



The Grapevine 1/11/2020

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Armour of God series#2 Breast Plate of Righteousness.

Not many soldiers in any era go out in public in full battle attire unless they are on duty, patrolling or transiting from one area to another. Roman times were the same. They only PUT ON their Chest Plate if they were on duty. In the barracks body their armour came off.

The Chest Plate covers the vital organs of the heart, lungs etc. Throughout history our heart is used as a metaphor for our passions, emotions and love. When we are confronted by heartache, conflict and hardship, times when the very substance of the world seems to be against us Paul says PUT ON the Chest Plate of Righteousness! Because it is not something we wear all the time.

What does the Righteous of God refer to?

Some suggest it refers to “living a life pleasing to God” as Abraham is described in Romans 4:3. Another way of understanding the term is that it refers to “being right with God.” Being right with God is not something we are able to achieve by ourselves. I have spoken with people who are affronted by the concept that we are all sinners and fall short of the glory of God.

One way of summarising this week’s sermon is to say “at the hardest, darkest points in our lives, when all our plans have come crashing down, we “PUT ON” God’s Chest Plate of Righteousness because we are His children, chosen through the love and sacrifice of Jesus. Words of hope for times of despair. So we may Stand Firm.

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 21st 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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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 in coming along, please contact

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HOME ALONERS NOVEMBER LUNCH

Our next lunch gathering will be on Wednesday 4th 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 1st 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

There will be no ZOOM Children's Sunday Morning Chat this week.

There will be Sunday School included in the morning service.

HOLY COMMUNION.

This Sunday is Holy Communion Sunday.

An opportunity to bring all we have to the Table, where we meet the risen Lord whose love knows no limits.

A love that we encounter daily, a love that Kirstyn Spencer reminded me, "has no COVID RESTRICTIONS" applied. Ha. I like that. Jesus walks hand in hand with us, sits at our table and knows our suffering and most excitingly lives within us.

Communion is a time when we are invited to STOP and consider the things we carry around with us. What is important, what can I let go of? What things did Jesus die to set me free from?

So why am I still carrying it?

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 29th October**, (unless there are unexpected circumstances).

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

Next Week:

8st November - Rev. David Prior

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

Eph 6:10 – 18

#3 Shoes– Put



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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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