



The Grapevine 6/9/2020

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ANCHOR#14 – 06 SEPT - *Love that never ends*

CELEBRATION FOR FATHERS' DAY

Today we are reflecting on Jesus the Good Shepherd and the dynamic relationship this scripture reading from John 10 evokes as we draw near to the conclusion of our Anchor series.

You may be wondering why I didn't pick a scripture that reflects a connection with the ocean like Jonah and the whale or Paul getting ship wrecked? I did consider it, but found that the Good Shepherd underpins the Anchor series by conveying another aspect of God's GRACE that anchors our lives during the 2020 storms we have confronted.

Let me start with a simple question:

Q. Why do sheep need shepherds?

A. They love to wander off and get themselves in trouble.

I wonder how many times we act like sheep without a shepherd: like the prodigal son who when left to his own devices complicated his life no end, or maybe we end up like the elder son who became bitter, convinced he had earned his blessings.

Jesus identified the Father in the parable as reflecting God's unconditional love to all his children... coming to us in our own uniqueness, like the snowflake Marj referred to last week.

As we celebrate communion this week, we have the chance to put aside the *LOSTNESS* of the Prodigal and the *PRIDE* of the elder son and immerse ourselves in the Nourishing Good news of God's grace that never ends... as a shepherd with his sheep.

Rev DJPrior

OUR MISSION:

*To be a vibrant, growing community of faith,
reaching out in God's love, bringing others to Christ.*



Fundraising with Plants

Thank you to all who supported the Plant Stall Fundraiser last weekend.

A special Thank you to my Bob for all his support towards the day,
A BIG THANK YOU to Bron Lumsden, I couldn't have done it without her support
and contributions - and to Bob L for his help on the day.

The Plant Stall raised \$171.50

**Over the coming weeks as plants become saleable
they will be For Sale in the Church foyer occasionally.**

**Information and prices will be in the
Grapevine earlier in the week each time.**

Elaine Manson

BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUNDAY SERVICE:



This Sunday 6th September will be **Communion Sunday**.

Tickets can be booked through **Humanitix** from 3pm on Sunday, until 11 am on Friday. Google **Humanitix**, click on "events", and in the box that says "search events" type in "The Vines Uniting Church". The event will then appear for you to click on and book your tickets.

There's no need to print tickets, just book and the Church will receive records ready for Sunday. Please fill in your phone number if possible.

If you **NEED HELP** with booking, please contact

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 **4 pm on Thursday 10th September**, (unless there are unexpected circumstances).

***There are 19 tickets left for Sunday 6th September
if you'd like to attend.***

LIVE STREAMED SERVICE

Please use the following link to access Sunday's live streamed service:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=the+vines+uniting+church

*For those of you who will be viewing from home, a reminder that it is **COMMUNION SUNDAY** this week. Don't forget to organise your own elements.*

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

This Sunday, 6th September there will be another VIRTUAL coffee and tea after Church via Zoom. Visitors welcome!

START TIME SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER.

Log in between **11:00am – 11:30am** via video conference software called Zoom. Free

Simply click on the link below and you will be automatically sent to the group chat.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5418125736>

Meeting ID: 541 812 5736

Please contact Adrian Spencer if you need help.



Next Week: 13th September

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13 Sept #15: *Breaking the Old Anchor Chains: 1 Peter 2:4 - 10*

**THE CHAIN LINKING US TO THE ANCHOR
BEHOLD A NEW CHAIN
MADE NEW**

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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!



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