



# *The Grapevine* 31/10/2021

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### THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT WK #1

#### Matthew 22:34 - 40

Have you started your Christmas shopping yet? Do you have a strategy, or do you randomly guess what people want? Do you wait until the last minute and then buy chocolates or some other X@Y!!! that no one really wants? Or do you act like Jesus and ask

**“What can I get you for Christmas?”**

Well okay, Jesus didn't really ask that specific question. What stirred this question was for the last 2 weeks we have explored the impact upon the sons of Thunder and Blind Bart when Jesus asked them:

**“What do you want me to do for you?”**

Jesus could have said, **“I know what you want!”**, but in allowing them to respond honestly, their encounter with Jesus became life changing because it occurred at their point of need. Often in our communication with other people we make assumptions about what is going on, or we simply tell them what we think they need or want.

In Week#1 of our Advent Sermon Studies Jesus addresses the key question of, “what do we give to God who has given us everything; forgiveness, new life and hope?” Jesus summarizes the law and the prophets (10 commandments) by stating that what God requires is to

**“Love God... Love your neighbour as yourself.”**

As we consider Jesus' words, let me ask: **“This Christmas, week or day, what will you give to God?, What does your gift to God look like?”**

I hope you enjoy the series, using the material as a personal devotion, or in pairs or together in a small group.

Peace, Rev David

❖ **OUR VISION:**

*To be a vibrant, growing community of Faith.*

❖ **OUR MISSION:**

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

**ADVENT BIBLE STUDY**

An Advent Bible Study series will commence in November at the Vines.

As well as the current bible study groups, there will be 3 new groups available for you to choose from if you'd like to participate in the study.

Rev. DJP, Ian Kitto and Fiona Nockels will run groups at different times. Please speak with Lynn Ellison if you'd like to join one of these groups.

**Are you  
the missing piece?**

**We look forward to catching up with you soon at the Vines.**



**DISHWASHER INSTALLATION**

*The Leaders' team met on Monday afternoon and, as part of discussions, approved the purchase and installation of an industrial dishwasher in the Vines kitchen as soon as possible.*

*This is Stage 1 of our proposed mission for outreach. The dishwasher will improve the capacity to use normal crockery for Creative Connection and for cuppas after Sunday Services, eliminating the need to purchase paper cups, lessening costs and helping the environment. The benefit of an industrial dishwasher is the 30-60 second wash cycle, very fast and efficient!*

*We are blessed that through Rev. DJP's work at PAC for 2 days a week this year, the amount saved on his stipend has been banked by the Vines and it's considered to be important to use this for mission.*

**Sometimes it's  
necessary for  
people to leave  
the worship room  
during a service,  
for varied  
reasons.**

**Please feel free to  
do so any time  
during the service,  
as the need arises.**

Remember OUR key MESSAGE:

*Connect with others and CHOOSE LIFE*

*'Cos to Grow stronger through COVID*

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



**Please keep the bread tags coming, they're still needed by the Reynella South Primary School.**

**Thank you!**

### FOOD PARCEL MINISTRY

Thank you for your continued support of this Ministry.

This week we are in need of the following items:

- ❖ Long Life Milk
- ❖ Tinned Fruit
- ❖ Tinned Vegetables
- ❖ 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](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:**

**Rob Close**

**The Widow's Offering**

**Mark 12:38-44**

**Week 2 of the Advent Series**



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

***See below for the scheduled weeks:***

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

**14<sup>th</sup> November**

**28<sup>th</sup> November**

**12<sup>th</sup> December**

**Kristen Waters and Renjini Samuel**



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