



The Grapevine

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WK #3 PROVOKE ONE ANOTHER TO Heb 10:19-25

This week we are going to be provoked by Paul's letter to the Hebrews. The actual definition of PROVOKE is to arouse "anger". What I find even more strange is that Paul blends 2 words that seem utterly opposed: "anger and love."

How could they even be in the same sentence?

How can we use anger to generate love?

The Amplified Bible vs 24 uses different wording to try and explain the meaning of provoke.

²⁴ "and let us consider [thoughtfully] how we may encourage one another to love and to do good deeds."

Very diplomatic. My sense of what Paul is trying to get at is generating some passion about our faith and in particular what it means to be a Christian in community. One of the challenges of the modern COVID ravaged church is that many Christians have "cooled"; what was a passion or a commitment is now a passing interest.

Wow! Paul faced a similar situation, although it wasn't COVID, but rather persecution that made people "cool" their faith. The analogy that each of us is like a piece of coal (not very environmentally friendly – sorry), that once removed from the "fire" of Christian community (connections / relationships) they lose their "fire and passion".

Paul encouraged, exhorted, stirred, pleaded for people to not give up on their eternal relationship with God, or their spiritual connections with each other due to the complexities of life. If anything, Paul argues, we need to draw closer not become more distant.

Rev David Prior

❖ **OUR VISION:**

To be a vibrant, growing community of Faith.

❖ **OUR MISSION:**

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

WELCOME

This morning we warmly welcome Alistair and Yvonne McFarlane, Lisa Fisher, and Lee Newcombe to the Vines Church congregation. We hope you feel blessed as part of our Church family and enjoy being part of our mission, as we seek ways to reach out and reflect God's love.

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, or feel called to volunteer yourself to fill one of these roles, 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 this 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.



FOOD PARCEL MINISTRY

Thank you for your continued support of this Ministry.

With Christmas soon to be upon us, this week we are in need of the following items:

- ❖ Cereal
- ❖ Spreads
- ❖ Tinned Vegetables
- ❖ Soup
- ❖ Toiletries, or a Cash Donation marked FOOD PARCEL MINISTRY.

Thank you again and may God Bless you.

Leon and the Pastoral Team

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

Thank you!

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.

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 catalyts 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





The Vines Uniting Church CHRISTMAS MARKET.

**Reynella Neighbourhood Centre,
164-170 Old South Road, Old Reynella
DECEMBER 11th -- 10am -2pm.**

Please come and share in this happy time. Obviously, there will be a strong Christmas focus and so we would appreciate donations that might be bought as Christmas gifts. Margaret Close will once more create lovely gift baskets, so if you would like to contribute to these, please speak to Margaret. All contributions would be very welcome and if you would like to like to help on the day, please speak with Marj or Leon.

Next week:

Week 4 of the Advent Series

Are you the King?

Ian Kitto
(John 18:33-37)



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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