

The Canticle of the Creatures (1225)

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- 1 Most High, all-powerful, good Lord,
Yours are the *praises, the glory, and the honor, and all blessing,*
- 2 To You alone, Most High, do they belong,
and no human is worthy to mention Your name.
- 3 Praised be You, my Lord, with all *Your creatures,*
especially Sir Brother Sun,
Who is the day and through whom You give us light.
- 4 And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor;
and *hears a likeness of You, Most High One. ...*
- 5 Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister *Moon and the stars,*
in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.
- 6 Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind,
and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather,
through whom You give sustenance to Your creatures.
- 7 Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister *Water,*
who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.
- 8 Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother *Fire,*
through whom *You light the night,* and he is beautiful and playful and
robust and strong.
- 9 Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother *Earth,*
who sustains and governs us,
and who produces various *fruit* with colored flowers and *herbs.*
- 10 Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love,
and bear infirmity and tribulation.
- 11 Blessed are those who endure in peace
for by You, Most High, shall they be crowned.
- 12 Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death,
from whom no one living can escape.
- 13 Woe to those who die in mortal sin.
Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will,
for the *second death* shall do them no harm.
- 14 Praise and *ble*ss my Lord and give Him thanks
and serve Him with great humility.



Photo - David McAvenna: *Bronze statue of St Francis, St Anthony's Guest House, Assisi, Italy*

The Vines Uniting Church: **“Reaching out in God’s Love”**

Our Mission:

God is calling us...

“To be a vibrant, growing community reaching out in God’s love.”

Our Core Values:

As a community of faith we recognise our dependence upon God’s Grace.

THE CENTRALITY OF CHRIST

Jesus is Lord and we will continue to try new things and to step out in faith when the Holy Spirit leads us.

BIBLE - CENTRED TEACHING

We aim to live and teach God’s Word with integrity, so that seekers discover the living Christ and believers mature in their faith and relationship with God.

ACTIVE PRAYER

Prayer is a central aspect of a living relationship with God. Believing that God hears and answers prayer is a vital part of our ministries and activities within this Church.

AUTHENTIC WORSHIP

We celebrate and declare God’s love for us in corporate worship in ways that are relevant to people’s life and faith.

DEVELOPING PEOPLE

We encourage people to discover, develop and deploy their God-given gifts within the church and everyday living in the wider community.

A WARM and CARING COMMUNITY

We are a community in which both members and newcomers find a warm welcome and genuine care. Our network of small groups and activities enable people to build deeper relationships with each other by sharing, praying, learning and loving together.

SHARING GOOD NEWS

“Reaching out in God’s love” shapes our various programs, ministries and practical service, aiming to connect with the current needs and lifestyles of the wider community.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offerings for the month of August were \$9,888 against a monthly budget of \$8,710. The offering income for Jan to Aug this year (8 months) is now right on budget.

The recent Spring Market raised a final total of \$2,880. Congratulations and thanks to those whose efforts contributed to this success.

Improvements being made to the church kitchen by way of a new stove and stainless steel bench have been funded from a bequest made by an old member of this congregation dating back to the days of Happy Valley Church. The cost incurred will therefore have no effect on the budget set for 2022.

Leadership has set up a "task group" to assess the viability of the manse moving into 2023. Their recommendations will assist with preparation of the 2023 budget.

Neil Satterley
Treasurer

HOME ALONERS

TUESDAY OCTOBER 4th

We will meet for Lunch at the
FLAGSTAFF HOTEL, DARLINGTON
at 12 noon

There will be no morning activity.
*RSVP to Bob Stone 0439 817 613 or Bob
Manson 8382 7242
by Sunday October 2nd
to confirm our Hotel Booking
Hope to see you there.*