

Sunday 28 June 2026

A message from Rev. Aaron Moad



The Lord Will Provide

Genesis 22:1–14; Matthew 10:40–42

There are times in life when faith feels simple, when prayers seem to be answered and the path ahead seems clear. But there are also seasons when obedience feels costly and we are asked to trust God without knowing where He is leading. It is in those moments that we discover what faith really is.

In Genesis, Abraham is called to place his beloved son Isaac into God's hands. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks of welcoming His disciples and offering even a cup of cold water in His name. Though very different, both passages reveal the same truth: faith is trusting God enough to place ourselves and our resources in His hands. Whether through extraordinary obedience or ordinary generosity, God invites us to participate in His work.

Faith That Trusts God's Promises

The command given to Abraham seems impossible. Isaac is not simply his son; he is the child of promise, Abraham and Sarah had waited decades for the child that God promised them. Isaac was the son God had promised that Abraham's descendants would be more numerous than stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore and that they would be God's chosen people. Even with all that Abraham rises early and begins the journey in obedience.

Biblical faith is not having certainty about everything. It is trusting the character of God even when we don't understand His purposes. Abraham does not know how the story will end, but he remembers God's faithfulness in the past and continues to walk forward.

The same invitation is given to us. There are seasons when plans collapse, relationships break down, or uncertainty clouds the future. Like Abraham, we are called to trust the One who has already proven Himself faithful.

Faith That Discovers God's Provision

As Abraham and Isaac climb the mountain, Isaac asks, "Where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham replies, "God himself will provide the lamb."

At the very moment of greatest need, with Isaac tied on the alter and Abraham poised to sacrifice him, at the last second God

provides a ram caught in the thicket, and Abraham names the place, "The Lord will provide." Those words become one of Scripture's great declarations because they reveal something essential about God: He provides, not always according to our timetable or expectations, but according to His perfect wisdom and love.

For Christians, this story points beyond Mount Moriah to Calvary. Isaac, the beloved son, is spared because God provides a substitute. Jesus, the beloved Son of the Father, is not spared because He Himself becomes the substitute for us. The God who stopped in Jesus God takes upon himself all the evil, sin and brokenness and then defeats death through the resurrection three days later.

Often, we only discover God's provision as we continue walking in faith. Because He has already given us His greatest gift in Christ, we can trust Him with everything else.

Faith That Welcomes God's Presence

In our reading from Matthew, Jesus teaches that whoever welcomes His disciples welcomes Him, and whoever welcomes Him welcomes the Father. Having been welcomed into God's family through Christ, we are called to extend that same welcome to others.

Hospitality may seem ordinary, offering a meal, making time for someone, listening well, or even giving a cup of cold water, yet Jesus declares that no act of love done in His name is insignificant. God sees it, values it, and uses it.

Our world is increasingly lonely, and many people long to know that they matter. As Christians, our kindness, generosity, and simple acts of care become visible signs of God's grace. Faith is not just something we believe; it takes shape in action as we reflect Christ's welcome to those He puts in our lives.

Walking by Faith

These readings remind us to trust God's promises even when the path is unclear, to rely on His provision, and to welcome Christ by welcoming others. The God who called Abraham, who provided on Mount Moriah, and who gave His own Son at Calvary is still at work today.

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

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What's Happening This Week

Tuesday Mainly Music 9.30am
Book Club 1.30pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 8am
Thursday Men's Bible Study 9am
CWCI (KYB) 10am
Evening Bible Study 6.30pm

Church Roster

	Today	Next Sunday
Duty Elder	Neil	Joyce
Organist/Pianist	Audrey	Mel
Greeters	Robyn & Lynn	Terryll & Joan C
Bible Readers	Terryll & Neil	Ellie & Lena
Prayers for Others	Aaron	Elizabeth
Morning Tea	Sylvia & Pat	Shirley & Dorothy Mc
Hall Set Up	Nigel	Ross
Sound Room	Elizabeth	Nigel
Cleaning	Aaron & Jane	Terryll & Lynn

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

Fellowship Lunch 8 July 12 noon
Elders' Meeting 14 July 4pm
Craft Club 17 July 9am
Chaira Companions 19 July 12 Noon
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
Church Council Meeting 11 August 7pm
TCCEA Prayer Meeting 18 August 4pm
Pastoral Care Meeting 21 August 9.30am
Fashion Parade 16 September 10.30am

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 .

Fellowship Lunch

Everybody is welcome to join the "Happy Lunchers" at 12 noon on Wednesday 8 July in the "Secret Garden" South Tweed Sports Club for fellowship and lunch. RSVP to Janice by 6 July.

White Pages Phone Directory

A number of copies of this directory are on the table in the Foyer. If you can make use of this, please do take a copy. **It is my understanding that automatic home delivery of these directories has now ceased.**

Dudley Horscroft's Funeral

Please note that this funeral will be held here on Monday 6 July commencing at 1.30pm.

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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