



# The Grapevine

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### **ADVENT 4:** Lk 1:39 - 55 The Magnificat

We sing “Angels from the realm of glory...”, but I wonder what it would be like to meet an angel? There are multiple examples in the Bible of people meeting angels; Jacob, Isaiah, Shepherds and of course Mary:

***28 When the angel entered her home, he greeted her and said, “You are favoured by the Lord! The Lord is with you.” 29 She was startled by what the angel said and tried to figure out what this greeting meant. 30 The angel told her, “Don’t be afraid, Mary. You have found favour with God. 31 You will become pregnant, give birth to a son, and name him Jesus.”***

Mary was “**STARTLED**”, “**TRIED TO FIGURE OUT**” and was told “**DON’T BE AFRAID**”, because obviously she was; as I would be also.

The Magnificat, Mary’s bold statement of faith, did not emerge immediately. There was a process of working through fear, uncertainty, emotions, disbelief to get to a point of Trust. What I find amazing about the Bible is that it was written 2000 years ago and yet contains an honest approach to working through hardship and difficulties that apply today.

Here are some key points that emerge from Mary’s experience that shape our own lives:

1. **Choice**
2. **Acceptance**
3. **Responsibility**

Mary shows us that even as something as insanely momentous as having an angel appear and say “**You will become pregnant, give birth to a son, and name him Jesus**”, it is possible to balance FEAR and discover FAITH more fully... to generate our own Magnificat.

Peace be with you this Christmas

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.*



## **GREETINGS CHURCH...**

*This is a Grapevine Christmas card from the Priors*

*As you pause to collect yourself for the conclusion of 2021, amidst the tinsel, ham and hopefully some friends or family, it is our prayer that you would continue to know the Light and Love of Christ.*

*I would personally like to thank you all for your efforts this year, for being involved and caring for each other as Jesus would expect and hope us to do and be. As we continue into 2022 let's continue to share the Love of Christ in our homes, community and church so that the Light of Christmas will come alive for us all.*

*Love and Peace, David and Ellie*



**Remember OUR key MESSAGE:**

**Connect with others and CHOOSE LIFE**

**'Cos to Grow stronger through COVID**

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



## **JANUARY 2022 PREACHING / WORSHIP LEADING LIST.**

<b>DATE- 2022</b>	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Worship Leader</b>
Sun 2nd Jan HC	Colin & Marj Dredge	David Mc
Sun 9th Jan	David Mc	David Mc
Sun 16th Jan	Rev David P	Fiona N
Sun 23rd Jan	Trevor H	Trevor H
Sun 30th Jan	Rev David P	Rob F

***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](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:**

**Christmas Eve 7.00 pm**

**Christmas Day 9.00 am**



***Please note: There will be NO service  
on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December.***

**Live streaming will continue through January 2022.**

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by 12 noon Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022

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