



BANORA POINTER

Sunday 25 August 2024



A message from Rev. Aaron Moad



Over the past few weeks, we've been journeying together through Jesus' profound "Bread of Life" discourse in John 6. A discussion that he has with the crowd that follow him after the miraculous feeding of the 5,000. These words, spoken by our Savior over 2,000 years ago, continue to resonate deeply with us today, challenging and encouraging us as modern-day disciples. As we draw near to the closing verses of this discourse, particularly John 6:56-69, we are invited to delve even deeper into the mystery and significance of Jesus' words.

Jesus declared, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them" (John 6:56). At first glance, these words might seem shocking, even difficult to grasp. Indeed, they were challenging for many of His original listeners. Yet, they are central to understanding the intimate relationship Jesus offers us. To "eat" and "drink" of Christ means to fully participate in His life, to be nourished by His very being. It's an invitation to a deep, abiding communion with Him—one that sustains us not just for a moment, but for eternity.

In a world where we are often tempted to find satisfaction in temporary things—whether it be material possessions, achievements, or even our relationships—it's easy to lose sight of the one source that truly fulfills. The imagery of Jesus as the Bread of Life reminds us that Christ is our true sustenance. Just as bread was a staple of the diet in Jesus' day, essential for physical survival, so too is Jesus essential for our spiritual life. Without Him, our souls are left empty, longing for something more.

As disciples today, this passage calls us to reorient our lives around Christ. He invites us to "feed" on Him, to draw our strength, hope, and purpose from Him. This means seeking

Him daily in prayer, engaging deeply with Scripture, and allowing His teachings to shape every aspect of our lives. In the hustle and bustle of our modern existence, it can be easy to neglect this vital spiritual nourishment. Yet, as we reflect on these words of Jesus, we are reminded that true life—life in all its fullness—is found only in Him.

But there's more. Jesus' invitation to partake in the Bread of Life is not only about receiving for ourselves but also about sharing this life-giving bread with others. In a world filled with spiritual hunger and thirst, we are called to be His hands and feet, extending His love and truth to those around us. The latter part of this passage, where many disciples turn away and Jesus asks the Twelve if they too will leave, is a poignant reminder of the challenges we may face in this mission. Yet, Peter's response—"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68)—echoes the truth we hold dear: there is no one else who can satisfy our deepest longings.

As we continue to reflect on this powerful passage, let us ask ourselves: Are we truly depending on Jesus as our daily bread? Are we allowing Him to nourish our souls and guide our actions? And are we faithfully sharing this Bread of Life with a world that so desperately needs it?

Let us be a community where the Bread of Life is not only received but also freely shared. In doing so, we embody the very essence of what it means to be disciples—those who are nourished by Christ and who, in turn, nourish others with His love and truth.

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 8:2-3
John 6:56-69

What's Happening This Week

Tuesday	Mainly Music 9.30am
Wednesday	Prayer Meeting 8am Book Swap, Coffee & Chat 9.30am
Thursday	Men's Bible Study 8.30am KYB (CWCI) 10am Evening Bible Study 6.30pm
Friday	Pastoral Care Meeting 10.15am
Saturday	Men's Breakfast 8am

Church Roster

Today Next Sunday

Kids' Church	Terryll & Pat	Joyce & Jane
Duty Elder	Elizabeth	Elizabeth
Organist/Pianist	Audrey & Mel	Jill & Mel
Greeters	Sylvia & Nigel	Joan C & Lorraine W
Bible Readers	Dudley & Dorothy B	Lumiere & Audrey
Morning Tea	Mary & Chris	Shirley T & Hazel
Hall Set Up	Brian	Nigel
Sound Room	Elizabeth	Nathan
Cleaning	Craft Club	Aaron & Jane

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

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 3 September 9.30am
Book Swap, Coffee & Chat 4 September 9.30am
Craft Club 6 September 9am
Elder's Meeting 10 September 4.30pm
Fellowship Lunch 11 September 12 Noon
Chaira Companions 15 September 12 noon
Congregational Meeting 22 September 10am
Fashion Parade 25 September 10.30am
Men's Breakfast 28 September 8am
Church Council Meeting 8 October 7pm
Pastoral Care Meeting November TBC 10.15am
Church Fete 23 November 8am
BCC Family Fun Day 7 December 3pm

Family Fun Day

The Border Council of Churches is holding a Family Fun day on Saturday 7 December at Jack Evans Boat Harbour from 3pm until 7pm. Activities will include, craft, food, games, music and will conclude with Carols. Our church's contribution to the day will be a Christmas decoration craft table for children, and a games competition with Jenga, Putt Putt Golf and Quoits currently being suggested. We will need volunteers in order to make our contribution a success. If you can spare some time for this, please put your name on the sheet in the foyer. Any questions, please speak to Terryll.

Fashion Parade

Ladies, the fashion parade is next month on Wednesday 25 September at 10.30am. Please put the date in your diary and ask some friends to come. The donation is \$10 for lunch, and there will be lucky door prizes and a guessing competition. If you could help with a slice or a small donation for the making of sandwiches, please see Jan or Mary.

Men's Breakfast

Meeting for breakfast at 8am on Saturday 31 August at the Twisted Fig Café (near Bunnings in Tweed Heads South), then on to our church hall for Carpet Bowls. **Organiser Les would dearly love to see a good attendance—All men are welcome!**

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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