



The Grapevine 15/8/2021

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LIVING BY FAITH #6: The Body/Team of Christ at The Vines.

1 Corinthians 12:12-20, 24b-27 NRSV

Last week Trevor invited us to reconnect with our faith journey based on the love and sacrifice of Jesus on the cross; inviting us to consider what was that spark of faith that generated new life within us? Today we explore the direct outcome of that experience as we consider what it means to be the Body of Christ.

The Olympics have just finished, the emotion for many will resonate for a lifetime. Let's consider what it means to be part of a team that is representing its country. How does the culture, connection and commitment to the goals impact on performance and success? Could Paul have used a "Team" metaphor rather than the "Body" to help us understand our relationship with Jesus, and how God works in and through our lives and the church?

Or would we become performance focussed, where everything becomes based on proving our worth? To the point where we would become anxious for fear of losing our form and being stuck on the bench or getting cut at the end of the year as happens in most sports?

Paul uses the metaphor of the body to convey a new meaning of our relationship with God and each other:

1 Cor 12:12 "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many."

What a powerful and inclusive statement of love, life and our identity. This metaphor shapes our connection with each other, and those God is still calling to faith. Join in and explore what this means for us.

I look forward to catching you either online or in person this week.

Peace, 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.*

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One Body with Many Members

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¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body.

^{24b}But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.”

Remember OUR key MESSAGE:
Connect with others and *CHOOSE LIFE*
'Cos to Grow stronger through COVID
We *have to* pass on God's love.

BREAD TAGS
CHAPLAINCY

Please help Reynella South School by continuing to collect the plastic tags from bread bags and leaving them in the red labelled box in the church foyer.

The School is collecting them for a charity that makes them into products that are then sold to fund the purchase of wheelchairs.

Thank you, Leon.



FOOD PARCEL MINISTRY

Thank you for your continued support of this Ministry.

This week we are need of the following items:

- ❖ Canned Soup
- ❖ Canned Vegetables
- ❖ UHT (Long Life Milk)
- ❖ Toiletries
- ❖ Or a Cash Donation marked
FOOD PARCEL MINISTRY.

Thank you again and may God Bless you.

Leon and the Pastoral Team

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.

Next week:

22nd August Rev. DJPrior

Vision and MISSION OF THE VINES - vibrant / growing.

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

See below for the scheduled weeks:

Sunday 22nd August

Kristen Waters and Renjini Samuel

Children's
CHURCH



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