



# The VINES Uniting Church

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THE GRAPEVINE 13/3/2022

## **WK 2 LENTEN STUDIES: THEIR PAIN, OUR FEARS**

***Matthew 11 28-30***

"Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Jesus is saying that he recognises that we all have our own stories and our own journeys in life. They present us with unique problems that cause us pain, but if we take on his easy yoke he will share our burden and support us, and ease our pains; whatever forms they take.

In turn, we too can become available to help and support others, but we can only begin this process when we recognise the pain that people around us are suffering. We can ask them to take on the easy yoke too and offer our support.

Recognising the pain we see is only half the story, because to be available we must face our fears; fear of the rejection of our help, fear of their ridicule, fear of their anger. The blessings we receive from this will come not from their gratitude or our self-satisfaction, but from our trying to help people recognise that they have the potential to change their lives for the better and offering our support to them.

***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.*

**GROUPS & DATES for LENTEN STUDIES:**

**THURSDAY 4-5PM**

LEADER: Rev DJPrior

WHERE: The Vines UC



**DATES:**

**THEMES:**

**REV DJP AWAY – PERSONAL REFLECTION**

Wk #1            10 March            RELATIONSHIPS

**REV DJP leading face to face at Vines Church**

Wk #2            17 March            THEIR PAIN, OUR FEARS  
Wk #3            24 March            IDOLS, ANXIETIES & LETTING GO  
Wk #4            27 March            EXPERIENCING THE LORD  
Wk #5            03 April            IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

**NOTE:** The Studies will be emailed as an attachment for your devotional reading.

Fiona Nockels is also holding a Lenten Study group for women in her home on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm.

**WE NEED HELP.**

We are urgently in need of more people to help as Covid Marshalls on Sunday mornings.

Obtaining a Covid Marshall certificate is a very simple process which doesn't take long to complete on the SA Gov. website: "*Complete COVID Marshall online training*". Once you have received your certificate would you please advise Colleen and give her a copy of the certificate for filing in the office. Your help would be greatly appreciated with this every few weeks.

## **LATEST COVID UPDATE:**

### **Extract from Synod e-News dated 25-2-22 and emailed to members 1/3/22**

Please note that this is also a South Australian Government mandate to which all SA churches are required to adhere.

We understand that there has been some confusion regarding aspects of this ruling. On clarification with Synod, the worship team are not required to wear masks whilst singing and persons speaking at the front of the church / pulpit may remove their masks to deliver their content during the service. Our Pastor has spoken with church members regarding the latest rules whilst he has been isolating, to alleviate any confusion.

#### ***The following restrictions continue to apply to church activities:***

- Masks are required to be worn by attendees **at all times**, including when singing, except when eating or drinking
- COVID Safe measures: QR check in, COVID Marshal, physical distancing of 1.5m between household groups; hand sanitising, frequent cleaning
- Density: no more than 3 persons per 4 square metres for seated worship (1 person per 2 square metres if there is standing)
- Indoor fitness – 1 person per 4 square metres density requirement
- Gathering at home cap: 50 people

All existing directions, frequently asked questions and other information can be found here: <https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/emergency-declarations>

If you would like further assistance, please contact your presbytery or:

Sue Page: [spage@sa.uca.org.au](mailto:spage@sa.uca.org.au) or phone (08) 8236 4217 or 0430 666 959

Philip Gardner: [pgardner@sa.uca.org.au](mailto:pgardner@sa.uca.org.au) or phone (08) 8236 4268 or 0409 077 076.

## **FOOD PARCEL MINISTRY**

Thank you for your continued support for this ministry.

This week we need the following items:

Cereal,  
Tea/Coffee  
Spreads/Jam  
Tinned Vegetables  
Tinned Fruit  
Toiletries.

Or a donation marked "Food Parcel Ministry"

Again, we thank you and may God bless you

Leon and the Pastoral Team

**Next week:**

**LENTEN STUDIES**

**Idols, Anxieties and Letting Go**

**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.

**Remember OUR key MESSAGE:**

***Connect with others and CHOOSE LIFE***

***'Cos to Grow stronger through COVID***

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



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