



The Grapevine 20/12/2020

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What a mess... Luke 1:28 - 34

Mess is a term that could be used to describe all manner of things... your garage, back yard... your neighbour's house, grandchild's face after eating pasta, or 2020! Mess infers chaos, confusion, grime, disarray, things out of place. I think it is fair to say that Christmas 2020 is a mess. In actual fact we are probably getting close to what the lives of Mary and Joseph felt like:

30-32 *The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David."*

(Click this link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KT_cHi8QJMw to watch "Gabriel visits Mary from The Nativity Story.")

Whatever plans Mary and Joseph had, they were in tatters; a mess. Functioning in a mess can be difficult as we have found out this year. Thankfully mess is the stuff of faith where God and humanity discover new life.

Our focus today, the 4th Sunday in Advent is to examine Mary's response to the startling, life changing invitation to be the mother of the Messiah. We will investigate Mary's choice, how she responded; was it in blind obedience, fear or did she explore and come to a decision grounded in faith and hope that would sustain her throughout her life?

Some great stuff to explore for our messy 2020 Christmas lives.

Rev DJPrior

JOIN US FOR DECEMBER ON LINE.

OUR MISSION:

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

CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL



Whilst we won't be providing envelopes at the Vines this year for the Christmas Bowl Appeal, there is still an opportunity for you to give by CALLING 1800 025 101, or by GIVING ONLINE AT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl



The VINES Uniting Church

Please join us ONLINE for this year's

Christmas Service



Regular Sunday Worship will resume at the Church on Sunday, 3rd January 2021.

Please check our website for updates

<https://thevinesunitingchurch.com>

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

LIVE STREAMED SERVICE

Please use the following link to access live streamed services, including the Christmas service:

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



CHRISTMAS MARKET.

A happy time was had by all at our Christmas Market on Saturday. Lots of goodies, and lovely Christmas carols from Bill and Digby. A beautiful witness! It was delightful to see a tiny tot dance to their music.

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the event. We raised around \$1900.

There are some homemade goodies left. Small Christmas cakes, Strawberry Jam, wonderful range of sweets and Gift baskets. If you are interested, please contact Marj, Jacqui or Margaret Close for further information!

This is the last Grapevine for 2020
They will recommence on Sunday 7th February 2021
DURING THE CHRISTMAS BREAK...

Key points

Face to Face worship resumes 03 JAN 21

BOOKING REQUIRED.

03 Jan 21: Preacher Bill Scerri

10 Jan 21: Preacher: Rob Close

17 Jan: Preacher: Rev DJPrior

24 Jan: Preacher: Rev DJPrior

31 Jan: Preacher: Rev DJPrior

***CONGRATULATIONS to Isaac Prior (David & Ellie's son)
who will be marrying his beloved Abigail, on Sunday,
Dec 27th 2020, regardless of what happens! Yehaa.***



**Next Week 27th December - Online
2020 Sermon Series REFRESH:**

**ANCHOR,
"Faith is Like..."
& THE ARMOUR of GOD**



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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!***



**Please send
Newsletter articles for 7th Feb 2021 to
Colleen Farmer**

by 12 noon Wednesday 3rd February 2021

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