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THE GRAPEVINE 10/7/2022

ImpactHS#4 Forgiveness – “We are rescued” Col 1:3-4, 9-14

Q. When I mention the word forgiveness what do you think of?

Do you think of those who have wronged you: anger or tears?

Maybe there is gratitude for being set free?

Are you reminded that life is full of many lingering disasters?

Forgiveness is at the heart of the message of the Christian faith:

^{Col 1:13} *“He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”*

Faith in Jesus has at its heart the experience of forgiveness. Which rather than being a “should” or a legal term, it is about relationship with God, self and others. Sounds great, but faith is about application. Like Trevor mentioned in his Top 7 + 1: *‘If faith has no use, what is the point!’* When our experiences ask hard questions of our faith, we bring everything we have: prayer, scripture, conversations, tears and mesh them together to find hope through forgiveness:

“There is nothing quite like forgiveness for inner transformation, which is why all spiritual teachers insist upon it, both in the giving and the receiving.” R Rohr *“Things hidden”* P 37

This Sunday Jacqui Vanstone will help us explore the practical application of forgiveness through telling some of her own reflections, reminding us that we all have stories that are impacted by forgiveness.

“Lord, we open our lives to your love and forgiveness... set us free.”

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.*

PROPERTY CONVENOR.

We advise that Neville Hayward is the new Property Convenor for The Vines.

Sincere thanks to Neville for taking on this role.



Market Day

A decision has been made to hold a Spring Market in the church carpark, Saturday, 3rd September from 10am -2pm.

Stalls will include: Plants, Crafts, Baked Goods, Sweets, White Elephant, Sausage Sizzle, Drinks, and Devonshire Afternoon Tea

No!! It is not the Strawberry Fair

But!!!! It is an opportunity to, once more, invite people to our property to show we still care.

If you would like to be involved in this event, please speak to Marj Dredge, Jenny Croft, or Leon Magrin



My top 7 faith and life discoveries Kirstyn Spencer

1. Being loved by God frees us from shame about ourselves opening all we are to be used by Him.
2. God is always working, every experience is an opportunity to grow Christlike character.
3. Take time to receive good from God and others, to refill often, we give out of what we have in us.
4. Be part of the scaffold for others, love, encourage and affirm people, help them reach higher and stand stronger in God.
5. When it looks rotten, God's plan ultimately is loves best choice, though it might hurt incredibly, it's able to build stuff, in us, for other people and the situations we connect into.
6. Prayer is honest, necessary and powerful aka Psalms
7. Regularly check in with God and yourself and if necessary, re-balance the areas of your life.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The next fellowship meeting will be on Wednesday 13th July, 1.30 p.m. at the Vines.

It will be a "Devotion, coffee and chat" afternoon.

If you want a cuppa please bring a cup and teaspoon.

New members and visitors are most welcome.

Any queries please contact Pam 83811727

FOOD PARCEL MINISTRY

Thank you and may God bless you for your continued support for this ministry.

With the cold weather upon us now, we are in need of the following.

- Cereal
- Tea
- Long Life Milk
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Vegetables
- Soup
- Tinned Fruit
- Toiletries or a cash donation marked "Food Parcel Ministry".

Thank you again, Leon and the Pastoral Team

Next week:

Jul 17 Pentecost #7

Adoption – “No longer a slave but a child of God.”

Gal 4:1-7 & Rom 8:23

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.

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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