



The VINES Uniting Church

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THE GRAPEVINE – 17th November 2024

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The 1st Samuel 1 & 2 readings for Sunday concentrate on Hannah and the role she will play in the ongoing history of Israel. There are many women in the Old Testament who play significant roles and are never part of our lectionary reading. For example, Tamar is mentioned in Matthew's genealogy but never comes up in the lectionary. Bathsheba committed adultery with David and is the mother of Solomon. She comes up in the lectionary as part of the Davidic story but in the genealogy she is referred to as the wife of Uriah: no name.

We will examine in detail the manner in which Hannah is portrayed - how she responds to being the second wife, being barren, being treated suspiciously by the priest. Does she have anything to say to us today?

She lives in a time when women are the property of their husbands, when God is in control of fertility, and a woman is nothing if she is married and has no child. Her belief in God and faith that God will hear her prayer is strongly asserted in this story. When history is written by men, how come Hannah and the many other stories about women (many demonstrate how the women out-smart the men) are allowed to be present in Scripture?

The Reverend Dr Anna Grant-Henderson

❖ **OUR VISION:**

To be a vibrant, growing community of Faith.

❖ **OUR MISSION:**

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

FRIDAY FRIENDS

Friday, November 29th will be the last opportunity for this year to share in this lovely morning of friendly conversation, great company and fine food. 10am-11.30 am. It will have a Christmas theme.

"PANTRY 152"

Donations of Christmas treats would be very welcome as we seek to provide an "extra" parcel for those who come seeking help in this season. Whatever you feel would give people pleasure for Christmas, would be much appreciated. There is still need for the basic staples.

At the end of 2024 Neil Satterley will be resigning from his role as Treasurer at the Vines. He has faithfully served in this role for 2 years and we thank him sincerely. Neil will also be retiring from the role of Property Team Convenor which he took over from Leon 12 months ago. New people will be sought for both of these important roles at the Vines..

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 today, 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

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.

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 24th November

Reverend Ian Kitto



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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