



The Grapevine

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Sermon: The Widow's Mite - Mark 12. 41-44.

This reading sees Jesus in the Temple sitting in a position to observe what was being placed on the offering plate. His attention was caught by a widow putting in two small and almost valueless coins. Jesus is moved to note that what she was giving would probably be her last money. This story set in motion a challenge to people to think of the value of their faith in comparison with the widows. It is something that has echoed down the centuries. We are not told of the response of the disciples to this.

A little earlier in Mark 10. 17-25. Jesus had held a conversation with a rich young man who had become despondent at being told to go and sell all he had or the Kingdom of God would be beyond him.

We do know the disciples' response to this. They were amazed and were moved to ask, "Who then can be saved?"

Both readings can give us great cause for soul searching, perhaps because we are not in such dire straits as the widow, but rather, we are likely to give out of our plenty.

The stories talk of wealth or the lack of it, but does it always have to be this way? What other ways can we offer our gifts to God.

The lessons can leave us challenged, but I hope unbowed.

Rob Close

❖ **OUR VISION:**

To be a vibrant, growing community of Faith.

❖ **OUR MISSION:**

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



Communion Sunday

NOMINATIONS for VINES Leadership Team (Church Council)

Meetings: Once a month, or extra meetings by negotiation, when required.

Length of time: 1 – 5 yrs

WHY?

The wonderful thing about life is, that our faith is like our mind and our body: it grows with use. There are many different catalysts that “grow” our faith, from life experience to new roles or responsibilities. For myself, doing new things stirs my faith, getting me out of my comfort zone and helping discover new things about myself.

My invitation to you is to consider adding yourself to The Vines Leadership Team (Church Council). You can bring your administrative skills and insights (Councillor) or your pastoral / spiritual skills and insights (Elder). At least have a conversation with someone to check out if there is a stirring of God.

Please email or ring me for an “off the record” conversation, or approach any of the current Vines Leadership Team to find out how it all works.

Peace, Rev David Prior

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – 28th November 2021

On Sunday 28th November there will be a Congregational Meeting, where the budget for 2021 will be presented. There will be an opportunity for you to vote for new Elders / Church Councillors for 2022.

If you would like to nominate someone as an Elder/Church Councillor, nomination forms are available in the Church foyer.

(Please return the nomination forms to Rev. David Prior or leave them in his Church pigeon hole by no later than Sunday, 14th November 2021.)

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

After the livestream, each service will remain on our YouTube channel for watching later. They can be accessed using the same link.

Next week:

Week 3 of the Advent Series

Mk 13:1-11

Time of Trouble

Rev. David Prior



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

See below for the scheduled weeks:

14th November

28th November

12th December

Kristen Waters and Renjini Samuel



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