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THE GRAPEVINE – 19th February 2023

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THE TRANSFIGURATION:

2 Peter 1:16-18 (Mt 17:1-9)

Today is Transfiguration Sunday in the common lectionary. The Orthodox church calls today Transformation Sunday.

What a great title for a Sunday.

Whenever Peter features in the narrative we need to remember he's our representative. He is the one that asks all the dumb questions we want to ask but are too afraid.

The transfiguration is a pivotal event in Jesus' ministry. Jesus is transformed in a dazzling light, Moses and Elijah appear... and God speaks, again like at Jesus' baptism.

The 3 disciples; Peter, John and James were sleepy until suddenly being dazzled by what they saw. Peter wakes up and blurts out a plan:

'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'
(v 33)

He wants a monument, a bronze plaque, a tourist attraction to mark this auspicious occasion. Could he have been trying to control the situation? Was, he inadvertently trying to control GOD?

We often think of the Transfiguration as the time Jesus was transformed. But what if, the real transformation was for the disciples?

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.

COMMUNITY MARKETS

The goal for The Vines Uniting Church in 2023 is to **“Reconnect with The Wider Community”**. A significant way in which we can do this is through our Markets.

The first Market for 2023 will be held on Saturday April 15th from 10am-3pm. For these Markets to be a success it needs everyone to find a way in which they can contribute. The biggest need is for people to help on the stalls, at some stage during the day.

The **Plant Stall** is always very popular and for a number of years Elaine Manson has managed the stall with help from a number of others. She is no longer able to do this, so if you feel you could coordinate the plant stall, it would be very much appreciated. Unfortunately, Jenny Croft will be unable to coordinate the **Devonshire Teas** this year, so please consider if you might be able to take this on.

These two ladies have done an awesome job and we sincerely thank them for their commitment and dedication. It is time now for someone to step up and fill their shoes.

If you feel you can help in any way, please speak to Marj Dredge.



FRIDAY FRIENDS

Friday, February 24th is the next coffee morning. We had a great start in January and are really looking forward to continuing this year on the last Friday of every month. **10am-11.30am**. Great conversation, great company, great coffee and great cake! Everyone welcome. Bring a friend and enjoy some time out. We look forward to seeing you.

CAN YOU HELP REYNELLA EAST COLLEGE?

Adam Pearce, the International Program Leader at Reynella East College, has asked for our help, recognizing that the Church and the College have a strong partnership.

They have 2 Study Tours coming from Japan, and are seeking families, or individuals that may be interested in hosting one or two of these students.

Host families are reimbursed \$310 per week per student. Below is the information of the tours

Nihon Gakuen High School

Dates: 5th – 15th March

Reimbursement:

1student: approx. \$442

2 students: approx. \$885

Mishima High School

Dates: 4th - 17th March

Reimbursement:

1student: approx. \$575

2 students: approx. \$1151

Host families just require a spare bed in a room, or spare room to host a student. Often, retired people, or families with younger children enjoy this as they may have the spare room and enjoy the company.

In addition, all members of the host family over 18 require a Police check, a home visit by one of our International Team staff and to complete some application forms, all of which, we will support throughout the process.

There is extra information in the church foyer if you are willing/ able to help.

FOOD PARCEL MINISTRY

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

This week we need the following items:

- Cereal
- Long Life Milk
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Vegetables
- Toiletries
- Or a cash donation marked Food Parcel Ministry.

Thank you again,
Leon and the Pastoral team.

WORKING BEE

A working bee is being planned for the church in the next few weeks, as it is need of some TLC.



NEXT WEEK:

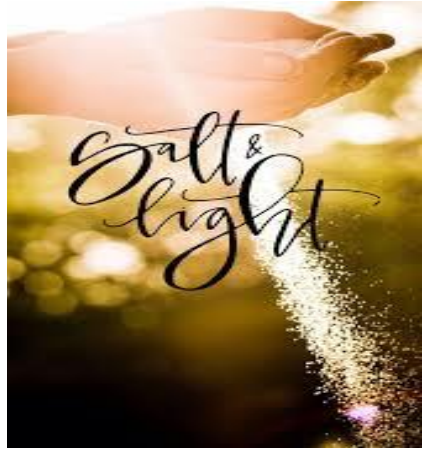
LENTEN STUDY –

SERIES based on “Vanishing Grace” Philip Yancey

Feb 26th Lent 1 #01 “The Aroma of Christ”

2 Cor 2:14-17 Chp 1

*To reconnect
with the
wider community
and show 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

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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