



The Grapevine 16/5/2021

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GO INTO THE WORLD AND SHARE... JN17:6 - 19

THE JOY OF ABIDING

We live in a world that is rightly paranoid about sharing or passing things on. We wash our hands, sanitise and QR code everywhere we go. WHY? Because none of us want to catch COVID, or pass it on to others as it is such a lethal virus. So last week I had my first A.Z (AstraZeneca) shot. This is in addition to the flu vaccination I had a month ago. My body and system have more antigens and virus bits floating, I feel slightly alien.

So in this world of conflict and fear we, God's people, are called to pass on God's love, or pass on the "Joy of Abiding." Today is actually Ascension Sunday, where Jesus farewells the disciples and asks God to protect them. There is an obvious connection for our theme today, as Jesus leaves us to do his work on earth, we are confronted with the challenge of how!

The WHY is clear – we are commanded to love one another, the question is HOW do we do that? Or a more interesting way to ask that question is to say "What does that look like?"

For all of us this is different. Expressing our emotions and feelings can be difficult enough with our own families, let alone sharing love with others. Our focus on ABIDING helps us to understand the nature of love. So if to abide is to dwell, live and connect with God, then this relationship model is the basis of how we are to share life with others. It is in this life that we glimpse some of the Joy in Abiding.

Peace be with you.

RevDJPrior

OUR MISSION:

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



MISSION PACKING DAY - COLLECTION 2021

After last year's Packing Day being cancelled, Uniting Church Adult Fellowship have organised one for this year. There will be collection boxes in the church foyer on Sunday 16th, 23rd and 30th May.

This is a good chance to sort through your clothes that are not used but are still good.

A list of the type of goods needed is on the notice board in the church foyer.

Margaret Prescott

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*******PROPERTY CONVENOR - *Might this be your ministry?***

The Vines is in *urgent* need of someone to take over the role of Property Convenor.

Keith Beames resigned from the position over 12 months ago, but continued with the role last year in the absence of a new convenor. We're thankful to Keith for his dedication and commitment over a long period.

Leon has kindly taken on the role temporarily, but has many other commitments at the Vines and needs to cut back.

There are 3 men and one woman on the property team to assist with things, but a Convenor is needed to keep the team informed and to ensure that the Church property is maintained. It might require phoning an electrician or plumber now and then to organise repairs, lighting, maintenance, etc.

Please speak with Leon or John Mudge or Brian Fittock if you are able to help.

BIG 70+1

If you would like to help celebrate Ian Kitto's big 70+1 we invite you to call in to 16 Andrew Court Aberfoyle Pk between 1 & 5pm Sat 5th June. We have a Covid-safe plan, complete with QR code, so please check in and say gday!



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.

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:

23 May DAY OF PENTECOST: "FAITH HOPE AND LOVE"

REV. DJP

Acts 2:1-21 Ps 104:24-34

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

See the table below for the scheduled weeks.

Sunday 16th May

Sunday 30th May

Sunday 13th June

Sunday 27th June

Children's
CHURCH



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