



The VINES Uniting Church

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THE GRAPEVINE 11/9/2022

JEREMIAH #5: Jeremiah weeps a fountain of tears = HOPE.

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Most of the Old Testament prophets, male or female, (yes, there is indeed a prophetess, Huldah, who is consulted by the King, and affirms the authenticity of a scroll found in the temple of Jerusalem, 2 Kings 22:14), only seem to deliver judgement. In these verses, Jeremiah gets his name as the weeping prophet, wishing he had a fountain of tears to grieve for his people.

If prophets are seen as God's mouth piece, speaking God's words, or walking around naked as a sign of pending doom (Isaiah 20:2-4), then the tears of the prophet are also tears of God at the suffering of the people. There was judgement, true, but these tears are tears of empathy, lament and anguish and reflected a 40 year commitment to the people as a prophet. This is where hope emerges.

Surely if God weeps in grief for us through his prophet, there is hope for us, because as the late Queen Elizabeth II said in response to the 9/11 bombings,

"Grief is the price we pay for love."

So here, while the grief comes across so strong, we have to remember that the Old Testament was a living document, capturing the interactive relationship with God and the people of Israel, all of which is captured in the technicolour horrors and joys of life on a national stage.

The honest expression of grief by God as seen in the prophet, is a vital part of having a relationship with God. In any relationships, people fight (put effort into), something that is important. In Jeremiah we see the people being called to put effort into their "faith", to commit, to not give up, give in, or become distracted.

Q. Why should they fight for God when they were in captivity?

A. Because God was fighting to remain connected to them = 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.*

MINISTER'S LEAVE

Rev. DJP will be on annual leave commencing on Monday 19th September to Wednesday, 12th October.

For any pastoral needs, please contact your small group leader, or Marj Dredge: 0421 279 935.

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Spring Quiet Day — Saturday 24th September

At The Vines — 9:30am to 3:30pm

This is an opportunity to set aside the day for silent reflection and listening to our God. The day will follow a pattern of worship, prayer, reflective reading, and silence; interspersed, of course, with morning tea [provided] and lunch [byo lunch].

If you would like further information, please

- ✘ speak to David after worship; or
- ✘ phone – 0421 278 345; or
- ✘ email – dmcavenna@adam.com.au

If you wish to attend, Registration forms are available on the table in the foyer. Please complete a form and put it in David Mc's pigeonhole.

There is no cost for this day, but attendees are invited to make a donation to help cover costs [printing, tea, coffee, snacks] – any balance remaining after the costs are covered will be passed on to The Vines Church.

BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. DJP.

Rev. DJP's five week Bible Study course is currently running:

This Week's : #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

FOOD PARCEL MINISTRY

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

This week we are in need of the following items.

- Cereal
- Tinned Baked Beans
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Tinned Beetroot
- Tinned Corn
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Fruit
- Toiletries or a cash donation marked "Food Parcel Ministry".

Thank you again, Leon and the Pastoral Team

CLEANING ROSTER

Can you spare approximately 1 hour every 6 weeks?

We are in need of 1 extra person to help with the cleaning at the church. The paid cleaner does a thorough clean of the Church every fortnight and on the second week a light clean of some parts of the church is needed, with a team of 2 people. Please let me know if you are willing/able to help.

Thanks! Colleen

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:

25th September - Pentecost # 16 **RECAP – Jeremiah**

David McAvenna

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

25 Sep 22

Kristen Waters and Renjini Samuel



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.

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