



BANORA POINTER

Sunday 4 August 2024



**A message from
Rev. Aaron Moad**



Nourishment for the Soul: Reflecting on John 6:24-35

In our reading from the Gospel According to John, 6:24-35, we find a profound and transformative passage that speaks directly to our spiritual hunger and thirst. Jesus, the Bread of Life, offers sustenance far beyond our physical needs, pointing us to a deeper, everlasting fulfillment that only He can provide.

The scene begins with the crowd searching for Jesus after the miraculous feeding of the five thousand. Their physical hunger had been satisfied, but they were still seeking more. They found Jesus in Capernaum and questioned Him, revealing their desire for more signs and miracles. Jesus, however, redirects their focus from the perishable to the eternal. He warns them, “Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you” (John 6:27). In these words, Jesus redirects the crowd's focus from their immediate physical needs to their deeper spiritual hunger. He emphasises the importance of seeking sustenance that endures beyond the temporal—food that leads to eternal life. This eternal nourishment, Jesus explains, is found in Him, the one sent by God the Father.

This pivotal moment calls us to examine our own lives. How often do we chase after temporary satisfaction, neglecting the nourishment our souls desperately need? In our modern world, filled with endless distractions and fleeting pleasures, Jesus' words resonate deeply. He reminds us that true fulfillment comes not from worldly achievements or material possessions, but from a relationship with Him.

The crowd, still focused on physical sustenance, asks, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” (John 6:28). Jesus' response is both simple and profound: “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent” (John 6:29). Faith in

Jesus is the foundational “work” that leads to eternal life. It's not about labouring or earning, but about trusting and believing in the One sent by God.

In this dialogue, Jesus makes a bold declaration: “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty” (John 6:35). This metaphor of bread, a staple of daily life, is rich with meaning. Just as bread sustains our physical bodies, Jesus sustains our spiritual lives. He is essential, nourishing, and life-giving. When we come to Him, our deepest longings are met, our spiritual hunger is satisfied, and our souls find rest.

This passage challenges us to prioritize our spiritual well-being. It encourages us to seek Jesus daily, to partake in the spiritual nourishment He offers through His Word, prayer, and communion with the Holy Spirit. In a world that constantly clamours for our attention, Jesus invites us to find our true satisfaction in Him.

Furthermore, this teaching calls us to a life of gratitude and trust. Recognizing Jesus as the Bread of Life leads us to depend on Him for our every need, confident that He will provide. It shifts our perspective from self-sufficiency to reliance on God's grace and provision.

As a church community, let us come together to support and encourage one another in this journey of faith. Let us share the bread of life with those who are spiritually hungry and thirsty, pointing them to Jesus, the source of true and lasting fulfillment.

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

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
John 6:24-35

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	Craft Club 9am

Church Roster

Today Next Sunday

Kids' Church	Terryll & Stephanie	Elizabeth & Robyn
Duty Elder	Audrey	Walter
Organist/Pianist	Jill & Mel	Audrey
Greeters	Joan C & Robyn	Lynn & Terryll
Bible Readers	Neil & Nigel	Terryll & Lynn
Morning Tea	Shirley T Audrey	Pat & Stephanie
Hall Set Up	Neil	Ross
Sound Room	Nathan	Ross
Cleaning	Lorraine W & Helene	Terryll & Lynn

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 13 August 9.30am
Church Council Meeting 13 August 7pm
Book Swap, Coffee & Chat 14 August 9.30am
Fellowship Lunch 14 August 12 Noon
Chaira Companions 18 August 1.30pm
Craft Club 23 August 9am
Pastoral Care Meeting 30 August 10.15am
Men's Breakfast 31 August 8am
Elder's Meeting 10 September 4.30pm
Fashion Parade 25 September 10.30am
Church Fete 9 or 23 November 8am

Fellowship Lunch

Everybody is welcome to join the 'Happy Lunchers' at 12 noon on Wednesday 14 August in the "Secret Garden" South Tweed Sports Club for fellowship and lunch. RSVP to Janice by 12 August.

Greetings Cards

A little reminder to everyone that there are lots of lovely greetings cards for sale in our Hall. Monies raised from those sales go to church funds.



Mainly Music

mainly music Mainly Music is back and running!! **We are now averaging in the mid 20s for the number of kids attending plus their parents/carers, which is exciting to see. However, this number means we need lots of volunteers, including kitchen helpers. Unfortunately 2 of last term's volunteers are no longer able to help. If you feel you can assist, please do talk to Lynn.**

Church Fete

Many thanks to all those who have signified their support for a church fete this year by putting their names on the pre-roster sheet in the church foyer. Whilst we are a little short in numbers on a few stalls, the committee feel we have enough to move forward with a Fete this November. We hope to finalise the date in the next 2 weeks or so, but it will be on either the 9th or 23rd November. Watch this space for more information in the coming weeks.

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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