



The Grapevine 28/3/2021

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PALM SUNDAY

Easter is marching ever closer. Today we celebrate Palm Sunday, when we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem while crowds waved palm branches and shouted "Hosanna!"

Such parades are common, whether they involve a Christmas Pageant, Extinction Rebellion supporters stopping traffic, marches to protest against the abuse of women, the Vietnam Moratorium marches of half a century ago, or ANZAC day parades. Whatever the reason, people march in public demonstrations for a cause. When we join in a public parade of people marching for a cause we are saying, "I agree with this." Even to watch from the sidelines is to say, "I'm curious, and I want to know more. I may be sympathetic to the cause, or quite antagonistic, but rarely am I neutral or unaffected." We have expectations about what the cause is and whether or not we agree with it.

The first Palm Sunday parade was no different. Those who participated, and those who watched, could not remain neutral. It provokes many questions. Was it a simple celebration, a parade with waving palm branches and shouts of unconditional praise? Or was it something that was so provocative and challenging that observers could not remain neutral?

While Palm Sunday initially seems like a nice 'feel good' parade, there is clearly more here than first meets the eye.

On Palm Sunday we are being challenged to consider the cause that is Jesus. What are our expectations of him? Do we agree with his ideas? Or are we merely observers, caught up in the excitement and spectacle of another parade?

In particular, are our expectations of Jesus realistic? How does that affect us today? And if our expectations are challenged, how do we find hope?

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OUR MISSION:

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



PRAYER CHAIN

Please let Lynn Ellison know if you would like prayers.

We are a praying church and pray for each other and families in times of need.

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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.**

Elaine will have a copy of the 1st draft of proposed Directory at church
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



This 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 on Friday afternoon, March 26th, 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.

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.

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 APRIL MEETING

We will meet for Lunch at the WOODCROFT TAVERN,
corner Panalatinga and Bains Roads, Woodcroft

on Tuesday April 6 at 12.15 pm, for lunch at 12.30pm

Please let Bob Stone 8381 4483 or Bob Manson 8382 7242 know if you
can attend or not, by Sunday 4th,
so we can confirm numbers for our booking.

Remember OUR key MESSAGE:

***Connect with others and Choose life
'Cos to Grow stronger through COVID***

We have to pass on God's love!

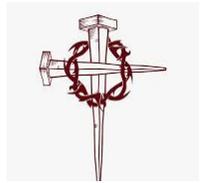


Next week:

Thursday 1st April Maundy Thursday

Friday 2nd April: Good Friday

Sunday 4th April: Easter Sunday



Easter

LET LOOSE ON THE WORLD Mark 16:1 – 8 Rev.DJP

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

See the table below for the scheduled weeks.

Children's
CHURCH

04/04 Sunday 4th April (Easter Weekend)

18/04 Sunday 18th April

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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Please send Newsletter articles to Colleen Farmer

by 12 noon Wednesday

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