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THE GRAPEVINE – 26th February 2023

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OUR LENTEN THEME FOR 2023 is Philip Yancey's book:



Lent #1 "The Aroma of Christ"

Chp 1

Adapted by Rev DJP

2 Cor 2:14-17

2000 years after Jesus' great commission to go into the world and make disciples, Philip Yancey reflects that *"as a Christian, I have a deep concern about how we represent our faith to others. We are called to proclaim good news of forgiveness and hope, yet I keep coming across evidence that many people do not hear our messages as good news."* [p 3]

Yancey seems both perplexed and honest, saying that he keeps "coming across evidence that many people do not hear our message as good news." How could people experience "God's love for us all" as anything other than good news? How can the wonderful aroma of good news smell bad?

"In a clever metaphor, the apostle Paul writes of the aroma of Christ", that can have a very different effect depending on the nose: "To the one, we are the smell of death: to the other, the fragrance of life.' ...There are places where Christians give off a perfumed aroma and also places where the Christians offend the nostrils." [p 5]

As we look to "reconnect with wider community" these questions raised by Yancey will be a source of reflection and hope.

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❖ **OUR VISION:**

To be a vibrant, growing community of Faith.

❖ **OUR MISSION:**

To reach out and reflect God's Love –connecting others to Christ.

LENTEN THEMES for SUNDAY worship

Each week the sermon will launch the theme for the small groups and our personal devotional times.

LENTEN STUDY – based on “Vanishing Grace” Philip Yancey

Feb 26	Lent 1	DJP	#01 “The Aroma of Christ”	2 Cor 2:14-17	Chp 1
Mar 05	Lent 2	DJP	#02 “Grace endangered”	Jn 1:18 & Jn13:30 - 34	Chp 2
Mar 12	Lent 3	I Kitto	#03 “Soul thirst”	Jn 4:1-30 At the Well	Chp 3
Mar 19	Lent 4	DJP	#04 “Rediscovering the Good News”	Jn 3:14-21	Chp 4
Mar 26	Lent 5	D McA	#05 “Pilgrims – amidst our mistakes”	TBA	Chp 5

In addition to existing small groups, I am running a Lenten Study group during Lent on the following dates:

LENTEN STUDY GROUP - THURSDAY DATES:

VENUE: Vines Church

TIME: 4 – 5pm

DATES: Lent #1 – 02 March 2023

Lent #2 – 09 March

Lent #3 – 16 March

Lent #4 – 23 March

Lent #5 – 30 March (Maundy Thursday)

As we reflect over the next 5 weeks it is my prayer, that we may grow closer to God and those beyond the wall, sharing the grace we have experienced in a way they can receive.

Your copy of the study will be launched this Sunday.

Contact Rev DJP on davidjprior@bigpond.com

ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The next fellowship meeting will be Wednesday 8th March, 1.30 p.m. at the Vines.

We invite members of the congregation to join us in celebrating
June Godwin's 90th birthday.

Fellowship members please bring a small plate of afternoon tea.

Any queries please contact Pam 83811727

WORKING BEE

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



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.

NEXT WEEK:

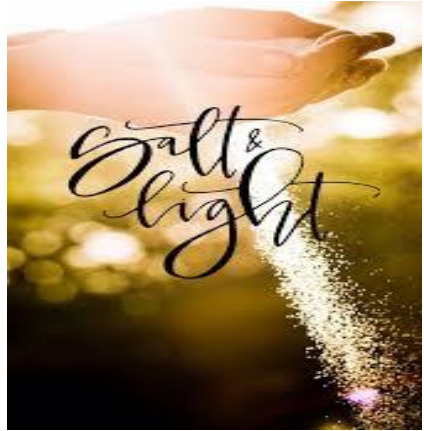
LENTEN STUDY –

Mar 05 Lent 2 DJP

#02 **“Sampling the water”**

Woman at the Well Chp 2

*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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