



The Grapevine

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SERMON: "Making Space in our Hearts" Luke 3:1-6

What is it that you notice most about Christmas?

Is there a particular type of display?

Is it the Pageant or seeing Xmas trees, tinsel or the nativity scene?

Before COVID as a family we would travel up to Lobethal in the Tarago looking at lights and watching the Nativity scene.

This week John the Baptist reminds us

Hear then the words of the Baptist

"Prepare the road for the Lord!"

"Make space in your hearts."

"Come Lord Jesus come."

Into the midst of our full and bulging lives,

Jesus stands and knocks, Light of the world

To bring the good news of abundant life

So we can wear lights in our hearts, Instead of on our trees

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Poem adapted from Seasons of your heart, p 46, Rev DJPrior 2015

Today we pause as we recognise that in our western materialistic world our houses, garages and even our hearts are FULL of things that we probably have to Let Go of.

Letting Go of things is never easy... whether downsizing, health or an angry narrative that keeps getting played over and over again. Jesus came that we may have peace and we achieve that by Letting Go of things we seriously don't need to carry around with us.

During Holy Communion we have the opportunity to consider what this might look like.

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- ❖ **OUR VISION:**
To be a vibrant, growing community of Faith.
- ❖ **OUR MISSION:**
*To reach out and reflect God's Love –
connecting others to Christ.*



VISITING TODAY: REVEREND MARK DICKENS

This morning we welcome Rev Mark Dickens, chaplain at Prince Alfred College, and for 2021 the half time Disaster Support Chaplain on Kangaroo Island.

Mark will be sharing some highlights from this year, helping us to gain a further appreciation of the impact our support has had on assisting people to get back on their feet.

We look forward to this time with Mark.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve 7.00 pm

Christmas Day 9.00 am

**Please note: There will be NO service
on Sunday 26th December.**



Remember OUR key MESSAGE:

Connect with others and CHOOSE LIFE

'Cos to Grow stronger through COVID

We have to pass on God's love.



FACE MASKS IN THE HEAT

With the warmer weather upon us now, please feel free not to sing with your masks on if you find it gets too uncomfortable. You can tap your feet, clap your hands, hum or worship in silence.



FOOD PARCEL MINISTRY

Thank you for your continued support of this Ministry. With Christmas Hampers and all the Joy of Christmas just around the corner, the shopping lists are now available for the Hampers.

This week we need the following items:

- ❖ Soup
- ❖ Tinned Vegetables and Fruit
- ❖ 2 Minute Noodles
- ❖ Toiletries,
- ❖ Long Life Milk, 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.

Next week:

Children's Christmas Service



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