



The Grapevine 1/8/2021

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MEETING JESUS FACE TO FACE

Luke 22:24 – 26 and John 13:1 – 14

As we all know, the world is living with a COVID virus that keeps mutating and causing infections, which changes how we live. Many of the things we have taken for granted have been restricted, as this past week has just reinforced.

For some this has been untenable and caused them to become stressed and frustrated, sending them off in different directions. For others the loneliness and vulnerability has been profound. Fortunately living in South Australia, we have avoided the massive lock downs and spiralling infection numbers that have impacted most of the world. But we have been impacted.

Our readings today focus on the Last Supper (Jn 13), a meal that Jesus had with his disciples before his death. I wonder if the disciples realised the significance, maybe they did because they argued with each other (Lk 22) about who was the greatest... or in other words... who gets to sit next to Jesus!

In Luke's gospel there are 10 accounts of Jesus joining others for meals. During these meals people's lives were transformed. Those who were marginalised or shunned experienced ACCEPTANCE. Those who thought they knew it all or felt they had a monopoly on truth were often humbled or silenced.

The opportunity to regather with family / friends / church over meals is also a chance to consider what our meal culture is like. As disciples of Jesus, what culture, environment or values are we endeavouring to convey to each other? Do we generate a "safe" space where if people are feeling vulnerable, they are able to share their fears or concerns? Jesus used meals as a way of conveying love and acceptance, not simply eat food.

Rev DJPrior

❖ OUR VISION:

To be a vibrant, growing community of Faith.

❖ OUR MISSION:

*To reach out and reflect God's Love –
connecting others to Christ.*

**NOTE RE HOLY
COMMUNION**

This Sunday is

HOLY COMMUNION

*With the latest restrictions,
including the **mandatory
requirement to wear masks**, if
you are coming to church on
Sunday please have your
PLAN A, B or C heads on, as
we endeavour to figure out
how or what Holy Communion
will look like.*

*Thanking you for your patience
in advance.*

*Peace
Rev DJPrior*



HOME ALONERS

Unfortunately due to the
uncertainty of the Covid
restrictions and our AUGUST
bookings at the Home Cinema
/ Hotel lunch, we have decided
in the best interest of all Home
Aloners to **CANCEL our August
meeting**, and hopefully try
again at another time.

Blessings to you and your
Families -

Bob Manson & Bob Stone.

Remember OUR key MESSAGE:

Connect with others and *CHOOSE LIFE*

‘Cos to Grow stronger through COVID

We *have to* pass on God’s love.



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.

HUMANITIX BOOKINGS

Thanks to those who are making their regular bookings via 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.

Colleen

Next week:

**LIVING BY FAITH #5: *If anyone is in Christ,
they are a new creation.***

2 COR 5:16-21 Trevor Hayley

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

See below for the scheduled weeks:

**Sunday 8th August
Sunday 22nd August**

Kristen Waters and Renjini Samuel

Children's
CHURCH



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