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THE GRAPEVINE – 23rd April , 2023.

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THOMAS

In the Bible stories about what happened after the resurrection of Jesus, the story of Thomas is one many of us relate to. Like Thomas, we were not there in that locked room when the living Jesus appeared. It seems to be perfectly normal to have some doubts.

Having doubts helps us to be honest with God, and with ourselves. It does not mean that we are without hope. Doubts are opportunities for us to grow in our faith.

And as Thomas was encouraged to have faith and believe, we are encouraged also to leave our doubts and fears behind, and to be thankful for the faith we do have. Philip Yancey said that doubt is like a skeleton, "not something to hide or fear, but a hard structure on which living tissue may grow."

May our faith in the risen Jesus grow on the skeleton of our doubt.

Ian Kitto

Reverend Ian Kitto will be stepping in at the Vines for a few weeks in the absence of Rev. D.J.Prior, who is unwell. We are blessed to be covered at this time! Please continue to pray for Rev. Prior, for God's healing touch, and for his family as they support him.



❖ **OUR VISION:**

To be a vibrant, growing community of Faith.

❖ **OUR MISSION:**

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offerings for March were \$8,255, which is \$440 below budget. Total offerings for 1st quarter of 2023 are under budget by \$1,600.

The Market on 15th April raised \$3,000, with some small payments still to come.

Neil Satterley
Treasurer



Coffee & Chat

"FRIDAY FRIENDS" ...Friday April 28th, 10am-11.30am.

Another great opportunity to build connections, make new friends and simply have a lovely, relaxed morning over coffee (or tea!) and lovely food.

Maybe bring a neighbour or a friend or just come to chat with a friend whom you have not yet met.

Hoping to see you there.

Home Aloners

Will meet at The Oldy, Old Noarlunga

38 Patapinda Road

for Lunch on Tuesday May 2 at 12.15pm

Please let us know by Sunday April 30 if you are able to attend to enable us to confirm numbers.

Bob Stone 0439 817 613

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“RECONNECT WITH THE WIDER COMMUNITY”

Market Report

We are very pleased to report that the Autumn Market was a great success. The weather forecast looked doubtful, but we were blessed with a lovely day, good attendance, good conversations and a great sense of community connection. We raised over \$3000 which was a wonderful effort. It just goes to show that if every person does a little bit-much can be accomplished. So, to all of you, the Community Outreach team says, “Thank you!” We look forward to your support for future outreach ventures.

Richard Vanstone would like to say a big THANK YOU to all the ladies who helped him with Devonshire Teas last Saturday. Many thanks also to all the cooks who donated delicious scones! A great team effort!

Jacqui Vanstone says a huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped me on the day. Also, many thanks to those who donated goodies to sell. We saw many children’s smiling faces! Another successful Sweet Stall.

GRAPEVINE MAIL OUT

With the loss of some data when my computer “crashed” a few weeks ago, some people may no longer be receiving the Grapevine.

Please let me know if this has happened to you and if you’d like to be put back on the list, or also let me know if you’d like to stop receiving the Grapevine each week.

Thanks! Colleen

FOOD PARCEL MINISTRY

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support for this ministry. This week we need the following items:

- Jam
- Long Life Milk
- Tinned Fish
- Or a cash donation marked “Food Parcel Ministry”.
- Tinned Fruit
- Toiletries
- Cereal
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce

Thank you again,
Peter Croft and the Pastoral team.

NEXT WEEK:

Watch this space..... Ian Kitto

***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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