



# The VINES Uniting Church

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**THE GRAPEVINE – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023**



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## **Easter REFLECTION**

Easter is a powerful moment in time, and remembering that each year gives us the chance to recentre our lives.

For faith to be vibrant and real, it has to wrestle with our lived experiences.

Our lives and emotions are powerful things. Jesus was full of emotion; he actively wrestled with his fear, anger and anxiety through prayer, most notably in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Prayer is a central plank in our lives, the Psalms are full of wrestling with our beliefs in the midst of hard and challenging times.

The real power for me of Easter is the 3 day event.

Fundamentally we all experience our Good Fridays, where all we believed or thought of as “normal” is stripped away.

I have told this story before about my time at Royal Adelaide Hospital, where I sat speaking with a patient who, when I invited him to consider the resurrection power of Jesus, he baulked and said,

**“How can I get to Resurrection Sunday, I’m still at Good Friday!”**

Sometimes we try and skip Good Friday (emotions, feelings, hurt) and simply push past it, but the truth is “to get to Resurrection Sunday we have to go through Good Friday.” Over weeks we sat together as he told his story, the first time he had told anyone of his war service in the navy and the crippling fears that lay hidden. He eventually was able to discover new life, along with his family. But it took tears, time and a third party to assist.

Easter is a reset time; a time to prayerfully consider our lives, in particular what we have accumulated during the last 12 months. Becoming aware of our hurts, talking to God in prayer, or a trusted other, helps open the blockages to find healing and peace.

May you travel lighter post Easter.

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**

- **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 or a small bag, 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.
- If you are an unpaid carer, you are welcome to pop join in with free group meetings at the Vines on Wednesdays with Debby Matta, from Carers SA. Please speak to Colleen if you would like more information.

**ADULT FELLOWSHIP**

The next fellowship meeting on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, at the Vines, Is an Easter Devotion.

Please bring a cup and teaspoon if you would like a cuppa.

New members and visitors are most welcome.

Any queries please contact Pam on 83811727





## **"RECONNECTING WITY THE WIDER COMMUNITY!"**

Market: Saturday, April 15th

It is now only 1 week 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; it is hoped 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. 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.

### **WHITE ELEPHANT STALL**

Small electrical items in working condition are required for our MARKET ON 15<sup>th</sup> April.

Please check in your cupboards/sheds if you have any items that are no longer required.

We need to have all electrical items tested and tagged before they can be sold at the Market. This will be done at 9.00 am on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April, so please ensure that you drop them at the Church before then.

For more information, please contact Bob Stone: 0439 317613.



### **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.

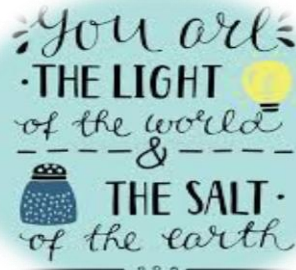
**NEXT WEEK:**

**SERIES based on “Vanishing Grace” Philip Yancey**

April 16 Easter 2: #06 “Activists”

*Chapter 6*

***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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