



The VINES Uniting Church

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THE GRAPEVINE – 24th November 2024

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Mark 13:1-8 and Hebrews 10:11-25

We began this year full of hope, with great optimism. Except... that's not how it has turned out for some of us (or even many of us?)

When our optimism is stonewalled – when we are feeling tired and overwhelmed, and the hits of life are coming at us like a big pile of stones falling upon us – it can help to go back to basics and see what Jesus did. Mark 13:1-8 seems like yet another depressing tale of woe, where Jesus talks about the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. For the Jews, that was the end of the world as they knew it.

However, there's another message to hear. Far from predicting the imminent and apocalyptic end of the world, this passage brings hope for those of us who feel trapped behind high stone walls. For God is still here with us. We can be hopeful. We can look forward with hope as we live out our faith in the risen Christ. And in our other reading, from Hebrews 10, we have guidance for how we can live hope-filled lives.

I encourage you to let go of despair, and to claim this hope we have in Jesus.

Blessings, Ian.



❖ **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. There is a list of suggestions in the church foyer if you haven't already got one in your Grapevine. Your support and generosity are appreciated.

At the end of this year 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.

THANK YOU SUNDAY and CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday 1st December is **Thank You Sunday** at the Vines, when we express our gratitude to all those who have been involved in any way during 2024 at the Vines Church. We look forward in anticipation to the new year.

There will be a Congregational Meeting after the service in which the Treasurer, Neil Satterley, will share the proposed budget for 2025.

Also, at the meeting members will have the opportunity to vote for Elders/Church Councilors for 2025. Those nominated for re-election are:

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| Marj Dredge | Elder |
| Wendy Fittock | Elder |
| Rob Fudge | Elder |
| Marj Dredge | Elder |
| David McAvenna | Elder |
| Colleen Farmer | Church Councilor |

HOME ALONERS will meet at The Old Noarlunga Hotel
on Tuesday 3rd December
at 12 noon in the Beer Garden.

Hope you will be able to make it.

RSVP to Bob Stone 0439 817 613 or Bob Manson 0499 001 883
by Sunday Dec. 1 to enable them to confirm the booking.

SERVICE IN THE PARK

On the last Sunday in December, 29th, we will be having an outside service in the park across the road from the church as we did last year. Please bring a chair and your picnic lunch to enjoy afterwards.

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

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 1st December

Greg Pearce



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.

Contacts at the VINES Uniting Church

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