



BANORA POINTER

Sunday 6 July 2025

A message from Rev. Aaron Moad



Here I Am – Send Me

In our readings from Isaiah 6:1-8 and Luke 10:1-11, 16-20, we witness extraordinary moments of calling and sending. Isaiah experiences an awesome vision of God in heaven. And in the Gospel According to Luke, we find Jesus calling and sending out the seventy-two disciples to bring peace, healing, and the good news of the kingdom to a world in desperate need. Both of these passages remind us of something vital: God still calls, and God still sends.

In Isaiah's case, he's overwhelmed by the glory of God. In Luke, the disciples are overwhelmed by the harvest, the need, and also the joy of ministry. Both texts remind us: as followers of Christ we are people who are sent. But even more, we are people who are *accompanied*. God doesn't just call us and send us out on our own—He goes with us, strengthens us, and equips us for the work ahead.

Whether you feel ready or not, God has work for you to do—but not alone, with support from others, and always with the Spirit's help.

This week's passage gives us three life transforming truths:

1. God reveals Himself in holiness and love.

Isaiah's vision in the temple is powerful. He sees God, high and exalted, with heavenly beings crying out, "*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty!*" It's overwhelming. Isaiah feels completely unworthy, and his first reaction when he sees the glory of God isn't worship—it's fear. "Woe is me! I am ruined!" he cries out. But God doesn't leave him in fear. A seraph touches his lips with a coal not as a punishment but to cleanse him.

This is how God works. He doesn't just show us His greatness to intimidate us—He reveals His holiness so we might see our need and for His healing love. God says, "*Your guilt is taken away.*" Grace steps in where shame tried to stay.

2. God sends ordinary people with an extraordinary mission.

In Luke 10, Jesus appoints seventy-two disciples—to go out ahead of Him. They aren't told to be perfect, or to have all the answers.

They're simply sent in trust. These were ordinary people. They weren't scholars or spiritual giants, but Jesus believed in them enough to entrust them with His mission. That same mission is extended to *us*—to show up, to be present, to bring hope, to bring peace, and tell everybody the good news of Jesus wherever we go.

In both readings, the call comes not to the most qualified but to ordinary people who are willing. You may not feel like you're enough, you may feel unworthy, you may feel unqualified but remember: God doesn't call the equipped; He equips the called. Isaiah says "Here I am, send me." And that's enough because when we say yes God takes responsibility for the rest.

3. Joy comes from belonging, not just doing.

When the seventy-two return, they're thrilled. "*Even the demons submit to us in your name!*" they say. But Jesus gently redirects them: "*Do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.*"

It's easy to find our joy in results or recognition, but Jesus reminds us that our deepest joy comes from relationship—from belonging to Him. What you do matters, but who you are to God matters even more. You are His beloved, and that is worth celebrating.

So What Now?

Maybe you don't feel ready. Maybe you feel unworthy. Maybe you're unsure about your gifts. But if you've encountered the living God—even in small ways—then He's already begun to equip you. Let Isaiah and the seventy-two remind you: God still calls, still sends, and still fills ordinary lives with His extraordinary purpose.

The question isn't whether God is calling. He is.

The question is: Will you say, "Here I am—send me"?

Say yes. Go where you're sent.

Trust that God walks with you, works through you, and carries you when it gets hard.

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

Isaiah 6:1-8 & Luke 10:1-11;16-20

What's Happening This Week

Wednesday	Prayer Meeting 8am Book Swap, Coffee & Chat 9.30am Fellowship Lunch 12 Noon
Thursday	Men's Bible Study 8.30am KYB (CWC) 10am

Other upcoming events for your diary

Elders' Meeting 15 July 4pm
Book Swap, Coffee & Chat 16 July 9.30am
Chaira Companions 20 July 12 Noon
Craft Club 25 July 9am
Men's Breakfast 26 July 8am
Mainly Music 29 July 9.30am
Church Council Meeting 12 August 7pm
Fellowship Lunch 13 August 12 noon
Pastoral Care Meeting 29 August 10.15am
Fashion Parade 17 September - time TBC

Church Roster

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Duty Elder	Elizabeth	Dorothy B
Organist/Pianist	Jill & Mel	Audrey
Greeters	Hazel & Lorraine W	Dorothy B & Joan C
Bible Readers	Dorothy B & Terryll	Lumiere & Noah
Prayers for Others	Elizabeth	Joyce
Morning Tea	Shirley T & Dorothy McA	Stephanie & Hazel
Hall Set Up	?	?
Sound Room	Nathan	Elizabeth
Cleaning	Helene & Lorraine	Terryll & Lynn

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

Fred's Place & You Have a Friend

Winter is very much upon us, 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.

School Holiday Recess

Some activities are currently in recess due to the school holidays, including Craft Club, Mainly Music, and Evening Bible Study. Please check with the other Bible Study groups and the Prayer meeting group to confirm if they are still meeting or not.

Fellowship Lunch

Everybody is welcome to join the 'Happy Lunchers' at 12 noon on Wednesday 9 July in the "Secret Garden" South Tweed Sports Club for fellowship and lunch. RSVP to Janice by 7 July.

Elders' Meeting Change

Elders please note that due to holidays, this month's meeting will be on 15 July at 4PM.

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

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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