am Book Swap, Coffee & Chat 9.30am
<b>Thursday</b>	Men's Bible Study 8.30am KYB (CWCI) 10am Bible Study 6.30pm
<b>Friday</b>	Craft Club 9am

## Church Roster

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Kids' Church	TBA	TBA
Duty Elder	Walter	Robyn
Organist/Pianist	Audrey	Jill & Mel
Greeters	Joyce & Robyn	Lorraine & Daphne
Bible Readers	Sylvia & Nigel	Terryll & Neil
Morning Tea	Shirley T & Dorothy McA	Sylvia & Hazel
Hall Set Up	Nigel	Ross
Sound Room	Nigel	Ross
Cleaning	Aaron & Jane	Craft Club

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

## Other upcoming events for your diary

**Chaira Companions** 19 May 12 noon  
**Mainly Music** 21 May 9.30am  
**Book Swap, Coffee & Chat** 22 May 9.30am  
**Pastoral Care Meeting** 24 May 10.15am  
**Men's Breakfast** 25 May 8am  
**Craft Club** 31 May 9am  
**Church Council Meeting** 11 June 7pm  
**Fellowship Lunch** 12 June 11.45am  
**Elder's Meeting** 9 July 4.30pm  
**Fashion Parade** 25 September 10.30am

## Fred's Place & You Have a Friend

Winter is almost upon us and it is time to show our compassion to those in need. There is need for warm clothing, especially jackets. Also non-perishable foods and toiletries items. Marshall and Jill will be delighted to hear from you if you can assist.

## Mothers' Day Stall

Many thanks go to Joan C and her team of helpers for the wonderful Mothers' Day Stall held in our Hall last Sunday. To date, the magnificent total of \$1320 has been raised for church funds! Well done to everyone involved on the stall, and all those who supported it so generously.

## Kid's Church

Great news! Our wonderful Kid's Church starts back this week. Apologies to those who expected it to be on last week, however circumstances beyond our control meant the restart had to be put back to today. Please do spread the good news!

## Border Council of Churches

The next meeting of The Border Council of Churches is this Wednesday 15 May commencing at 4pm. It is taking place at The Gathering, 56 Caloola Drive, Tweed Heads. This meeting is open to Ministers and Senior Ministry Leaders in the member churches

## 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.

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