



# The VINES Uniting Church

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## THE GRAPEVINE – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

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### **PALM SUNDAY:** Matt 21: 1 – 9 NRSV & Isa 50:4-9 Message

Palm Sunday is often depicted as a joyous event, where Jesus is recognised by all and sundry of his rightful position as Messiah. For the Disciples - crowds were throwing branches and praise instead of throwing stones and HATE. But when we scratch a bit deeper, we see multiple levels of complexity and tension. After Raising Lazarus, Jesus and the disciples knew that by going to Jerusalem, they were going to pay a price as they **FACED THE UNKNOWN**.

The triumphant entry got everyone's attention. Pilate, the Romans and of course the religious leaders who had been endeavouring to trap and kill him. Jesus riding in on a donkey was a bit like lining up at the start line at the Clipsal 500 race driving a Datsun 120 Y. Confusing... no war horse in sight.

Jesus did things differently, and at the core of his being was living his life immersed in his relationship with God, not the expectations and pressures of others. Rick Warren has said:

*"It is more important to worry about what God thinks of you, than it is to worry about what others think of you."*

Jesus prayed, meditated (alone time) and surrounded himself with friends and disciples. His faith was honed during his life experiences: trials in the Desert, healings, conflict, tears, laughter, fear and the endless pressure to conform to what others wanted. However, Jesus epitomised his trust and life principles in these simple words.

***"Not my will be done, but yours."***

This Easter period we will reflect upon the things we bring to generate greater trust in Jesus.

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.*

**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**



**NOTICES:**

- If you are coming to Maundy Thursday or Good Friday please bring a back pack, putting in it some clothing or things you might take with you if you were going on a hike. You can pick them up on Resurrection Sunday.
- Sunday School is on today, 2<sup>nd</sup> April. All children are welcome.
- Prayer chain messages can be emailed, texted or phoned to Marj Dredge She will review them every week-day morning at 09.00 am and will send them on to the Prayer Chain as soon as she can.
- If you are an unpaid carer, you are welcome to pop join in with group meetings at the Vines with Debby Matta, from Carers SA. Please speak to Colleen if you need more information.



**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 9<sup>th</sup>; 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

It is now only 2 weeks away! A big word of appreciation to all those who have offered to help on the stalls, as well as those who have promised scones. We could do with more help for the **Devonshire Teas** and the **Sausage Sizzle** during the morning period. This is an opportunity for us to welcome people who do not normally relate to the church, that they might see something of God’s grace and love at work.

Goods for sale can be brought to the church anytime from Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and left in the Sunday School Room. Electrical items will be included this time. Please don’t bring things that are not saleable. If you wouldn’t like it, please don’t bring it. Perishable goods for the Cake and Sweet stalls, and scones, can be brought to the church from 2pm to 4pm on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> April.

**“FRIDAY FRIENDS”** ....is on again! THIS 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

### **HOME ALONERS LUNCH TUESDAY 4th APRIL 2023.**

We will be meeting at THE VICTORIA HOTEL South Rd O’Halloran Hill.

Our Lunch booking is for 12.15 pm.

Please RSVP to Bob Manson on 0499 001 883 or

Bob Stone 0439 817 613.

by Sunday 2nd April to enable confirmation of Hotel booking number.

### **FOOD PARCEL MINISTRY**

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

This week we need the following items:

- Soup
- Long Life Milk
- Tinned Fish
- Or a cash donation marked “Food Parcel Ministry”.
- Tinned Fruit
- Toiletries

Thank you again,  
Leon and the Pastoral team.

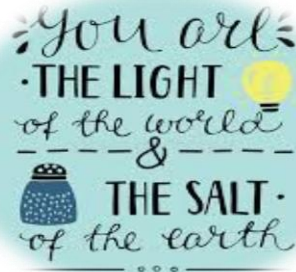


**NEXT WEEK:**

**EASTER**



***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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