



# The VINES Uniting Church

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## WK#2 WHY TURN AWAY from the fresh water? Jer 2:4-13

The 52 chapters of Jeremiah record his prophetic ministry covering about 40 years, from 620 BC to his departure for Egypt in 580ish BC. With 40 years of prophecy and history included, reflecting different contexts, audiences and events it is not surprising that the book jumps around. While the historical context is important, the primary focus is theological... tracing the salvation history of the people of Israel with Yahweh, answering the question

*Q. How do we keep in relationship with God?*

*Q. Where is God in the midst of the war, trauma and the EXILE?*

As Jeremiah looked at the behaviour of the people, he was perplexed at what he saw because many people worshipped Baal, a fertility god.

*Jer 2:13 for my people have committed two evils:  
they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water,  
and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can  
hold no water.*

In the ancient near east, a fountain of living waters was a constant supply of good, fresh, life-giving water. Why would anyone choose to drink dirty, unclean water over the clean, pristine water? Jeremiah said that the people had acted as if there was **NO** clean water!

*<sup>6</sup> They did NOT say, "Where is the LORD, who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts & pits*

This Sunday we explore what happens when we forget to ask the question of "WHERE is the LORD?", a question that reminds us that in our western world of materialism, the external things do not generate meaning & hope.

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.*

**BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. DJP.**

Rev. DJP's five week Bible Study course is currently running: Please note that there is one week off.

#3 – 25 AUG

#4 – 01 SEPT

08 SEPT – NO Group

#5 – 15 SEPT

They will be Sermon based studies, picking up the sermon from the previous Sunday and reflecting, chewing on its meaning for life.

**TIME: 4pm – 5pm**

**VENUE: The VINES UC**

**RSVP: Rev DJP**



*The Spring Market being held in the church carpark on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September from 10am -2pm is fast approaching.*

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

**"SPRING MARKET UPDATE**

- *Please speak to Jenny Croft if you are able help with the Devonshire Teas.*
- *Goods for the Cake and Produce stall can be brought to the church between 3pm-4pm on Friday 2nd September OR to the Market on Saturday morning any time after 9am.*
- *If you would like to take a shift on the stalls, please contact Marj, Jacqui, Leon or Brian.*
- *Please continue to pray that this event will be a significant outreach opportunity to the people in our community."*

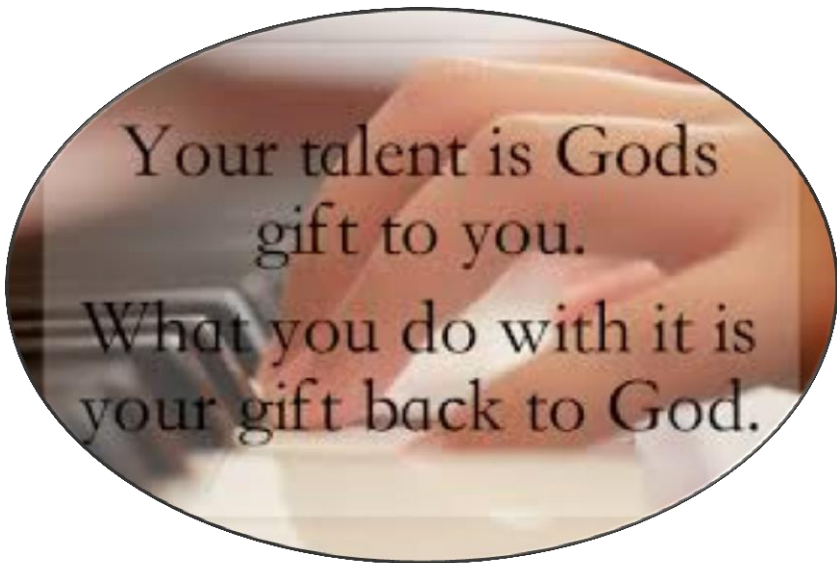
## **FOOD PARCEL MINISTRY**

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
- Tinned Baked Beans
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Toiletries or a cash donation marked "Food Parcel Ministry".

Thank you again, Leon and the Pastoral Team



**Remember OUR key MESSAGE:**

***Phone a Friend***

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

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

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



## **Next week:**

4<sup>th</sup> September

Pent 13 - Holy Communion - Jeremiah 18:1-11

## ***The Potter's House – shaped by God & Life***

### **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.

### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Children's Church is held fortnightly during school terms. See below for Term 3 dates!

28 Aug 22

11 Sep 22

25 Sep 22

***Kristen Waters and Renjini Samuel***

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