



# The VINES Uniting Church

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THE GRAPEVINE 30/10/2022

## **Luke 18: 10-14. "Thank God I am not like you..."**

I am not sure about you, but last week stirred some interesting thoughts for me. As a preacher I am not telling you what to believe, rather I am providing ways for to look at your faith and experiences from a different angle, allowing you to connect where you are with God.

To be honest I was a little triggered by Newton last week, he gave his life to Jesus because he survived a storm (tick) but it wasn't until 37 yrs later that he did something about slavery (Grrr). I recognise that to be honest slavery was the engine that powered the 1800's. There was so much invested in keeping the status quo. So maybe I was a little harsh. The reality is that 31 years after his conversion he wrote Amazing Grace. How many lives has that song changed?

The other thing I liked about last week was this quote.

"As his faith matured, Newton's remorse over his involvement in the slave trade surfaced & [galvanized](#) him."

Which invites me to consider that God can still use me as I grow older. Makes sense really, as we mature in life, experience and wisdom we see things in society that many others cannot or will not. We are less restricted. A recent study said

"Older people tend to have internal mechanisms to deal better with hardship or negative circumstances than those who are younger... age means that they are "more comfortable being themselves."

<https://neighborsdc.org/news/10-best-things-about-growing-old/>

As we grow and develop through the life stages, our faith can grow and mature not through comparison or competition with others, but rather through an honest assessment of our relationship with God. Which leads us to this weeks scripture reading..

"Lord I am a sinner (not perfect, fall short, make mistakes),  
fill me with your love and peace, so I may face the future with 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.*

**Home Aloners' Lunch WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> November.**

Our next lunch gathering will be at the



**VINES GOLF CLUB  
REYNELL ROAD WOODCROFT**

Meet at the Club at 12 noon.

RSVP to Bob Manson on 8382 7242 or

Bob Stone on 0439 817 613

**By Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October** to enable confirmation of booking numbers.

**CUPPA AFTER CHURCH ON SUNDAYS**

It would be appreciated if a few more people would pop their name/s on the tea roster for Sunday mornings. While Jenny and Peter enjoy serving each week, it would be nice if they could have a break sometimes.

Please speak with them if you'd like to help, or put your name on the roster in the kitchen. Jenny and Peter would be happy to let you know what needs to be done.



## **FRIDAY FRIENDS**

## **COFFEE AND CHAT**

*This Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 10-11.30am*

*The next one will be on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov.*

*All welcome –bring a friend.*



## **Christmas Market**

**SATURDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER, 10am to 2pm.**

Let us work together to share LOVE, JOY, PEACE AND HOPE with our community this Christmas season.

Please speak to Marj, Jacqui, or Leon if you would be able to give even just 1 hour to help by serving on a stall.



## **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.

- UHT Milk
- Soup
- Pasta Sauce
- Cereal
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Vegetables
- Toiletries or a Cash Donation marked "Food Parcel Ministry".

Thank you again.

Leon and the Pastoral Team.

**Next week:**

***Reverend D J Prior.***

***Take time to phone a Friend  
or meet with others and  
CHOOSE LIFE  
Share 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.

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