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THE GRAPEVINE 18/9/2022

THE INVISIBLE MADE VISIBLE

Romans 1:20; Psalm 19:1-6

Over the previous five weeks, David Prior has been talking about Jeremiah and in that series the standout for me has been the word HOPE. Last week, I noted David saying, “Don’t give up on God because God never gives up on us.”

I find it incredibly reassuring that God never gives up on us. Jesus said, “... surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” [Matt. 28:20] God said to Moses [Deut. 31:6] and to Joshua [Josh. 1:5], echoed in Hebrews [Heb. 13:5]: “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

So, if we are not to give up, if we are to keep hope alive, how might we do that?

One possibility is to see what we might learn about our God from “what has been made,” as Paul wrote, the invisible made visible (Rom 1:20), and from David the Psalmist who penned, “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands” (Ps 19:1).

St Francis (1182-1226) understood the invisible being made visible in creation. His **Canticle of the Creatures** [see *Grapevine insert*] provides us with his perspective on creation, but more-so, his understanding of God, both of which kindled, enflamed, and sustained his love for God. He wrote the Canticle in the last couple of years of his life which were years of great personal suffering. None-the-less, his hope in God remained steadfast to the very end of his days.

My hope is that, as with David, Paul, and Francis, our hope might be kindled or rekindled and sustain us through all of life’s circumstances.

Blessings

David McAvena

❖ 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.

FRIDAY FRIENDS
COFFEE AND CHAT

Friday 30th September

*All welcome
bring a friend.*



*With HEARTFELT
thanks!*



Nancy Weightman would like to thank the Adult Fellowship, particularly Pam Norton and members, who hosted a party for my 90th Birthday, on the 13th September and all those who attended the party.

I would also like to thank all those who gave cards or messages of congratulations.

I have been so aware of the love and goodwill from the Vines family.”

**The Leprosy Mission Money Box
Collection Time**

Please bring the contents
of your Money Box to church
from **25th September to 2nd October**

OR

place contents in my pigeonhole.

Thank You Elaine

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.

- Tinned fish
- Tea
- Tinned Soup
- Baked Beans
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Tinned Corn
- Tinned Vegetables
- 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:

02 OCTOBER - HOLY COMMUNION

Rev Ian Kitto



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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