



BANORA POINTER



Sunday 15 June 2025

A message from Rev. Aaron Moad



The Mystery That Makes Us Whole

Some truths are too vast to fully grasp. Like the ocean, they surround us— we can enter them, be changed by them, and still not comprehend their depths. This Sunday, we celebrate one of those truths: The Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Not a puzzle to be solved, but a mystery to be lived.

Our God is not distant or unmoving. He is a dynamic relationship, a divine communion, an eternal love flowing between three persons. And this is no mere abstract idea—it is the very heart of the Gospel. The Triune God is the God who saves us, calls us, adopts us, and dwells within us.

From Romans 8:1–17 and John 3:1–17 we discover three life-changing invitations:

1. From Condemnation to Communion: The Father Welcomes Us Home

Paul tells us that *“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”* That single sentence can heal a thousand wounds. So many of us walk through life carrying guilt, regret, and shame. Paul says not less condemnation but none. Why? Because of who the Father is. He’s not standing at a distance with arms crossed—He’s running toward us with arms wide. *“For God so loved the world...”* That’s where it all begins—not with wrath, but with love. The Father didn’t send the Son to condemn, but to save. And in Christ, we are welcomed—not reluctantly, but joyfully.

2. From Flesh to Spirit: The Son Sets Us Free

Jesus told Nicodemus, *“You must be born from above.”* This is not about turning over a new leaf—it’s about becoming a new creation. We cannot earn our way into the Kingdom. That’s the way of the flesh—trying harder, doing more, hoping to be enough. But Christ came to do what we could not.

Through the cross, Jesus has broken the power of sin. He brings

heaven down into our mess. And now, we live by the Spirit—not by striving, but by surrender. This is not self-help. This is resurrection life. We are transformed not by effort, but by the Spirit dwelling in us.

3. From Fear to Adoption: The Spirit Makes Us Children of God

In Romans 8 Paul declares, *“You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption.”* The Spirit doesn’t just live near us—He lives in us. He teaches us to cry, *“Abba, Father.”* He reminds us that we are not just servants—we are sons and daughters. Not just forgiven—but family.

This is what it means to live the Trinity—not to simply believe in God, but to live in Him.

The early Church used the word *Perichoresis*—“circle dance”—to describe the Trinity. An eternal movement of love between Father, Son, and Spirit. A dance of joy and giving. And the miracle? We are invited in. Not because we are worthy—but because He is good.

So what does it mean to live this mystery today?

Live as the beloved, not the condemned. When guilt whispers, remember the Father’s arms are wide open.

Live by the Spirit, not by the flesh. Choose trust and surrender over striving and control.

Live as a child, not a slave. Let the Spirit’s love redefine your relationship with God—not fear, but freedom.

The Trinity is not just doctrine—it is our destiny. When we live in this divine relationship, loving like the Father, serving like the Son, and trusting the Spirit, the world sees God’s love through us. That love changes everything.

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

Romans 8:1-17

John 3:1-17

What's Happening This Week

Today	Chaira Companions 1.30pm
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

Church Roster

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Duty Elder	Elizabeth	Dorothy B
Organist/Pianist	Jill & Mel	Audrey
Greeters	Lynn & Stephanie	Hazel & Lorraine
Bible Readers	Ellie & Joyce	Dorothy B & Jill
Prayers for Others	Terryll	Aaron
Morning Tea	Hazel & Dorothy M	Terryll & Pat
Hall Set Up	Craft Club	TBA
Sound Room	Ross	Elizabeth
Cleaning	Craft Club	Lorraine & Helene

*If you are unable to do your roster, **please organise a swap AND let Janice know ASAP on 0457 483122.***

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

Mainly Music 24 June 9.30am
Book Swap, Coffee & Chat 25 June 9.30am
Craft Club 27 June 9am
Men's Breakfast 28 June 8am
Elders' Meeting 8 July 4pm
Fellowship Lunch 9 July 12 noon
Chaira Companions 20 July 12 Noon
Church Council Meeting 12 August 7pm
Pastoral Care Meeting 29 August 10.15am

Fred's Place & You Have a Friend

Winter has arrived, and as everyone can feel it is especially cold at present! It is that time again when we 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. All donations can be left in the church foyer. Please contact Marshall or Jill for more detailed information. Many thanks to all who have assisted in past years, and we hope and pray for your continuing support this year.

Men's Breakfast

Meeting for breakfast at 8am on Saturday 28 June at the Twisted Fig Café (near Bunnings in Tweed Heads South). This sociable group are always on the lookout for new mates to join them!! **All men are welcome.**

Book Swap, Coffee & Chat

Just a little reminder that there is a **book swap, coffee & chat** event held every Wednesday from 9.30-11am in the church hall. Everyone is welcome, so please come and bring your friends and neighbours. If you have any queries, please talk to Robyn.

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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