



BANORA POINTER

Sunday 24 November 2024



A message from Rev. Aaron Moad



Christ the King Sunday: A Prelude to Advent

In John 18:33-37, we find Jesus standing before Pontius Pilate, answering questions that challenge the essence of His identity. Pilate asks, "Are you the King of the Jews?" and Jesus responds, not with pomp or grandeur, but with profound truth: "My kingdom is not from this world." In these words, Jesus defines His kingship—a kingdom not of domination but of love, not of oppression but of peace. His mission is to "testify to the truth," a truth that invites us into a life shaped by grace, justice, and eternal hope.

As we celebrate Christ the King Sunday, this passage offers us a powerful reminder of who Jesus is and what His reign means. It is no coincidence that this celebration stands at the threshold of Advent. The culmination of the liturgical year, Christ the King Sunday proclaims Jesus as the Alpha and Omega, the One through whom all things began and in whom all things will find their fulfillment. It is a bridge, leading us from reflection on Jesus' eternal kingship into the anticipation of His coming.

The nearness of Christ the King Sunday to Advent reminds us of God's remarkable plan. Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year, a season of preparation, hope, and longing for the coming of Christ—not just as the child born in Bethlehem, but as the King who will come again to fully establish His kingdom. Christ the King Sunday invites us to look forward while standing firm in the assurance of who Jesus already is: our Redeemer, Shepherd, and King.

Reflecting on Jesus' kingship also reshapes our understanding of power and authority. In a world that often equates leadership with control and status, Christ's kingship redefines true power as service and sacrifice. The King we worship is the one who wore a crown of thorns, who reigns from a cross, and who conquered death not by force but through love. This truth challenges us to align our lives with His example. It asks us: What does it mean to live as citizens of His kingdom today? How can we reflect His reign in our daily choices, relationships, and actions?

As Advent approaches, we are reminded that the same King who stood trial before Pilate is the One we await with joyful hearts. His first coming inaugurated a kingdom that grows quietly, like yeast in dough, transforming the world through hearts surrendered to His truth. His second coming will bring that kingdom to completion—a reign of peace, righteousness, and joy.

Let this Christ the King Sunday inspire us to prepare not only for the celebration of Christ's birth but also for His return. In this season of waiting, let us recommit ourselves to the truth Jesus proclaimed, living as people of hope, agents of His love, and witnesses to His light. As we honor Him as our King, may our hearts echo the prayer, *"Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."*

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

2 Samuel 23:1-7
John 18:33-37

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
Saturday	Men's Breakfast 8am

Other upcoming events for your diary

Mainly Music	3 December 9.30am
Book Swap, Coffee & Chat	4 December 9.30am
Contemplative Prayer	7 December 10am
BCC Family Fun Day	7 December 3pm
Church Council Meeting	10 December 7pm
Fellowship Lunch	11 December 12 Noon
Craft Club	13 December 9am
Chaira Companions	15 December 12 Noon
Men's Breakfast	21 December 8am
Elder's Meeting	14 January 4.30pm
Pastoral Care Meeting	February 10.15am TBC

Church Roster

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Kids' Church	Joyce	Lynn
Duty Elder	Elizabeth	Neil
Organist/Pianist	Audrey	Audrey
Greeters	Jill & Joan C	Lorraine S & Terryll
Bible Readers	Dudley & Sylvia	Dorothy B & Lumiere
Prayers for Others	Joyce	Terryll
Morning Tea	Mary & Chris	Shirley & Dorothy McA
Hall Set Up	Marshall	Craft Club
Sound Room	Elizabeth	Nathan
Cleaning	Lorraine & Helene	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
or Your Pastoral Carer

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.

Men's Breakfast

Meeting for breakfast at 8am on Saturday 30 November at the Twisted Fig Café (near Bunnings in Tweed Heads South), then on to our church hall for Carpet Bowls. **All men are welcome.**

Church Fete

Huge thanks to everyone who was involved in our church fete this year. There is a lot of work required from a lot of people to make it a success. Thanks to everyone for your support this year and in years past.



Church Calendar 2025

The calendar for next year is currently being worked on. Can the various groups please forward their dates for 2025 to Nigel at bpt.uchurch@gmail.com as soon as possible?

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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