



BANORA POINTER

Sunday 12 July 2026

A message from
Rev. Aaron Moad



The Seed Never Fails

Isaiah 55:10-13 and Matthew 13:1-23

Have you ever wondered if the time you spend in prayer, or the Bible verse you shared with a struggling friend, is actually doing anything? It's easy to feel like our small acts of faith disappear into thin air. Isaiah gives us a beautiful picture to answer that doubt: God's word is like rain and snow, sent out to water the earth, and it never returns to Him empty. Centuries later, Jesus tells the story of a sower scattering seed everywhere, on every kind of ground. Together, these passages remind us that God's word is powerful, generous, and always at work, even when we can't see it yet.

God's word always accomplishes something

In Isaiah 55, God says His word will not return to Him empty, but will accomplish the purpose for which He sent it. Just like rain doesn't fall and then change its mind, God's word doesn't fizzle out once it's spoken. In Matthew 13, the sower scatters seed generously, even onto rocky ground and among thorns. He isn't cautious with it. This tells us something wonderful about how God works: He isn't stingy with His word, and it never fails to do what He intends. So even when we can't see the results of our prayers, our witness, or our own reading of Scripture, we can trust the word is still working.

The condition of our hearts matters

Jesus describes four kinds of soil: the hardened path, the shallow rocky ground, the thorny ground crowded with worry and the love of money, and the good soil that produces a harvest. The seed is the same in every case. What changes is the ground. This is really a mirror held up to us, asking what kind of soil our hearts have become. And the encouraging news is that soil can change. Hard

ground can be broken up, rocks can be pulled out, weeds can be cleared. Through prayer, honesty, and community, we can become good soil, ready to receive what God is planting in us.

The harvest is worth the wait

Isaiah paints a stunning picture of what happens when God's word takes root: mountains and hills bursting into song, trees clapping their hands, thorns replaced by cypress and myrtle trees. Jesus' parable ends the same way, with good soil producing thirty, sixty, even a hundred times what was planted. Neither passage asks us to judge the process by how things look halfway through. A field mid-season doesn't look like much, and neither does a life still being shaped by God. But the harvest is coming, and it will be worth every bit of the wait.

These passages invite us into three simple responses this week.

First, trust the word even when results aren't yet visible. Keep praying, keep reading Scripture, keep sharing your faith, and let God handle what grows from it.

Second, check your own soil. Ask honestly where distraction, shallow excitement, or worry might be crowding out what God wants to grow in you, and take one small step to clear that ground.

Third, expect the harvest and celebrate it. When you see growth in your own life or someone else's, don't downplay it. Celebrate it the way heaven does.

The seed has been scattered over every one of us. By God's grace, we can become good ground.

Grace and peace

Rev. Aaron

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

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What's Happening This Week

Tuesday	Mainly Music Meeting 8.30am
Wednesday	Prayer Meeting 8am
Thursday	Men's Bible Study 9am CWCI (KYB) 10am
Friday	Craft Club 9am

Church Roster

	Today	Next Sunday
Duty Elder	Elizabeth	Audrey
Organist/Pianist	Mel	Mel
Greeters	Joyce & Lynn	Lorraine & Stephanie
Bible Readers	Lumiere & Noah	Robyn & Terryll
Prayers for Others	Joyce	Neil
Morning Tea	Stephanie & Terryll	Hazel & Pat
Hall Set Up	Nigel	Craft Club
Sound Room	Elizabeth	Ross
Cleaning	Helene & Lorraine	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 19 July 12 Noon
Elders' Meeting 21 July 4pm
Book Club 21 July 1.30pm
Book Swap, Coffee & Chat 22 July 9.30am
Evening Bible Study 23 July 6.30pm
Men's Breakfast 25 July 8am
Mainly Music 28 July 9.30am
Craft Club 31 July 9am
Church Council Meeting 11 August 7pm
Fellowship Lunch 12 August 12 Noon
TCCEA Prayer Meeting 18 August 4pm
Pastoral Care Meeting 21 August 9.30am
Mini Market 22 August 8.30am
Fashion Parade 16 September 10.30am



Mainly Music
The pre-term toy clean up and volunteers meeting will be held this coming Tuesday 14 July commencing 8.30am. Any assistance will be most welcome. Please see Lynn for further information.

Mini Market

We are holding another Mini market on Saturday 22 August 2026 commencing at 8.30am. Please see attached information sheet for further details.



Craft Club
The next term starts this Friday. Everyone is welcome to join this most sociable group!

Fred's Place

Many thanks to everyone who has so generously donated to this appeal – it is very much appreciated by Fred's Place. This Winter **they are welcoming donations of blankets, jackets and socks. Canned and packaged foodstuffs would also be appreciated.** Please talk to Marshall if you have any queries.

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 Shane Hambling if you need any assistance.

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