



The Grapevine 14/2/2021

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Transfiguration of Jesus

Mk 9:2-9 From Epiphany to Lent... Jesus prepares.

Q. Why are new experiences so confronting?

As one of my lay preachers from Enfield UC days often stated, the answer is that, “we are often stuck in a happy rut!” Although after 2020 not many of us have the luxury of saying we are stuck in a happy rut. When I think over my life I realise that change has been a constant part of my life. Growing up in my pre teenage years I moved 6 times, not including my birth place – Pt Lincoln. In fact the longest I have ever lived in one place was at O’Halloran Hill, which was 10 yrs. So what does that say about me? I have to say I enjoy change because it grows my inner man, although to be honest, change is stressful, funny how that works.

The Transfiguration of Jesus is confronting for the disciples... they are caught by surprise at God’s action in Jesus. They witness a handing over of the mantle as the two legends of the Old Testament Elijah and Moses pass the responsibility for the people of God to Jesus.

Q. When was the last time you were surprised by God?

Q. What did that look like?

Q. Were you angry, confused, anxious, perplexed or relieved?

The disciples were seriously confused, suggesting they should erect tents to all three! As with all things with God, there is a sense of mystery. When we believe we have it all covered, that there is nothing new to learn, we limit the transforming power of God working in and through our lives. So while we continue to live in unsettled times, let’s be observant of God at work... who knows, we may be surprised.

Rev DJPrior

OUR MISSION:

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



LENTEN STUDIES.

I am writing a 5 week Lenten study which will be launched on the 21st of Feb, yes coming soon. The aim is to get people using the Sermons as introductions to the themes and then you have an opportunity to gather in small groups to discuss or use them as personal devotions to add to your preparation for Easter.

My thinking is that because the material is free, this allows me to email it out every week for you to access... (small group leaders will receive the whole lot in advance to allow them preparation time if needed).

In addition to our existing groups I am looking to start up a couple of extra groups, most likely on a Wednesday and a Friday evening, for the 5 weeks of Lent.

Stay tuned for more information.

Email me at davidprior@bigpond.com

REV DJP DIARY

This week I have spent Tuesday – Thursday at PAC, running chapel services for Yr 7, Yr 3 – 6 and Reception to Yr 2.

To relax this weekend I will be at Synod.

Next week I will be at PAC and then I'll be back full time at The Vines until the 9th of March when I do another 2 weeks of 3 days.

Good News! – Live-streaming returns!

We are returning to live-streaming our services from Sunday 21st February.

They can be accessed live each Sunday morning at 9:30am via this link:

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

And of course, after the livestream, each service will remain on our YouTube channel for watching later – they can be accessed using the same link.

HOME GROUP

The Home Group which is held at Joy and Eric Stevenson's home, 10 Farnsworth Dr, Morphett Vale will recommence on Wednesday, 17th February under the leadership of Colin Dredge. We will be beginning a Lenten series based on David's messages, in the lead up to Easter. We commence at 1.30pm with a cuppa and conclude around 3.30pm. Anyone is welcome.

MARKET

Reaching out in God's Love

After the success of the Christmas Market held at the Reynella Community Centre last December, the Community Outreach team is planning to have another market on Saturday, March 27th with an Easter theme. If you would be interested in doing a shift behind the counter or willing to help in any way, please speak to Leon or Marj. We would encourage you all to get behind this event and support it with quality goods for sale.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – 14TH March 2021

On Sunday 14th March there will be a Congregational Meeting, where the budget for 2021 will be presented.

There will also be an opportunity for you to vote for new Elders / Church Councillors for 2021 at the meeting. If you would like to nominate someone as an Elder, nomination forms are available in the Church foyer.

Sincere thanks to all who have offered to help with church cleaning/ chairs and other important roles at the Vines.

HUMANITIX BOOKINGS: It's great that the amount of people attending services at the Vines is increasing.

Please remember to book your tickets through Humanitix. This can be done from 11.00 am after each service to 3.00 pm the Friday after.

There are cases of spot checks being done by the Council and Police re Covid regulations and we'd like to avoid an expensive fine for non-compliance re numbers in rooms. If necessary we can set extra chairs up in the foyer/crèche.

Please phone Colleen if you have any queries regarding booking or to cancel your ticket if you're unwell and leave a message if necessary: **H: 7220 7383.**

Next week:

Mr Bronte Wilson, the Moderator of the South Australian Synod, is preaching.

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HAPPY 
Valentine's
DAY 

Remember OUR key MESSAGE:

Connect with others and Choose life
'Cos to Grow stronger through COVID
We have to pass on God's love!



Sarah and Andy Roberts say
"hello" and wish to be
remembered to you all.



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