



# BANORA POINTER



Sunday 14 July 2024

## A message from Rev. Aaron Moad



In our journey of faith, we often reflect on the core tenets that define our beliefs and guide our lives. The Christian faith is a rich tapestry woven with the threads of love, grace, and redemption, each aspect a testament to the boundless love of God and the life-transforming power of Jesus Christ.

At the heart of our faith lies the unwavering belief in the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This holy trinity represents a divine community of love, inviting us to participate in a relationship that transcends human understanding. It is through the Father's creation, the Son's redemption, and the Spirit's sanctification that we experience the fullness of God's presence in our lives.

The story of Jesus Christ is central to our faith. Born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus' life on earth was a perfect demonstration of God's love and compassion.

Through His teachings, miracles, and ultimately, His sacrificial death on the cross, Jesus destroyed evil. His resurrection from the dead three days later is the cornerstone of our hope, assuring us of eternal life and victory over sin and death.

As Christians, we are called to live out this faith in our daily lives. This begins with embracing the greatest commandment: to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbours as ourselves. This love is not a passive sentiment but an active force that compels us to serve, forgive, and uplift one another. It is in loving others that we reflect the image of Christ and bear witness to His transformative power.

The Christian faith also calls us to a life of prayer and worship. Through prayer, we communicate with God,

bringing our praises, confessions, and petitions before Him. It is in these moments of intimacy that we grow closer to God, discerning His will and finding strength for our journey. Worship, both personal and communal, allows us to express our gratitude and reverence for God, fostering a sense of unity and purpose within the body of Christ.

Scripture, the writings inspired by God, are another pillar of our faith. The Bible serves as our guide, providing wisdom, instruction, and encouragement. It reveals God's character and His redemptive plan for humanity, offering timeless truths that speak to every generation. By studying and meditating on Scripture, we equip ourselves to live faithfully and share the gospel message with others.

The Christian faith is also characterised by its emphasis on grace. We believe that salvation is a gift from God, not something earned by our deeds but received through faith in Jesus Christ. This grace frees us from the bondage of sin, the fear of death, and empowers us to live in the freedom and joy as God's children. It reminds us that, despite our shortcomings, we are deeply loved and valued by our Creator.

The Christian faith is a profound journey of love, redemption, and transformation. As we navigate the challenges and blessings of life, let's hold fast to the truths of our faith, continually seeking to grow in our relationship with God and each other. May our lives be a testament to the love, hope, peace and joy found in Christ, shining His light in a world in desperate need of His love.

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**

**Deuteronomy 17:14-20**

**1 Kings 4:1-11 & Luke 4:5-11**

## What's Happening This Week

<b>Wednesday</b>	Prayer Meeting 8am Book Swap, Coffee & Chat 9.30am
<b>Thursday</b>	Men's Bible Study 8.30am KYB (CWCI) 10am

## Church Roster

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Kids' Church	N/A	N/A
Duty Elder	Walter	Robyn
Organist/Pianist	Audrey	Audrey
Greeters	Lorraine S & Hazel	Stephanie & Dorothy B
Bible Readers	Walter & Nigel	Jill & Robyn
Morning Tea	Shirley T & Stephanie	Chris & Wendy
Hall Set Up	Ross	Brian
Sound Room	Ross	Nigel
Cleaning	Nigel & Sylvia	Lorraine & Helene

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

## Today's Visiting Preacher

We are delighted to welcome back one of our TCCEA Teachers, Jemma Gill, as our visiting preacher this morning. We look forward to hearing her Message.

## 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

**Chaira Companions** 21 July 12 noon  
**Book Swap, Coffee & Chat** 24 July 9.30am  
**Evening Bible Study** 25 July 6.30pm  
**Craft Club** 26 July 9am  
**Men's Breakfast** 27 July 8am  
**Kids' Church** 28 July 9am  
**Mainly Music** 30 July 9.30am  
**Church Council Meeting** 13 August 7pm  
**Fellowship Lunch** 14 August 11.45am  
**Pastoral Care Meeting** 30 August 10.15am  
**Elder's Meeting** 10 September 4.30pm  
**Fashion Parade** 25 September 10.30am

## Fred's Place & You Have a Friend

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

## Book Swap, Coffee & Chat

A reminder that this is on again this Wednesday and will continue every Wednesday. We do NOT stop for School Holidays. So, please come along and browse the books, and enjoy home baked morning tea, coffee, & chat. Please bring your friends and neighbours.

## School Holidays recess

Mainly Music, Kids' Church and Evening Bible Study are now in recess for the School Holidays. Please note start back dates above in 'other upcoming events'.

## Church Fete

It is coming to the time of the year when the Church Fete committee will soon have to start preparations for this year's fete. Whilst we still have a financial need, you will see an insert in today's Pointer seeking confirmation of sufficient support to run one this year.

## 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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