



The Grapevine 15/11/2020

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Armour of God #4 Shield of FAITH.

The armour of God that Paul is talking about has one aim... to help us STAND FIRM. When Martin Luther, a Catholic Priest nailed his 95 thesis to the door of the castle chapel and so put in train the events of the Reformation, he did so with a clear conviction:

My conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen.

<https://davidbahn-reflections.com/2017/10/31/martin-luthers-here-i-stand-speech/>

500 years later on his line "***Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise***" still resonates with me. I can imagine Paul punching his fist in the air! Yes Stand Firm! This is what the Armour series is all about.

While as Christians we aim to be loving, caring individuals we are equipped to STAND FIRM. Not to roll over, be a door mat. There is nothing in the life of Jesus that says "door mat". There is nothing in the life of Paul that says "door mat." There is nothing in the life of Ruth or Mary Magdalene that says "door mat." Faith galvanises us, as we blend our inner human well of resources with the spiritual well of resources that Jesus provides within us.

Today we look at the Shield of Faith, which protects and puts out the "darts of the evil one." I don't intend to talk about what a dart or arrow from the evil one may look like, rather my focus draws us back to remind us all, that it is not about the size of the shield we should strive for, but rather the size of our faith. Remembering that Jesus said all we need is faith the size of a mustard seed. That small minute seed can grow and flourish into a massive tree. One that Stands FIRM.

Rev DJ Prior

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)

or Lynn Ellison (H: 8387 3903 M: 0431 995 480)

Colleen

As the 60s song says We heard it on the Grapevine

that our new venture is a Vines Christmas Market to be held on the 5th December 2020

I am organising a Gift Basket Stall for this occasion but due to Covid 19 restrictions it has been deemed inappropriate to request gift donations. It would be much appreciated if gold coin donations could be given towards the baskets and I will purchase appropriate items to fill them

I will arrange for a box to be placed in the church each Sunday until 29th November in which donations can be dropped.

Also, I would ask if anyone has any small baskets they do not need I would be very grateful to have them.

Thanking everyone in anticipation

Blessings to you all

Margaret Close

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

There will be Sunday School included in the morning service.

REV DAVID PRIOR HOLIDAYS 16 – 30 NOV

For Pastoral Support contact your small group leader.

Alternatively contact JUDY BEAMES who will coordinate a response through the Elders on the Leadership Team.

If that fails then remember to "Phone a Friend..."

15th 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

NEW SEATING ARRANGEMENTS: PLAN D?



1. Leave chairs where they are.

2. Allow 1 vacant chair between every single / couple / family group and the next single / couple / family group, to maintain social distancing

3. **People that travel together to church can sit together.**

BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS

Please book your tickets for next week through Humanitix from 3pm on Sunday 8th Nov. until 11 am on Friday 13th Nov. and phone Judy Beames or Lynn Ellison if you need help with booking.

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Should you need TO CANCEL your tickets, please let Judy or Lynn know by 12 noon on Thurs 12th 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***

CHRISTMAS MARKET: December 5th.

It is now just 4 weeks to the Christmas Market. Anything you can do to contribute to the stalls will be very gratefully received. On the day, we will need people to move through the market, welcoming visitors and making sure that people are Covid safe. If you would be willing to do the Covid Marshall training would you please speak with Judy, David or Lynn as to the process. It is not difficult. If you would like to help on the day, please speak to one of the convenors or Marj or Leon.

CHRISTMAS MARKET December 5th

As you will all be aware the upcoming Christmas market is nearly upon us. We want to share the Blessing with the Community and as Convenor of the sweet stall I was hoping my many regular cooks and supporters of the 'Strawberry Fair' Sweet stall would once again help me. I am looking for the traditional confectionery people like e.g. Coconut Ice, Rum Balls, White Christmas etc. Or if anyone would care to make a small donation, I can purchase the lollies needed to make some 'NEW' Christmas lolly ideas. Please don't hesitate to contact me on **0413995159** (as I no longer have a landline) I'd love to hear from you.

Blessings Jacqui Vanstone

POSITION VACANT: ROLE OF TREASURER for 2021

With Tiju stepping down after many years of service as The Vines Treasurer, we require a new Treasurer.

We are exploring options of how to reduce the role of Treasurer, while keeping the oversight a priority.

More information to follow in this week's Grape.

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Come and join us

**in singing some
favourite Christmas Carols
Featuring**

**Victor Harbor Corps Band
&
Noarlunga Corps Band**



**Where: Salvation Army Noarlunga
186 Elizabeth Road Morphett Vale**

When: Sunday 29th November

Time: 2.00 pm

**Cost: Gold coin donation
(Includes afternoon tea)**

COVID Safe

Next Week:

22nd November - Rev. David Prior

**“Be STRONG in the LORD, PUT ON THE
WHOLE ARMOUR TO STAND FIRM.”
Eph 6:10 – 18**

#5 Helmet– Salvation



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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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