



# The VINES Uniting Church

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## THE GRAPEVINE – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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### Lent #4 “Reclaiming the Good News” Chp 4 *John 3:14 - 21*

Wk #1 Are we dispensers of judgement or grace?

Wk #2 Love one another – listening with ears of love.

Wk #3 The life-giving water Jesus gives that we share.

*Yancey writes “somehow, we need to reclaim the ‘goodnewsness’ of the gospel, and the best place to start is to rediscover the good news ourselves.” [p55]*

I like this quote, it reminds us all that regardless of how long we have been Christians, we cannot say we always have a handle of the good news for ourselves. In fact, Yancey is suggesting that we may even need to “rediscover the good news ourselves.”

How is it possible to forget, lose or diminish the good news?

What is the good news? = John 3:16-17 (God’s Grace)

*“God so loved the world that he gave his only son...”*

What personal impact does this have? = Gal 2:20

*“It is no longer I that live, but Christ that lives in me.”*

How are our lives changed? = Gal 5:22-23

*“The Fruit of the Spirit.”*

The greatest challenge to our faith is everyday living:

*Applying the good news of grace to your life.*

Imagine if there was a test to find out if we are Grace deficient, like having a blood test that discovers we are iron deficient? Interesting thought. Today we will explore whether feelings of guilt, shame and despair indicate we are running low on grace and in need of a booster.

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.*

**LENTEN THEMES for SUNDAY worship**

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

**LENTEN STUDY – based on “Vanishing Grace” Philip Yancey**

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 #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.

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**EASTER EGG GIVEAWAY**

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

If you are able to 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.

## **MARKET APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>**

The market is a great opportunity to share with people of our community.

There is a new list on the table in the foyer. Please look at it and add your name where you are willing to donate some time on the day. All help is valuable.

If you could donate a batch of **SCONES** for the Devonshire Teas that would be very helpful.

**“FRIDAY FRIENDS”** ....is on again **Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**. Come and bring your friends. A lovely time of connection with people whom you may not know so well. Always lots of laughter and happy conversations, not to mention the great coffee and the homemade treats. We look forward to seeing you. **10am -11.30am**

## **FOOD PARCEL MINISTRY**

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

This week we need the following items:

- Tea
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Fruit
- Jam
- Soup
- Toiletries
- Or a cash donation marked  
“Food Parcel Ministry”.

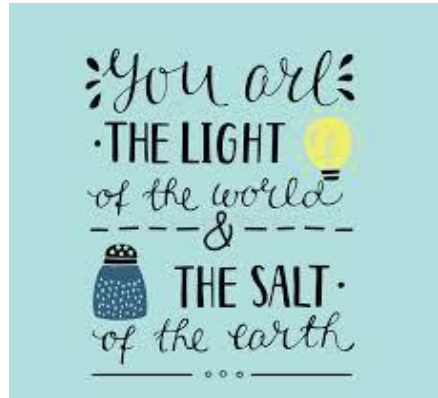
Thank you again,  
Leon and the Pastoral team.

**NEXT WEEK:**

**March 26 Lent 5**  
Lent 5 D McAvenna

***“Pilgrims – amidst our mistakes”***

***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](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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