



# BANORA POINTER

Sunday 26 May 2024



## A message from Rev. Aaron Moad



Today is known as Trinity Sunday which is the day we celebrate one of the most profound mysteries of our Christian faith: the Holy Trinity. This doctrine, encapsulating the oneness of God Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is not merely a theological abstraction but the very heartbeat of our faith journey. It shapes our understanding of who God is, how God relates to us, and how we are called to live in communion with one another and God.

The Trinity reminds us that God is a community of love. From the beginning, in the creation narrative, we hear the plural pronouncement, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness" (Genesis 1:26). This "us" points to the relational nature of God and that the Trinity is one God pre-existent and eternal. The Father, the Creator of all, loves the Son; the Son, Jesus Christ, fully reveals the Father; and the Holy Spirit binds us in that divine love, guiding, comforting, and empowering us. This dynamic relationship within the Godhead exemplifies perfect unity and diversity, as a model for our own relationships and community life.

On Trinity Sunday, we reflect on how each Person of the Trinity uniquely touches our lives. We encounter God the Father as the source of all being, the origin of creation who calls us into existence and sustains us with providence and care. We meet Jesus Christ, God the Son, who entered our world, embraced our humanity, and offered His life for our salvation. Through His life, death, and resurrection, we are reconciled with God and invited into a new, eternal life. God the Holy Spirit, is God's presence within and among us, continues to work in our hearts and in the world, guiding us into truth, empowering our witness, and nurturing our spiritual growth.

Understanding the Trinity also helps us grasp the depth of God's involvement in our lives. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit operate in a seamless unity to bring about our redemption. The Father initiates our salvation plan, the Son accomplishes it on the cross, and the Holy Spirit applies it to our hearts. This divine synergy assures us that God is entirely invested in our well-being and transformation.

As a community of believers, we are called to reflect this divine relationship in our own lives. Just as the Trinity exists in perfect unity and mutual love, we are called to foster unity within our church and beyond. In a world often marked by division and strife, our communal life can be a powerful demonstration of the love and peace that comes from God. Embracing our diversity while nurturing our unity is not only a reflection of God's nature but also a fulfillment of Jesus' prayer for His followers, "that they may be one as we are one" (John 17:22).

Trinity Sunday is also a call to mission. Jesus gave us two great commandments and The Great Commission, he commands us to love God and love our neighbour and to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." This triune formula underscores our mission's foundation and goal: to bring people into the fullness of life found in the triune God.

As we celebrate Trinity Sunday, let's rejoice in the mystery of the Holy Trinity and allow it to deepen our faith, strengthen our unity, and inspire our mission. May the love of the Father, the grace of the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit guide us in our journey, encouraging us to reflect God's divine community of love in our daily lives. Amen.

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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 29**

**Isaiah 6:1-8**

## 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 Bible Study 6.30pm
<b>Friday</b>	Craft Club 9am

## Other upcoming events for your diary

**Mainly Music** 4 June 9.30am  
**Book Swap, Coffee & Chat** 5 June 9.30am  
**Church Council Meeting** 11 June 7pm  
**Fellowship Lunch** 12 June 11.45am  
**Craft Club** 14 June 9am  
**Chaira Companions** 16 June 1.30pm  
**Men's Breakfast** 29 June 8am  
**Elder's Meeting** 9 July 4.30pm  
**Pastoral Care Meeting** August (TBC) 10.15am  
**Fashion Parade** 25 September 10.30am

## Church Roster

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Kids' Church	TBA	Jane & Lorraine
Duty Elder	Elizabeth	Elizabeth
Organist/Pianist	Audrey	Audrey & Mel
Greeters	Jill & Joan C	Joan C & Terryll
Bible Readers	Dudley & Walter	Jill & Neil
Morning Tea	Mary & Chris	Shirley T & Stephanie
Hall Set Up	Walter	Nigel
Sound Room	Elizabeth	Nathan
Cleaning	Lorraine & Helene	Terryll & Lynn

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

## 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.

## Today's Service

Unfortunately Rev. Aaron is unwell, and unable to attend our service today. However, we are delighted that Jane is taking his place, and we look forward to her leading us in worship.

## Kid's Church

Great news! Our wonderful Kid's Church is back! The leaders have a full programme planned, so please do spread the good news!

## 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

## Fellowship Lunch

Everybody is welcome to join the 'Happy Lunchers' at 11.45am on Wednesday 12 June in the "Secret Garden" South Tweed Sports Club for fellowship and lunch. RSVP to Janice by 10 June.

## 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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