



The Grapevine 21/2/2021

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LENT is UPON US...

If Epiphany is “Discovering God’s purposes”, then LENT is a 40 day period of reflection that invites a newness and completeness to emerge.

Q. What exactly does that look like?

“Lent is a special time in the church year. It signifies a time in which participants celebrate discipline of mind, body, attitude, and a spirit in preparation for the work of ministry to oneself, God & the community ... Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts for forty days, concluding with Easter Eve. Forty is a symbolic, biblical number. The numbers “four” and “forty” symbolise wholeness and completeness as in the four winds, four directions... Forty as a symbolic number can be seen in the forty – day wilderness of the children of Israel... Moses on Mount Sinai; Jesus forty days in the wilderness preparing for ministry.”¹

Today we commence with looking at **MK 1:12 – 15**, Jesus in the wilderness. Most of us would have been camping or climbed mountains or found ourselves alone with only ourselves. For Jesus the 40 days was a vital part of clarifying his identity, discovering the depth of his ability; something that would be tested during the 3 years of his ministry and the chaos and drama of the Easter event we will celebrate again this year.

Today the Moderator of South Australia, Mr Bronte Wilson, will be preaching the Word and sharing some of his insights into the diverse and complex leadership role that he is involved in.

Rev DJPrior.

¹ Proclamation Series 5, Series B, Lent, Augsburg Press, 1993, p 4 - 5

OUR MISSION:

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



Our Children's Church is back! Sessions will be held fortnightly, during the services at the Church.

See the table below for the scheduled weeks.

07/02	Sunday 7th February
21/02	Sunday 21st February
07/03	Sunday 7th March
21/03	Sunday 21st March
04/04	Sunday 4th April (Easter Weekend)

Children's
CHURCH



Kristen Waters

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.

(Please return the nomination forms to Rev. David Prior or leave them in his Church pigeon hole by no later than 2.00pm on Tuesday 23rd February, 2021)

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 ALONERS MEETING FOR MARCH

will be at The Old Noarlunga Hotel.

We will meet in the car park of the hotel at 12.15pm

We have a booking for 12.30pm

Hope to see you there.

RSVP to Bob Stone 8381 4483, or Bob Manson 83827242 by Sunday 28 February

HUMANITIX BOOKINGS AND QR CODES.

To attend Sunday church services you need to book a free ticket on Humanitix. This is to ensure you have a seat, as we remain on restricted numbers. If you do attend without a booking, depending on numbers, you may be asked to sit in an overflow room, i.e. the crèche or the church foyer.

Upon arrival, **please scan into the church using The Vines Uniting Church SA Govt QR Code which is on display in several places in the foyer and on the front windows.** This is a mandatory Govt. requirement as of 17th Feb. (The only exception to this is those who have no smart phone).

Before walking into the worship hall, please see the person who has the Humanitix attendance list, to enable them to tick your name on the list.

Thank you, The Covid Committee

COVID MARSHALLS

Would you like to help as a Covid Marshall at the Vines? We need 1 or 2 extra people to act as Covid Marshalls every two to three weeks, depending on how many people volunteer.

If you're interested please head to the Govt. of South Australia website at covid-19.sa.gov.au and complete the COVID Marshal 30 min online training course. Please let Colleen know when you have received your certificate and can help. Thank you!

Remember OUR key MESSAGE:

Connect with others and Choose life

'Cos to Grow stronger through COVID

We have to pass on God's love!

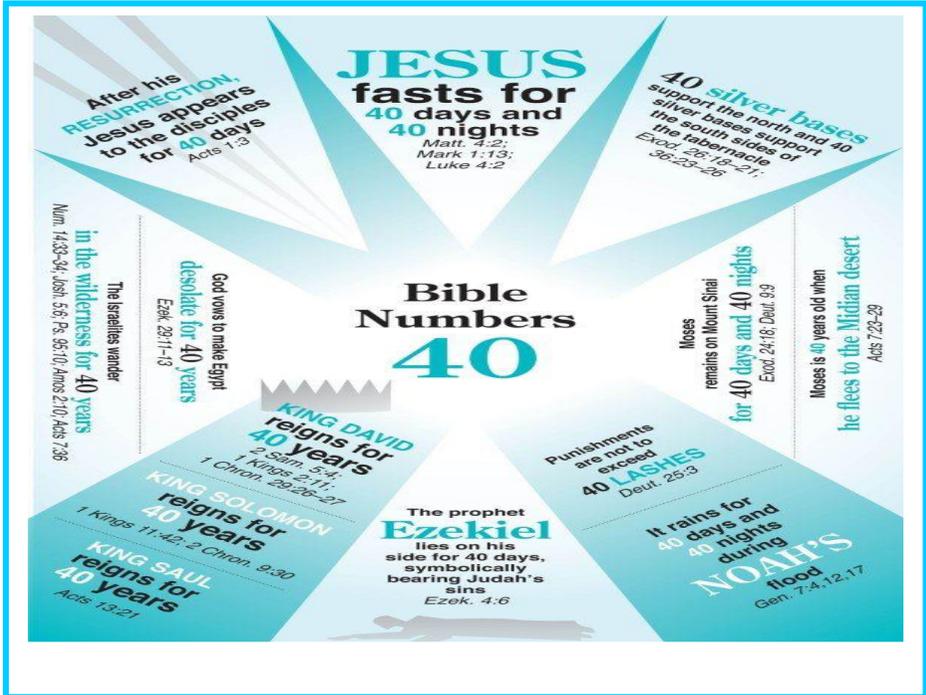


Next week:

LENT

WALKING WITH CHRIST

WEEK 2: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS



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