



# The VINES Uniting Church

152 Reynell Road Woodcroft SA 5162



Rev. David Prior

Mobile: 0403 991 475

Email: davidprior@bigpond.com

Church Office: (08) 8322 8661

Email: [thevinesunitingchurch@gmail.com](mailto:thevinesunitingchurch@gmail.com)

Website: <https://thevinesunitingchurch.com>

THE GRAPEVINE 2/10/2022

## Faith and Response: Simple or Difficult?

*2 Kings 5:1-14 and Luke 10:1-11, 16-20.*

In 2 Kings 5 we find the story of how a man named Naaman was healed of a skin disease. It happened because the prophet Elisha sent a message to Naaman telling him to go and wash seven times in the River Jordan, and then he would be clean. Eventually he did, and he was made clean.

It takes great faith and obedience for someone to be healed in such a strange way. The healing wasn't because of Naaman's status as an army leader, or because the request came from the King. Rather, it was the confident faith of the Israelite slave girl in the prophet, and Naaman's obedience in washing 7 times in the river that led to Naaman's healing.

We often assume that it is our personal power and importance that 'gets things done.' We want to complicate faith with human expectations. All healing is ultimately achieved by God, not by our human abilities, and the healing of Naaman reminds us that the best way to be healed is to simply have faith in God, and to be obedient to what God asks of us. Rather than complicating things with expensive gifts of gold and silver, or by demanding that important people (like Kings) do things for us, our response to faith in God's power is simple: how can we be more faithful, more obedient to God, and ultimately more loving?

Ian Kitto

communion  
sunday



❖ 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 19<sup>th</sup> September to Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> October.

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

**FRIDAY FRIENDS**  
**COFFEE AND CHAT**  
*Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September*

*All welcome-  
bring a friend.*



**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 anew 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***

**ADULT FELLOWSHIP**

The next fellowship meeting will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October,  
1.30 p.m. at the Vines.

Our Guest Speaker, Leon Magrin, will talk about School Chaplaincy.

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

New members and visitors are most welcome.

Any queries please contact Pam 83811727

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup>

to confirm our Hotel Booking

*Hope to see you there.*

### **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.

**Next week:**  
***To be advised.***

**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.***



**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.

**Contacts at the VINES Uniting Church**

Rev. David Prior	<b>Minister</b>	0403 991 475
Colleen Farmer	Administrator	0430 646 844
Leon Magrin	Acting Church Council Chairperson	
	Mission & Outreach / Food Parcel Ministry	8322 3658
David McAvenna	Worship Team	8322 7154
Neil Satterley	Church Treasurer	0404 028 827

**Please send Newsletter articles to Colleen Farmer**  
by 12 noon Wednesday [poppy@adam.com.au](mailto:poppy@adam.com.au)