

# THE VINES UNITING CHURCH

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

## Good morning!

*Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November 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.



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

**Ephesians 6:10 – 18**

**#4 *The Shield of Faith***



## **ACTION / REFLECTION**

Remembering is important, as this week on the 11th hour, 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month we had the opportunity to pause and remember the sacrifice and end of WW1. The Bible, while recording historical events, focuses on remembering the dynamic faith interaction between God and humanity. People like Adam and Eve, Abraham, Moses leading Israel out of Exodus, King David and Jezebel, the capture of Jerusalem and Exile to Babylon, Prophets and then Jesus and the early church. These letters and books record the people of Israel's Faith History and that of the gentiles (yes us.)

Faith is not simply about NOW. Faith emerges over time, often hard fought amidst the stuff of life. Today's exercise is to map your Faith History. Below is the start of an example, you could give your life different chapters? Be creative.

### **TIME LINE: David Prior**

**1963** Birth: Christian family

**1967** School and Faith: I knew God loved me!

**1979** Trade: "Worked hard"

**1985** "There must be more to Life than this" – Faith reignites.

**1990** India: Discovered the Crucified God with us in our suffering

**1991** Marriage: Journey of commitment and love

The aim is to identify key dates and how these shaped your faith.

Q. What was it about your dates / events that shaped your Faith History?

They can be hard, funny, enlightening or beyond words.

Q. Was there a person / event or a catalyst to grow or shape your faith?

FAITH is the key part, not the size of your shield. We only need Faith the size of a mustard seed to "move your mountains" and "put out" the flaming Darts on THAT DAY, WEEK or YEAR.

**NOTE:** If a date or event is too raw... name it eg SHMOZZ or REALITY SLAP and keep going. Or sit for a while and consider an appropriate name using the BELT/Chest Plate: TRUTH of NO CONDEMNATION!

## **15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 20 INTERIM WORSHIP:**

Join us on Sunday from 9.30 am to approx. 10.30 am for our service, a chance to Worship and reconnect.

The maximum attendance is 55 people, including the Worship team.

**Service - Recorded and LIVE STREAMED onto Vines Web page.**

[https://www.youtube.co/results?search\\_query=the+vines+uniting+church](https://www.youtube.co/results?search_query=the+vines+uniting+church)

**Next Sunday** will be Marj Dredge preaching as Rev David Prior will be on leave.

### **BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS**

Please book your tickets for next week through **Humanitix** from 3pm on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. until 11 am on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. and phone Judy Beames or Lynn Ellison if you need help with booking.

Judy Beames: H: 8322 0892 M: 0402 249 324

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Should you need **TO CANCEL** your tickets, please let Judy or Lynn know by **4 pm on Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> November**, (unless there are unexpected circumstances), to enable them to rebook the tickets.

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

### **Congregational Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> Dec after church.**

*Treasurer for 2021*

*Financial Report and Budget.*



**Remember OUR key MESSAGE:**

**“Connect with people  
and Choose Life”**

**‘Cos to grow stronger during Covid  
we *have* to pass on God’s Love.**