



# *The Grapevine* 20/6/2021

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### **SERMON: STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY. 1 Cor 12: 4-12**

Today we consider our response to God. There are lots of different words to describe today as part of our Planned Giving that allows us, The Vines Church to consider what our Vision for the future is and match that with our time, talents and finances.

The Bible talks about Christians as being stewards with God throughout life, managing responsibly and joyfully all that we have for God.

In the Old Testament the focus was on giving to God a 10% tithe, which in the end became a law. The people gave 10% of their first Harvest (remember the Harvest Festival services of old). However the real problem was that was all they gave, nothing more.

In Matthew 23:23 Jesus says

***“Woe to you, Scribes and Pharisees (religious leaders), hypocrites! For you tithe mint, dill, and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law; justice and mercy and faith.”***

It was a complaint the prophets made about the people.

It was a complaint Jesus made about the religious leaders.

When Jesus came into the world the great line that is recorded in John 10:10 “... I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly”

God’s gift to us in Jesus is focussed on abundant life, not rationed life, or dribs and drabs life, but abundant. What does that look like? It sounds glorious. Any talk of our response to God has to take into consideration God’s response to us.

Rev DJPrior

## **OUR MISSION:**

*To be a vibrant, growing community, reaching out to reflect God's love, connecting others to Christ.*



## **PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM**

Today, the 20<sup>th</sup> June, is **STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**. On this day our members are returning their Response Forms advising of their financial commitment to The Vines Church by the Planned Giving Program which commences on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

Members who have requested Offering Envelopes are advised that they will be available in the foyer as from next Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

Please note that if you have not yet returned your Response Form, you can still return the Response Form on the following Sundays or by post.

There has been some comment regarding no Australian Post identification printed on the Envelope of the letters posted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Please note that the correspondence was "Bulk Postage" and I assume that Australia Post have with modern technology imprinted on the envelope that postage has been paid.

John Norton  
Co-Ordinator  
Planned Giving Program



## **PACKING DAY 2021**

Many thanks to the Vines congregation, including relatives and friends, for your generous donations to Packing Day.

Ken and I delivered two car loads and I could see when helping to sort last Sunday that the Day was a success once again.

Many people from Northern Australia will benefit, thanks to people's generosity.

Margaret Prescott.

## **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.

## **VINES MARKET**

The next Vines Market at the Reynella Neighbourhood Centre will be on the 31<sup>st</sup> July. The last 2 markets have been very successful and we look forward to the next one. A suggestion is that it will have a "Christmas in July" theme.

Please consider how you might support this event as we make our presence known in the community. Further details will emerge as we get closer to the time. Please speak to Leon or Marj if you have any questions.

## **HUMANITIX BOOKINGS**

Thanks to those who are making their regular bookings on Humanitix. Please book your seats by "Googling" "Humanitix", click on "Buy and Sell Tickets", then click on "search events". In the "Search events" box on the top left corner, type "The Vines Uniting Church". The Vines service will show on the screen, double click on it, then on "get tickets". You will see the word "congregation" and to the right of that "free" with arrows up and down. Click on the up arrow to put in the amount of tickets you need, then enter your details.

Please let me know if you have difficulty booking with these instructions, happy to help. If you do book and find you are unable to attend there is no need to phone anyone, the spaces can be left for possible newcomers.

*Colleen*



*let everything  
you do  
be done in  
love*  
1 Corinthians 13

**Remember OUR key MESSAGE:**

**Connect with others and *CHOOSE LIFE***

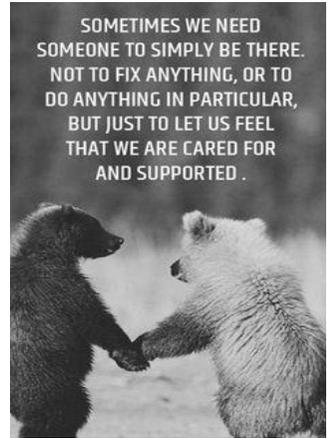
**'Cos to Grow stronger through COVID**

**We *have to* pass on God's love!**

**Next week:**  
**Mission of the Vines – Vibrant, Growing.**

*An excerpt from the June/July New Times, message from the Moderator: “A recent visit to Port Augusta, and hearing how the local Congress is reaching out to the young people of the town reminded me again of the importance of connections as we care for each other.*

*This is what we are called to do – engage with those around us and welcome those around engaging with us. In this way we learn and grow together, as Christ’s disciples, in love.”*



***Our Children's Church....Sessions are held fort services at the Church.***

***See the table below for the scheduled weeks.***

- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June**
- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July**
- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July**



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