



# The Grapevine 6/12/2020

## The Vines Uniting Church

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### **Rev. David Prior: Change is Coming**

What a year... and now we are in December and Christmas is coming quickly... Wow. Just think, COVID as a word did not exist 9 months ago, or at least I hadn't heard of it or used it, now it is a part of our daily conversation and news feeds. The world is a catalyst for change: confronting / challenging and immersing us in change all the time.

Q. So where is God in the midst of this change?

A. God "Emmanuel" is with us.

But God also is in the business of change. God through Jesus wants to change our LIVES... We are a construction site, we are a work in progress, an incomplete masterpiece, clay being moulded, you could probably think of some other illustrations. As individuals and The Vines Congregation, God is continuing to shape us to shape others.

If it wasn't for COVID we would have continued to simply do what we have always done. The Pandemic has thrown everything into chaos and required us to do something different. Some have thrived, while others have spat the chewie or doubled down, but regardless we have all had to Change.

The Pandemic is not God's work; however it is in the midst of this chaos that our Faith is engaged, going from dormant to active, passive to proactive. It is this alive message of Christmas we will explore ***this Sunday... ON LINE.***

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

## **OUR MISSION:**

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

### **Child's Quilt**

I'm a quilter, and had planned to donate a couple of kids' I Spy quilts, for \$100 each (about 60" square) for church market. My phone number is **0427 0429 97**, in case anyone would like to purchase one, the full \$100 going to the Vines. I have several quilts to choose from.

Karen Kitto

### **NOTICES**

***THIS SUNDAY SERVICE WILL BE ON LINE.***

***HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME***

#### **DEC & CHRISTMAS EVE / DAY SERVICES**

The Leaders Team is meeting on 03 DEC to decide the best course of action for our Worship services in December and for Christmas Eve / Day. Stay tuned for an update in The Grape.

#### **CHRISTMAS MARKET UPDATE:**

"PLAN D for Xmas Market... After further COVID changes and restrictions and opportunities we are pleased to announce that the Christmas Market will now go ahead, in conjunction with the Reynella Community Centre's market on Saturday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm. Our conveners have already gathered stock, however, if you would like to contribute that would be very welcome. We will have a section of the car park, under the trees, and will have cakes and produce, sweets, plants, craft and Christmas baskets. All COVID regulations will be observed. We apologise for the short notice, but believe that this is a great opportunity to take the church to the people, rather than hope the people will come to the church!

Contact Marj Dredge or Leon Magrin for further info.

**PENDING DECISIONS IN THE GRAPE – Saturday Edition**

Congregational Meeting – Passing 2021 budget  
Position of Treasurer – still vacant

**OUR FAITH JOURNEY**  
***The Story of the Paintings***  
**Verelle Fudge**

The Holy Spirit comes to us  
In the beauty of a dove  
With gifts of Living Water  
And Unconditional Love.....

We're guided on our journey  
And shown which way to go  
We learn, and travel onward  
Enlightened as we grow.....

We celebrate Communion  
And talk to God in Prayer  
Our faith it grows, and we learn more  
Of Jesus' Love and Care.....

For each of us is different  
In colour, shape or size,  
But each of us is precious  
In God's forgiving eyes.....

Our faith propels us forward  
And gives us strength to care –  
For all the people 'round us  
It's important that we share.....

With faith we travel on through life  
And people see our smile  
And even when the road gets tough  
We'll go the extra mile.....

For how we live our lives each day  
In Faith and Hope and Love –  
It helps God's family to grow  
To meet in Heaven above.....

***Next Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> Dec - Online***

***Pastor David Prior***



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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  
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