



BANORA POINTER

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A message from Rev. Aaron Moad



Embracing God's Purpose for Our Lives

In our faith journey, we often face moments of doubt, questioning whether our lives have a greater purpose. We may feel unworthy or ill-equipped, but God's call is a divine invitation to trust Him, step into His plan, and be transformed.

In Luke 5:1-11 and Isaiah 6:1-8, we see two powerful examples of people called by God in unexpected ways, forever changing their lives and history.

The Calling of Simon Peter: A Transformation of Faith

In Luke 5:1-11, Simon Peter, a weary fisherman, experiences a miraculous moment. After a night of failed fishing, Jesus tells him, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Though doubtful, Peter obeys. The result? A catch so abundant it nearly breaks the nets. Overwhelmed, Peter acknowledges his unworthiness, but Jesus calls him to something greater: "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people."

Peter's story teaches us that God's call isn't based on our abilities but on His grace. Even in our doubts and limitations, obedience leads to transformation and blessings beyond what we can imagine.

The Vision of Isaiah: Purification and Obedience

Isaiah 6:1-8 presents a different yet equally profound calling. Isaiah has a vision of God's holiness, surrounded by angels declaring, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty." Overcome by his sinfulness, Isaiah cries, "Woe to me! I am ruined!" But God, in His grace, purifies him with a burning coal, removing his guilt. When God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Isaiah responds, "Here am I. Send me!"

Like Peter, Isaiah recognises his inadequacy. But God does not leave him there—He cleanses, transforms, and calls him to a greater mission. This is the essence of God's calling: it's not about our perfection, but our willingness to be transformed and obey.

A Call to Follow: From Doubt to Purpose

The stories of Peter and Isaiah reveal a truth: God calls ordinary people to extraordinary purposes. Whether in a fishing boat or a temple vision, He meets us where we are and invites us into His divine plan.

Like Isaiah and Peter, we may struggle with doubts and insecurities. But God's call is not based on our ability or worthiness—it is an invitation to rely on His grace. When we respond with humility and obedience, we step into a life of purpose and transformation.

Conclusion: Trusting God's Call

God's call is not about perfection, but obedience. He invites each of us to a life of transformation and service. In our families, workplaces, and communities, He calls us to follow, trust, and embrace His purpose.

Are we ready to say, "Here am I. Send me"? Just as Peter left his nets behind and Isaiah accepted his mission, we, too, are called to something greater. It may be uncertain or challenging, but it is always a journey of transformation.

Trust God's call. Step into His purpose. And just as He transformed Peter and Isaiah, He will transform us when we obey.

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

Isaiah 6:1-13

Luke 5:1-11

What's Happening This Week

Tuesday	Mainly Music 9.30am Church Council Meeting 7pm
Wednesday	Prayer meeting 8am Book Swap, Coffee & Chat 9.30am Fellowship Lunch 12 noon
Thursday	Men's Bible Study 8.30am KYB (CWCI) 10am Evening Bible Study 6.30pm

Other upcoming events for your diary

Chaira Companions 16 February 1.30pm
Mainly Music 18 February 9.30am
Book Swap, Coffee & Chat 19 February 9.30am
Craft Club 21 February 9am
Men's Breakfast 22 February 8am
Pastoral Care Meeting 28 February 10.15am
Elder's Meeting 11 March 4pm
Fellowship Lunch 12 March 12 noon
Church Council Meeting 8 April 7pm (incls AGM)

Church Roster

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Duty Elder	Elizabeth	Elizabeth
Organist/Pianist	Audrey	Jill & Mel
Greeters	Denise & Dorothy B	Robyn & Joan C
Bible Readers	Lena & Jill	Robyn & Audrey
Prayers for Others	Neil	Audrey
Morning Tea	Pat & Dorothy McA	Hazel & Lorraine S
Hall Set Up	Ross	Marshall
Sound Room	Ross	Elizabeth
Cleaning	Craft Club	Lorraine W & Helene

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

Fellowship Lunch

Everybody is welcome to join the 'Happy Lunchers' at 12 noon on Wednesday 12 February in the "Secret Garden" South Tweed Sports Club for fellowship and lunch. RSVP to Janice by 10 February

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.



Mainly Music

The ever popular Mainly Music returns this Tuesday. We are always on the look out for volunteers, so if you feel you can help please talk to Lynn or Lorraine W.

Thoughts for today

"I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go."
 Abraham Lincoln

"Heaven is full of answers to prayers for which no one ever bothered to ask."
 Billy Graham

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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