



BANORA POINTER

Sunday 10 November 2024



**A message from
Rev. Aaron Moad**



A Heart of True Giving

In our gospel reading from *Mark 12:38-44*, we find a powerful lesson about humility, sacrifice, and what true generosity looks like. Jesus shows us a clear difference between two kinds of givers: the wealthy, who donate from their excess, and a poor widow, who gives just “two small copper coins.” While her contribution might seem of an insignificant monetary value, it represents a much deeper message of faith and devotion. Jesus says, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others” (Mark 12:43). Through her simple yet profound act, we're encouraged to rethink what giving, wealth, and living a genuine life of faith truly mean.

Before this moment, Jesus warns his followers about the scribes the scribes, who “like to walk around in flowing robes” and seek honour in all they do. Their giving, is more about showing off seeking status, and praise. While they might have the right outward displays of faith and say the right things, their hearts are far from God. They've lost sight of what true devotion really is—honouring God, not themselves. The widow however doesn't give to impress anyone, but purely out of her love and trust in God. Her offering of two small coins may seem insignificant, but it represents all she has to live on—her entire livelihood. She gives everything, trusting that God will provide for her.

This passage encourages us to see giving as more than just financial generosity. In God's eyes, the true value of a gift lies in the spirit behind it. The widow's offering is powerful, not because of its material worth, but because it shows her

willingness to trust God with her last resources. Her act of faith mirrors what Jesus would later demonstrate on the cross: giving everything, holding nothing back, and putting God's will above all else.

We may ask ourselves, “What do we have to give?” In a world that often measures success by wealth or possessions, this passage reminds us that our true worth lies in the spirit with which we give. We are all called to offer what we have with sincerity and humility. For some, this may mean giving financially; for others, it may mean giving time, compassion, skills, or simply showing up with a listening ear. Like the widow, each of us has something to offer—something uniquely precious in God's sight.

When we give out of our abundance, like the wealthy it can be an act of charity; when we give from our need, like the widow it becomes an act of faith. When we give without expectation, we reflect the selfless love of Christ. As a church community, let us be inspired by the widow's example to live lives marked by faith-filled generosity. Let us encourage one another to give—not only from our abundance but also from our need. May we each look for ways to give our “two coins” in whatever form they may take, trusting that God sees, honours, and multiplies every sincere act of love. In doing so, we join the widow in her legacy of faith, showing that true richness is found not in what we hold on to, but in what we are willing to let go for God's glory.

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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

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
Mark 12:38-44

What's Happening This Week

Tuesday	Mainly Music 9.30am Elder's Meeting 4.30pm
Wednesday	Prayer Meeting 8am Book Swap, Coffee & Chat 9.30am Fellowship Lunch 12 Noon
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	Elizabeth	All aged worship
Duty Elder	Walter	Robyn
Organist/Pianist	Audrey & Jill	Jill & Mel
Greeters	Robyn & Dorothy B	Lorraine & Sylvia
Bible Readers	Dorothy B & Robyn	Terryll & Nigel
Prayers for Others	Neil	Terryll
Morning Tea	Shirley T & Dorothy McA	Pat & Hazel
Hall Set Up	Neil	Craft Club
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.***

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
or Your Pastoral Carer

Other upcoming events for your diary

Chaira Companions 17 November 12 Noon
Mainly Music 19 November 9.30am
Church Fete 23 November 8am
Book Swap, Coffee & Chat 27 November 9.30am
Craft Club 29 November 9am
Men's Breakfast 30 November 8am
Contemplative Prayer 7 December 10am
BCC Family Fun Day 7 December 3pm
Church Council Meeting 10 December 7pm
Fellowship Lunch 11 December 12 Noon
Pastoral Care Meeting February 10.15am TBC
Elder's Meeting 14 January 4.30pm

Intergenerational Service

Sunday 17 November will be an intergenerational worship service. That means there will be something for people of all ages. Our young people have contributed some ideas and activities, and there will also be our usual times of prayer, praise and reflection. All our welcome to worship God together.

Fellowship Lunch

Everybody is welcome to join the 'Happy Lunchers' at 12 noon on Wednesday 13 November in the "Secret Garden" South Tweed Sports Club for fellowship and lunch. RSVP to Janice by 11 November.

Contemplative Prayer & Christian Meditation

Join us and discover the peace and spiritual depth of ancient Christian disciplines.

Come and join us for a time of Contemplative Prayer and Christian Meditation. Through a step by step process, you'll learn how to apply these ancient Christian practices into your daily devotional time. This welcoming space is open to everyone—whether you're new to prayer, seeking a deeper connection with God, or simply curious about the Christian practice of contemplation and meditation.

When & Where—10am Saturday 7 December at the church.

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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