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THE GRAPEVINE – 26th March 2023

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Lent #5 – Philip Yancey – Chapter 5 “Pilgrims’ Progress – amidst our mistakes”

Luke 5:27-32; 18:9-14

In our journey over these five weeks it seems to me that Yancey may be pointing to our focus at The Vines this year, ***Reconnecting with the wider community.***

Life is about ***connecting*** with others. As followers of Jesus we are reminded today that Jesus had complaints made against him because he was eating and drinking (***connecting?***) with “tax collectors and sinners.”

Also, we hear the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector presenting two responses to God – the self-righteousness of the Pharisee, and the humility of the tax collector.

Yancey reminds us that we are Pilgrims, fellow travellers on a spiritual journey and that we’re all human and we all mess up. Wherever our journey takes us we ***connect*** with “tax collectors and sinners,” hopefully doing so with the humility of the tax collector, knowing that we too mess up.

In speaking of the church, Yancey says it is “above all, a place to receive grace: it brings forgiven people together with the aim of equipping us to dispense grace to others.” [p82]

As we move forward through this year, ***reconnecting with the wider community***, may we do so with humility, dispensing the abundant grace that we have all experienced and received.

David McAvenna

❖ **OUR VISION:**

To be a vibrant, growing community of Faith.

❖ **OUR MISSION:**

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

Rev DJP will not be present this Sunday as he is officiating at a wedding for one of Micah's best friends. Exciting.

FINANCE REPORT

Offerings for January were \$8,000 and February \$8250. This is below budget by \$1160 at the end of 2 months.

Neil Satterley
Treasurer

EASTER SERVICES

- **Sunday 2nd April – Palm Sunday – 9:30am**
- **Thursday 6th April – Maundy Thursday – 7:00pm**
- **Friday 7th April – Good Friday – 9:30am**
- **Sunday 9th April – Easter Sunday – 9:30am**



EASTER SUNDAY, the day of the glorious Resurrection, is a day of celebration, the cornerstone of our life and hope. To mark the day as one of New Life I would like to encourage you to bring examples of New Life to worship on Sunday April 9th; flowers in particular, but pot plants or butterflies are also encouraged, to be displayed along the steps at the front of the Church.

“RECONNECTING WITY THE WIDER COMMUNITY!”

Market: Saturday, April 15th

A big word of appreciation to all those who have offered to help at the Market on the 15th April. It means we can go ahead, prayerfully seeking God’s guidance as we reach out to those who live in our community. If anyone is still prepared to give an hour or two on the stalls, we would love to add your name. The market is a great opportunity to share with people of our community and 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 31st**. 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,

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.

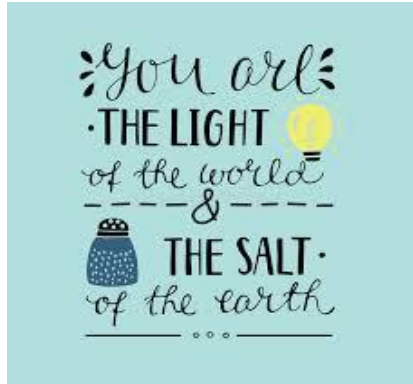
If you are able to help, please place your donations in the box which is in the foyer of the Church.

Thank you,
Leon, Mission and Outreach.

NEXT WEEK:



*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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