



The VINES Uniting Church

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THE GRAPEVINE – 10th November 2024

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JOURNEYS OF FAITH

From time to time at the Vines we've heard various people's stories ... their journeys — most recently, Renjini, Irene, and Ian and Karen, each highlighting significant faith moments.

The faith journey is somewhat of a paradox — sometimes it's deeply fulfilling; sometimes deeply challenging; sometimes joyful; sometimes painful; sometimes bringing unexpected changes.

My faith journey, though at times challenging and painful, has been imbued with music undergirded with expressions of God's love and faithfulness and Presence, attributes frequently underscored in Scripture.

In Isaiah we read, "But those who trust in the LORD for help will find their strength renewed. They will rise on wings like eagles; they will run and not get weary; they will walk and not grow weak." [Isa 40:31 – GNB]

And therein lies the paradox — at times we do feel a bit weary or a bit weak! But that doesn't negate the reality of God's Presence in our lives over the entirety of the journey.

Matthew's Gospel records Jesus' invitation: "Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke and put it on you, and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in spirit; and you will find rest. For the yoke I will give you is easy, and the load I will put on you is light." [Matt 11:28-30 - GNB]

There is clearly something about journeying with Jesus that enables us to find rest in the midst of all that happens and to do the things we are gifted to do. That raises a question: How do we respond to Jesus' invitation?

David McAvenna

❖ **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.

10 am – 2 pm

If you haven't put your name down to help on any stall yet, your help would be much appreciated on any stall, whether it's for half an hour or up to 4 hours, to give others a break.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

On Sunday 1st December a Cornish Choir will be presenting a concert at the Vines at 2pm. They are a choir of mixed voices: Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass, who will be singing a selection of Cornish songs, plus some Golden Oldies that have been part of their very successful year of concerts. They will also sing Christmas songs which will include Australian Carols and beautiful melodious Cornish Carols and they invite you to sing with them some well-known Carols between their brackets of songs.

Afternoon tea will be included in the price of the tickets: \$10.00 pp.

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 are available in the Church Foyer, 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!

END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE



On Tuesday 17th December, Verelle's piano students will be presenting an end of year performance, commencing at 2.00 pm at the Vines. All are welcome to attend.

Afternoon Tea will be served at the conclusion of the performance.

Entry will be by a donation of goods for Pantry 152.

Circle of Friends today will be held on the second Tuesday of the month from now on - not the last week of the month. This means that the next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th December at the Church. All ladies welcome!

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 continues to do 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.



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 17th November

The Reverend Dr Anna Grant-Henderson



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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