



The Grapevine 21/3/2021

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WEEK 5: JESUS UNDERSTANDS OUR PAIN John 12:20 - 33.

We continue “Following in the Footsteps of Jesus” towards Easter. As Easter people we see and experience Easter differently than those who experienced the Easter event for the first time. And yet that is not entirely true, because life keeps changing. Events due to age, bad luck or poor choices impact us and others, meaning our lives are forced to focus on the unplanned and unexpected. While I was the minister at Dernancourt Uniting we ran the Rick Warren 40 Days of Purpose small group program. While I don’t agree with all he said, one particular comment stuck...

“We minister from our experiences...”

What does that mean? For example, when we discover we are talking to someone who has been to the same holiday destination (obviously not last year!) there is a potential connection: sight, taste, sound etc. That’s regardless of if we are talking about Kangaroo Island, Victor Harbor or Rome. The same could be said for suffering. If you have experienced divorce, disease, illness, unemployment, loneliness, anxiety or depression there is a potential connection: a shared experience. While the details and feelings may vary there is a connection someone who has not experienced such an event will possibly struggle to know. Ironically most people suffer in silence thinking they are the only ones going through hardship, when to be human is to suffer.

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God”. [2 Corinthians 1:3-4](#)

There is a faith dynamic at work here, the challenge is to figure out how it applies to our lives as individuals and The Vines Church.

Rev DJPrior

OUR MISSION:

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



The Vines Directory 2021

Do you wish to have your details in the 2021 Directory?

If yes then you will need to confirm this with Elaine soon.

**NO details will be included in the new Directory
unless they have been confirmed**

On Wednesday 17th March, those on email will receive an email regarding the Directory.

You will be asked whether you wish to be included and if any changes are needed.

The email should be replied to as soon as possible

Elaine will have a copy of the 1st draft of proposed Directory at church
on Sunday 21st March & Sunday 28th March

If attending worship please see Elaine **after** worship to check your entry

OR

return your email confirming you wish to be included in the Directory.

Elaine will accept replies and changes until Wednesday 7th April



NEXT SATURDAY, MARCH 27th, 10am - 2pm, is the Vines Market at the Reynella Neighbourhood Centre, Cnr Reynell Rd and Old South Road. **The Vines Uniting Church** will again have a stall at this event. There will be plants, craft, baked goods and various other items. It will have an Easter theme and anything you might like to provide will be gratefully received. **Goods can be left at the church between 3pm -5pm or brought to the stall by 9am Saturday morning.** There will be also be Easter giveaways. Help behind the counter would be appreciated. Please let Marj know if you would like to take a turn.
If you have any other queries, have a chat with Marj or Leon.

Good Afternoon Friends...

I come with some news... I have formally offered my notice of resignation to The Vines Uniting Church effective from March 28th, my final service. I have had an undeniable call to the Hallett Cove Baptist Church and sought confirmation on numerous occasions to be sure. The call was very clear.

I cannot begin to say how difficult it is to leave so many wonderful people but pray that our connections will remain in good stead. It is also clear to me after visiting other churches that we truly are one big family in Christ and belong to each other irrespective of denomination. I have 24 years of wonderful memories and blessings from the Vines and am so grateful. Thank you to all. All my Love and Blessings, Bill.

PS. Sue is still in the deciding stage and we will allow The Lord to speak in His good time.

**Your talent is God's Gift
to you. What you do
with it is your Gift back
to God**

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.

***Please remember to book your tickets for the service at Humanitix
or let Colleen know if you need help: H: 7220 7383.***

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:



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

See the table below for the scheduled weeks.



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

Kristen Waters and Renjini Samuel



This year we will be giving away Easter Eggs at the Happy Valley Shopping Centre on Wednesday 31st March.

To assist in this, we would be grateful for donations of small solid chocolate wrapped Easter eggs, which can be left in the marked basket in the church foyer.

Thank you and may God Bless you for your help in this wonderful outreach opportunity.

Marj and Leon, Mission and Outreach.



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by 12 noon Wednesday

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