



The VINES Uniting Church

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THE GRAPEVINE – 3rd November 2024



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Communion Sunday

I'm only Human

I'm sorry ... after all I'm only human. How many times have we heard that before? Maybe you've used that excuse yourselves ... maybe it's your favourite excuse for when you get things so wrong.

But what does "being human" actually mean?

Paul talks about seeing things from a "human or worldly point of view" (vs 16)

In the story of Samual choosing the next King after Saul went off the track, we see a lot of "human" actions. Jesse expected the next king to be chosen from his 7 children and left David out in the field when Samual came looking. Samual took one look at the first candidate, Eliab, and thought, "He looks like a mighty warrior, strong, tall, stout man that people could look up to".

Expectations (from Jesse) and preconceived ideas (from Samual) can often cloud our decision making when trying to find God's way. Paul struggled with this too ... he wrote that the good he wants to do ... he doesn't do ... and the bad things he doesn't want to do ... he ends up doing.

Finding God's will and path forward is a constant battle for all of us, even if we are pretty good at making decisions. We do have a mind and decision-making capacity to weigh up all the pros and cons (like I do), but when we pray and ask for God's direction, only then do we get close to following God's ways. Confirmations and 'gut feelings' can assist, but in the end we all have to learn how to make that judgement call.

1 Samuel 16:7 *The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.*

Rev. Marty Rosenberg

❖ OUR VISION:

To be a vibrant, growing community of Faith.

❖ OUR MISSION:

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



CHRISTMAS MARKET
SATURDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER.

Thanks to those who have already put their names on the lists in the church foyer. We still need stall convenors and people willing to help on the day. Please give thought as to how you might best help with this well supported community outreach event. Maybe there is something new we can add.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Congregational Meeting after the service on Sunday 1st December.

At this meeting the Treasurer will present next year's budget and there will be an opportunity for members to vote for the election of Elders and Church Council members for 2025.

Nomination forms will be available in the Church Foyer this Sunday, giving you an opportunity to nominate Elders and Church Council members for next year.

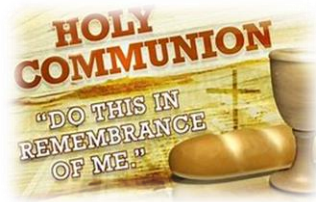
Would you please place the completed nomination forms in Colleen's pigeon-hole by no later than Sunday 17th November.

Thank you!

COMMUNION PREPARATION

For a long time, there has been a small group of faithful women who have prepared the communion emblems each month. At the present time there are 2 people who do so every second month.

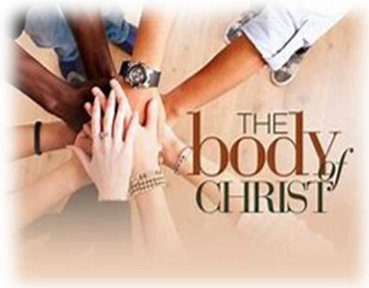
A few more would be very welcome. If you feel you could help, please speak to Chris McAvenna, who will explain what is needed.



Our Welcoming Team invites new recruits to join us in the New Year or sooner if you are interested. Please see Sue Cook after the service or email her on sue.d.cook@outlook.com.

PANTRY 152 is going well, with several people attending each week in need of food assistance.

Any donations of food or money you are able to give will be used to bless others less fortunate in the community. Sincere thanks for your generosity.



AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY.

If you are interested in meeting with others for a daytime Bible Study....either at the church or in a home, please speak to David or Marj for further details .

BANK ACCOUNT – OFFERING

For members of our congregation who wish to give with flexibility on time and amount, The Vines church has set up a bank account with Westpac to receive such offerings. The details are:

Name of Account - Vines Uniting Church BSB 035 053

Account Number 479588

No further details will be required so the information will remain private.

Neil Satterley, Treasurer.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 3rd November

Reverend Malcolm Bottrill



Our Goal
**To reconnect with
the community and
share 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/@thevinesunitingchurch6373/streams>

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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