

THE VINES UNITING CHURCH

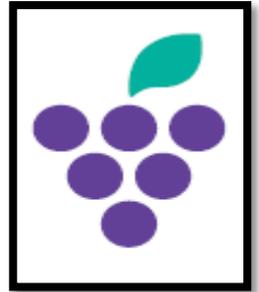
#18 The Grape: "Something to chew on."

Church in your pyjamas!

Sat 1st August 2020



The GRAPE: It is a solitary thing and yet even in isolation it has come from a bunch and the bunch is connected to the Vine.



ANCHOR SERIES #9:

***HOPE shapes our character
as we endure hardship!***

HOLY COMMUNION: OUR PREPARATION 02 AUG

Communion is a sacrament, a fancy word that means "sacred sign" of God's presence. In the old Testament a sacred place often required people to remove their shoes; like Moses standing in front of the burning bush having to remove his shoes because of the holy ground. Shoes can be a metaphor for many things.

Q. What do you need to "remove" in God's presence?



REFLECTION: “HOPE”

“What doesn’t kill you makes you stronger!”

There is something to be said about the human spirit, that innate quality that contributes to our resilience. All humans have this within them, so what does faith add to our lives?

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹ “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?” ¹³ Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” ¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.” John 4:

LIVING WATER

Q. Is there something you resonate with from this reading?

Q. So in addition to our human spirit, what is Jesus offering us?

Q. Paul described our lives as being like cracked vessels, constantly in need of being refilled.

Q. Is it possible for our human spirit to run dry?

Q. How have you experienced Jesus living water welling up in your life?

09 AUG 20 INTERIM WORSHIP:

We're back!

Sunday 9th August at 9.30am..... of course it will be different, but we're thankful for the chance to reconnect:

TIME: 0930 Service Sunday morning (45 mins ish)

Max attendance 51 people (includes Worship team)

Instrumental music only to meet Gov. / UC Synod policy.

(No singing from Band or congregation to mitigate droplet spread.)

Service - Recorded and LIVE STREAMED onto Vines Web page.



CHAIRS: are set to the correct GOV spacing.

PEWS: can be used by couples who choose to sit together.

TABLES: for families with children, so they can do activities under parental supervision.

BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS:

Tickets for the service on Sunday 9th August can be booked through **Humanitix** as of 3pm tomorrow, Sunday 2nd August until 2pm on Friday 7th August.

To book your online tickets, please click on this hyperlink:

<https://events.humanitix.com/the-vines-uniting-church-sunday-service>

It's not necessary to print out your tickets, simply book them and the Church will receive the records.

If you have no internet or **NEED HELP** with booking, please contact Colleen or Judy and they will book a ticket / tickets for you.

Colleen: H: 7220 7383, M: 0430 646 844

or Judy: H: 8322 0892, M: 0402 249 324

Please:

“Do not attend the Sunday Service if you are at all unwell.”

Should you need **TO CANCEL** your tickets, please let Colleen or Judy know by 4pm on Thursday, 6th August, (unless there are unexpected circumstances), to enable them to rebook the tickets. There will be a maximum booking of 46 people, allowing 5 spaces for new people who might attend.

It may not be possible for you to attend each week owing to the limited number of seats. We all need to be mindful of others in this.

Depending on the number of bookings it may only be possible for people to attend once a fortnight, but of course the service will be live streamed so you'll still be able to watch it at home.

The Leadership team are working hard to see that all Covid 19 Government regulations are met and ask that you be patient, as *“we're all in this together”*.

Join us for online tea and coffee after church again this Sunday

At 10.30 am tomorrow, **Sunday, 2nd August**, we will again catch up for VIRTUAL coffee and tea after Church.

Visitors welcome!

Please refer to this week's Grapevine for more information

CHECK <https://thevinesunitingchurch.com>

Remember OUR key MESSAGE:

“Phone a Friend and Choose life”

‘Cos you can't catch the virus over the phone...

But you can pass on God's love!

