



The Grapevine 7/2/2021

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Mark 1:14 – 20

We are working our way to LENT... stopping each Sunday to consider the AHA moments we and the disciples have had along the way. Last week Jesus responded to the questions about whether or not he was the Messiah by saying

“COME and SEE”

What a great invitation to discover new things: open ended, uncertain, vague and yet tantalizing.

This week we are looking at the connection between

COME AND SEE = INVITATION TO FOLLOW ME

When Jesus called the early disciples to "come and see", to "follow" he was inviting them to begin the movement without knowing anything other than being invited, being called.

JOURNEY OF DISCIPLESHIP

"We cannot grasp Christ merely with our heads or our hearts. We come to understand him through a total, all embracing practice of living, called discipleship."

p 47 Jesus Christ for Today's World.

We talk about *Knowing the Word of God*.

We talk about *Having a Heart for the Lord*.

And yet they are not enough to GRASP who Christ is.

It is through OUR LIVING our HEAD and HEART truths in the everyday grind and celebrations of life; the whole gammit, nothing left out.

This year as we continue to apply all that we have learnt in our lives of faith, we do so knowing we travel together.

Rev David Prior

OUR MISSION:

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



CHRISTMAS MARKET

It has been a while since we held our Christmas Market at Reynella and now that the Grapevine is back, I just want to say a huge "Thank you!" to all those who supported the event. There were challenges, because we had to pull it all together at short notice in the end, but we did it and it was a great success. We achieved what we had hoped....taking the Vines Church to the community. It was a time for many of our people to connect after weeks of services online, and also with many in the community who stopped by and purchased the goodies. We raised \$2184.05 which was an absolute bonus.

We have been invited by the manager of the Market to hold one anytime we would like to. They will be more efficiently planned than the first one as we have time to think things through. This is a good community outreach opportunity and it would be great if you would consider being a part of it.

We look forward to creative opportunities to share God's love with those around us.

Leon Magrin and Marj Dredge

HOME ALONERS

We will start the year off
with a lunch on March 2.

We will give out more details
later.

Bob Stone & Bob Manson

OTHER FUNDRAISING AMOUNTS FOR 2020:

A great effort,

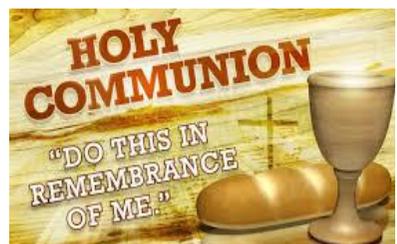
despite all our restrictions

Strawberry Fair "love gift" offering.....

\$ 800.00

Plant sales\$ 1,695.00

***A reminder that this Sunday there
will be HOLY COMMUNION***



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – 14TH March 2021.

On Sunday 14th March a Congregational Meeting will be held at the Vines after the Sunday service, 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 will be available in the Church foyer as of this Sunday 7th February.

WE NEED HELP:

As you all know Judy and Keith have faithfully cleaned the church on Friday mornings for some time now and we're very grateful for their passion in service.

As this is no longer possible, we'd like to set up a roster for the cleaning. The more people who can get involved the better. The worship room is vacuumed after Creative Connection so all that is needed in there on Friday is wiping down of window ledges. Tiled floors in foyer are to be washed if needed and toilets are to be cleaned. The other rooms will need to be cleaned as needed, not every week. If we can roster two to three people each week the tasks can be divided up, sharing the load. Please speak with Colleen or email her if you are able/willing to help. The roster will need to start this week after the funeral on Friday.

Of course we fully realize some people are unable to help.

Neil Satterley also needs help with the chair setup at the Vines. Half of the church chairs need to be packed up on Sunday after the service ready for Creative Connection on Thursday, then the chairs need to be set back in place ready for the Sunday service. Again, the more people involved the better, many hands make light work. Please speak with Neil if you are able to help.

We hope to make this a team effort.

Colleen

Next Week 14th February

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



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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!***



LIVE STREAMED SERVICE

Please use the following link to access live streamed services,
https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=the+vines+uniting+church

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