



# The VINES Uniting Church

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## THE GRAPEVINE – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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### Lent #02 “Grace endangered” Chp 2 Adapted by Rev DJPjn

1:18 & Jn 13:

#### Philip Yancey; VANISHING GRACE, Hodder & Stoughton, 2014

“Believing there is no God, does not make the ‘thirst’ go away.”

Yancey still considers that there is a real thirst for faith in our world, despite the seeming ambivalence or hostility. Like the Samaritan woman at the well, we can never assume what someone is going through in their lives. Did the Samaritan women expect to be talking about her innermost fears and hurts with a male enemy?

Questions of meaning, hope and life surround all people within our world, especially today:

“One therapist lists the complaints she hears from clients each day: – emptiness, vague depression, a yearning for personal fulfilment, a hunger for spirituality, a diagnosis, a ‘loss of soul’, a void that modern culture fails to satisfy with its lure of entertainment and material goods.” [p19]

*Jn 13:34 “A new command I give you: Love one another.*

*As I have loved you, so you must love one another...”*

Yancey speaks and writes / relates with Christians, people of other faith or no faith. He says that when we are judgemental, “or proclaim lofty words that don’t translate into action, or simply speak without first listening, we fail to love , thus deter a thirsty world from Living Water. The good news of God’s grace goes unheard.” P 21

Provocative stuff. So if we are ‘works in progress’, who give off an aroma, it is important to reflect (without guilt / shame) so we may continue to grow in our daily life of following Jesus and sharing love to a new that hungers for hope.

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

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

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 #2 – 09 March

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](mailto:davidjprior@bigpond.com)

**REMINDERS:**

**Lenten Study**

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

### **ADULT FELLOWSHIP**

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

We invite members of the congregation to join us in celebrating June Godwin's 90<sup>th</sup> 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:**

**March 05 Lent 2 DJP**

**#02 “Grace endangered”**

**Jn 1:18 & Jn13:30 - 34 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](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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