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THE GRAPEVINE – 12th March 2023

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Lent 3 *"Soul thirst"*

Jn 4:1-30 At the Well

Chp 3

In the third of our Lenten series looking at "Vanishing Grace", by Philip Yancey, we look at how our soul thirst, (our desire to replace our "lostness" with meaning) may be met.

Some people plan heaps, 'just in case'. Others take a minimal approach, such as ignoring whatever issue is a hot-button one for them. It might be grief, confusion, addiction, fear of death, or guilt.

The concept of Soul Thirst suggests that the people around us have an active soul that longs for hope, a future, peace, or freedom, (whether they recognise this or not.) Their particular thirst is actually for God's grace, the unearned favour of God. When Jesus met a Samaritan woman at a well, and treated her with respect, she received the 'living water' that transformed her life.

Followers of Jesus today can best help these thirsty souls by listening to them, as Jesus did, and finding common ground.

How might we at The Vines do this?

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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

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 #3 – 16 March**

Lent #4 – 23 March

Lent #5 – 30 March (Maundy Thursday)

As we reflect over the following 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.

Contact Rev DJP on davidjprior@bigpond.com

EASTER EGG GIVEAWAY

This Easter we will once again give away Easter Eggs to children at the Happy Valley Shopping Centre and we are in need of donations of small solid wrapped Easter Eggs.

If you can help, please place your donations in the box which is in the foyer of the Church.

Thank you,
Leon, Mission and Outreach.



There are copies of the 2022 Annual Report available in the Church foyer.

REMINDERS:

Lenten Study

Thursday this week at 4 – 5pm at The Vines Church.

AGM is coming up on Sunday, 19th March.

NOTE: The Manse is not an agenda item, as the Leaders Team and the + 4 Task Group have not met yet.

(Refer to congregational letter.)

CONGREGATIONAL CHAIRPERSON.

Normally at our AGM / Congregational meeting we have someone as the Chairperson of the congregation to chair the meetings. As Leon Magrin is Chair of the Leaders Team, we require another person to be Chair of the congregation.

Are you interested?

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:

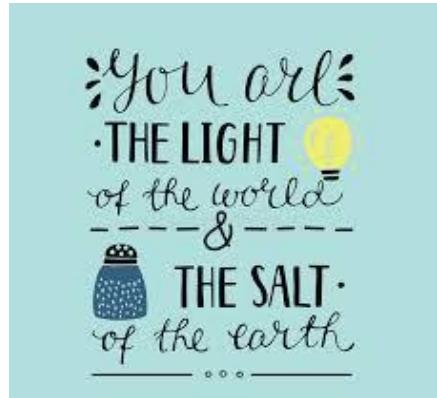
March 19 Lent 4

Rev. DJP

#04 "Rediscovering the Good News"

Jn 3:14-21 Chp 4

***Our goal this year:
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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