



# *The Grapevine* 25/4/2021

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### **ABIDE #1: GOOD SHEPHERD: John 10: 11-18**

*Last week Rev Mark Schultz invited us to reflect upon our experiences of being a part of The Vines UC. The leaders' team would love you to express your views on some key questions which are included in today's Grapevine.*

*(Please fill out after the service today & leave here or email in.)*

Today we commence our ABIDE series, a chance to consider amidst the chaos of last year, how our faith is going, and more particularly our understanding and experience of what it is to ABIDE.

The hymn that automatically hits the topic is the often used funeral hymn, "Abide with me", a slow and reflective tune that affirms God's love in our final days. But what about the rest of our days?

Is it possible to UN-ABIDE?

What happens then?

To help us consider this and other questions we will be looking at our relationship with Jesus the Good Shepherd.

Q. *Why do sheep need shepherds?*

A. *Because they get themselves into trouble.*

So if we are sheep getting ourselves in trouble and in need of Jesus the Good Shepherd, what parallels are there for us today, particularly if Jesus calls our name and we don't listen! Or does going our own way make a difference to our faith journey?

Does being a child of God mean that once a part of the flock, always a part of the flock? If that is the case, what impacts does that have on Abiding?

Rev DJPrior

## OUR MISSION:

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



### NOTE:

***We will conclude our service this  
Sunday with an ANZAC DAY tribute.***



### A Prayer from our Moderator on Anzac Day:

Loving God, we pause to remember those who sailed from this country many years ago, and all who have served down the years in time of war. We remember the many Australian service personnel who have given their lives in many theatres of war, resisting evil, defending our country and standing with others to protect freedom in the world. We pause in our lives to honour them today. We pray for widows and orphans and those who carry the scars of war in their minds and bodies. May we as a nation always be generous in caring for them and providing for their needs. May we be challenged by this costly sacrifice, to be a little less inwardly focused, and dedicate ourselves afresh to work for peace in our world, our country and our relationships with others.

This we pray in Jesus' name, who also gave his life for others. Amen.

A small group is commencing at the Vines which will be led by Rev. DJ Prior:

WHEN: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of April

TIME: 4pm to 5.30pm every fortnight during school term.

WHERE: At the Church

*All welcome.*

### **THE 2021 VINES DIRECTORY will be available after worship Sunday.**

Please bring a gold coin donation.

Should you find **any errors please contact me** ASAP

Also when you either change your address, phone/mobile number  
email address or any data on file

**Please see Elaine/Colleen and fill out a form**  
to enable your information to be updated at the office.

With thanks, Elaine

## **HOME ALONERS MEETING FOR MAY**

**We will be back at The Old Noarlunga Hotel on Tues. 4th May**

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 8382 7242**

**by Sunday 2nd May**

### **Leprosy Mission Money Boxes**

Those who have a collection box

Please bring your money for me ASAP

I will bring collection bags on Sunday

Thank you, Elaine



## **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](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.

**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:**

2<sup>nd</sup> May      **ABIDE IN** series #2 (To the VINE) Rev DJP  
Psalm 22:25-3 & John 15:1-8      1 John 4:16 (7-21)...

*Our Children's Church....Sessions are held fortnightly, during the services at the Church.*

*See the table below for the scheduled weeks.*

Sunday 2nd May  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May  
Sunday 30th May  
Sunday 13th June  
Sunday 27th June

Children's  
**CHURCH**



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