



The Grapevine 26/9/2021

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VISION and ACTION: Isaiah 43:18-21

*“Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?”*

I find the idea that God is continually at work really life giving. If God was simply locked into the past, nothing more to provide, I would be worried. This verse reminds us that just as the Spirit of God moved over the waters (Genesis 1:2) at the creation of the world, that God through the Spirit is still moving... moving over our lives as individuals, as a church and doing a new thing.

God is doing a new thing at The Vines UC also. Kennon Callahan would describe The Vines as a small, strong congregation based on our numbers and values. There are certain identity traits that go with this description and resonate nicely with the Values we have been discussing over the last month.

“Small, strong congregations are gift-driven, not getting-driven.

They are strength-driven, not weakness-driven.

They are spirit-driven, not size-driven.

Small, strong congregations are high compassion congregations.

They are mission-driven congregations.

They do not ask, “What’s in it for us?”

They are not interested in church growth.

They are interested in people growth.”

Kennon Callahan, Mission and Service, p 40

Q. Are there any lines you particularly like?

Q. Which are relevant, which miss the mark?

Isaiah invited the people of Israel to see what God was up to, even in captivity. Vision has to do with more than sight, because we walk by faith and not by sight. As we step towards 2022 let’s continue to be open to what God is wanting to do in our lives.

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.*

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER THE SUNDAY SERVICE

Tea and coffee will be available this Sunday, 26th September, after the service.

You are welcome to stay and have a “cuppa”. Please note that, as per current Covid restrictions for public events, you will need to be seated to consume your hot drinks, or you are welcome to take them outside if you prefer to stand.

We hope you enjoy the opportunity to chat over a cuppa once again.

***HOME ALONERS
TUESDAY OCTOBER 5***

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OLD NOARLUNGA HOTEL OLD NOARLUNGA

38 Patapinda Rd, Old Noarlunga SA 5168

Meet 12.15 for 12.30 lunch.

Covid requirements still apply ie Masks required
until we have our meal or drinks.

**RSVP to Bob Stone 8381 4483 or Bob Manson 8382 7242
by 3rd October to confirm numbers for our booking.**

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 again in need of the following items:

- ❖ Cereal
- ❖ Long Life Milk
- ❖ 2 Minute Noodles
- ❖ Soup
- ❖ Pasta
- ❖ 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:

Watch this space.

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

See below for the scheduled weeks:

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – 3rd & 10th October

Sunday 17th October

Kristen Waters and Renjini Samuel

Children's
CHURCH



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