



The Grapevine 28/2/2021

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WEEK 2: Following IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

Mk 8:29 -33

Today we “Follow in the Footsteps of Jesus”, further into Lent. Below is another of my life quotes, something that has had a significant impact on my life and has meaning:

“Make a decision, pay the price.”

While it seems rather secular as a quote, it fits into our Lenten theme, reminding us of the decisions Jesus made and the price he paid. His decisions put him in conflict with the authorities and religious leaders of the time. Jesus followers, while wanting Jesus to avoid suffering, but by following him they too experienced suffering.

Their decision to follow Jesus had a price. We also follow Jesus, what does that cost us? Not many people willingly embrace suffering, so do we unintentionally avoid hardship, the awkward, difficult or confronting? Do we prolong situations by denying or procrastinating? All of us have choices. We are all responsible for our behaviour and attitudes and the decisions we make, all of which has a price that impacts our lives and relationships.

LENT invites us to consider things we may not normally consider, like what is discipleship costing us? Are we doing a Peter and we need Jesus to speak to us and say

“For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” Mk 8:33

Or is there another word Jesus would speak to us as we follow?

Rev DJPrior

OUR MISSION:

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



MODERATOR'S VISIT

It was good to catch up with the Moderator, Bronte Wilson, last Sunday. I certainly appreciated his concern for us as a community. His willingness to take responsibility for generating change within our congregation was a sign of respect and good leadership.

Rev. DJ Prior

It's not too late!

LENTEN STUDY GROUP

Has Lent crept up on you too??

There is still time to join a five week Lenten Study Group. Meeting 7.30pm Friday evening, at my home. We will discuss the week's sermon and dig into a few stimulating questions (thanks DJP) and hopefully come through feeling more prepared to face the mystery of Easter.

Only five sessions and no expectations (or exam) at the end. Guaranteed relaxed and stress-free. Supper included, (though maybe not chocolate as I'm considering giving it up for Lent!)

If you have not tried a small group before, this is the ideal time to dip the toe in. If you have not been to one for a while, now is the ideal time to return.

If interested, send me a message: 0431 739 095 or

fiona.jean@optusnet.com.au

LIVE STREAMED WORSHIP SERVICES

Each Sunday our worship services at the Vines can be accessed live at 9:30am via our YouTube channel. Please use the following link to access our services,

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

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 on Tues. 2nd March

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

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

See the table below for the scheduled weeks.

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

Children's
CHURCH



Kristen Waters and Renjini Samuel

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 3: Whose house is it anyway?

Preparation of [The Vines Uniting Church 2021 Directory](#) has begun.

With a hope that it can be available in late April

Have any of your details changed since the 2019 Directory?

If you haven't registered changes at the office you'll need to update the information for inclusion in the new Directory

Elaine Manson will be in the foyer after worship on Sunday 28th February and Sunday 7th March to assist you with changes/additions/deletions of address/email/mobile numbers. Alternatively you can email Elaine with any changes via email scrunchs@internode.on.net

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