



# The Grapevine 25/10/2020

## The Vines Uniting Church

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### The Armour of God #1 The Belt of Truth

Hopefully you have enjoyed the scriptures we have explored each Sunday this year. We started with the Anchor series, looking at “What holds us tight during the Storms of life?” We developed our Faith Links from God’s LOVE to our Lives making us stronger.

Similarly in the most recent “Faith is like...” series which focussed on: “We only need small faith (mustard seed) to move our mountains, with the resistance from life growing our faith (muscles). Our “shared suffering” (soldier) and “determination” (athlete) gives us “Hope” (farmer) that God’s love is with us in our hardship.”

To conclude our time in the lead up to Christmas, our new theme picks up our “Grow stronger through COVID” goal, by focussing on Ephesians 6:10 – 18: “Put on the Armour of God and Stand Firm.”

This week the focus is on the belt of TRUTH, or more accurately the armoured kilt of Truth. Paul based his imagery on the Roman soldier who wore protection over this groin region. Why did Paul allocate Truth to this armoured area, instead of a shield?

Could it be because Truth hurts? (Ha. Attempt at humour!)

Paul tells us to put on the armour of God because we live in a spiritual realm, where our hardships and failures are compounded by spiritual warfare. Our hardships can be fertile ground for despair to set in, meaning people fall away or lose their sense of connection with God, self and others. Applying the belt of Truth at this time is one way to counter such despair, because God’s truth is this:

*John 3:17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

Rev DJPrior

## **OUR MISSION:**

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

I will be taking leave commencing Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October for 4 to 6 weeks.

Please forward items for the Grapevine and Grape to Chris De Caux .

Please advise Judy Beames or Lynn Ellison if you need help with Humanitix bookings or cancellations:

Judy Beames (H: 83220892 M: 0402 249 324)

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**Colleen**

### **THE COFFEE GROUP...**

Meets each Wednesday morning at 10am @ Church.

It is a Scripture based group that explores the Word and especially tries to relate it to our everyday lives.

We start with Coffee of course.

If anybody is interested, please contact

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### **HOME ALONERS NOVEMBER LUNCH**

Our next lunch gathering will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November (the day after Melbourne Cup) at The Vines Golf Club, Reynell Road, Woodcroft at 12.15pm meeting for lunch at 12.30pm **WEDNESDAY.**

Please Let us know by Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov if you will be able to attend, so we can confirm numbers for the Golf Club.

Ring Bob Stone 8381 4483 or

Bob Manson 8382 7242

## **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](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=the+vines+uniting+church)

## **SUNDAY 10 AM**

ZOOM Children's Sunday Morning Chat 10.45 am with Rev David and co.

If you have Grandchildren who may be interested, then email Rev David on [davidprior@bigpond.com](mailto:davidprior@bigpond.com) by end of Friday to get linked in.

## **BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUNDAY SERVICE:**

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". Click on the event to book your tickets. Please fill in your phone number should the need for Covid tracking ever arise.

Should you need **TO CANCEL** your tickets, please let

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know by **4 pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October**, (unless there are unexpected circumstances).

***Please do not attend the Sunday Service if you are at all unwell.***

## Next Week:

**1<sup>st</sup> November** - Rev. David Prior

**“Be STRONG in the LORD, PUT ON THE  
WHOLE ARMOUR TO STAND FIRM.”**

**Eph 6:10 – 18**

**#2 Righteousness – Breastplate (Justice???)**



*Breastplate of  
RIGHTEOUSNESS*  
ephe-6:10-18

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### Remember OUR key MESSAGE:

***Connect with others and Choose life***

***'Cos to Grow stronger through COVID***

***We have to pass on God's love!***



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