



The VINES Uniting Church

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THE GRAPEVINE – 15th December 2024

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Philippians 4:4-7

Joy and Rejoice are among the words that bombard us during Advent and Christmas.

Clearly, Paul encourages us to be positive in our thinking, to be glad, elated, happy.

Some Christians believe that we need to be controlled, not too emotional, not to express our emotions too readily.

But, JOY IS NOT MEAN TO BE SUPERFICIAL!

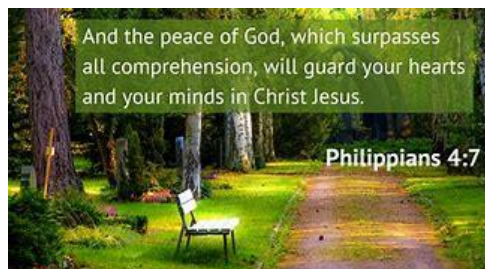
Today we will look at how closely joy is to pain and fear. Joy is not the absence of pain and fear.

Joy is the presence of Christ, in whom we have hope and trust, in the face of pain, fear and all of life's challenges.

And, we need to look at this both personally, and with the suffering people of the world in our prayers.

Peace and Love,

Malcolm



❖ **OUR VISION:**

To be a vibrant, growing community of Faith.

❖ **OUR MISSION:**

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



What a year this has been. There have been many challenges as we have sought to faithfully minister in this place. David Prior's resignation was difficult for us, but it was right for David as he has continued to recover from his serious illness. We have been blessed by our supply ministers who have encouraged and supported the Council as we looked to find the way forward, and people have stepped up and gone the second mile to make sure things have run smoothly. The Church Council thanks each and every one of you for YOUR support throughout the year.

As we approach a new year, we are aware there are hurdles to jump as we search for a permanent minister and continue to find ways to share God's love with the community around us. God calls us to be His presence in a world of uncertainty and Mother Teresa suggests, "It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you!"

May your Christmas be a blessed time of loving, sharing and caring and, in the words of Helen Steiner Rice, "Peace on earth will come to stay, when we live Christmas every day".

Marj Dredge (Chair of the Church Council)



Christmas Services at the Vines

Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24th December - 7 pm

Christmas Day - Wednesday 25th December - 9 am

Church offerings for November were \$6,333. This is \$1,997 below our monthly budget.

Neil Satterley
Treasurer.

SERVICE IN THE PARK - On the last Sunday in December, 29th, the service will be held outside in the park across the road from the church, as per last year. Please bring a chair and your picnic lunch to enjoy afterwards.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY SERVICES

Jenny and Peter Croft do a great job in faithfully serving tea/coffee on most Sundays after the services. They will be taking a break from this in January. Coffee/tea will not be available on 29th December as the service be across the road in the park and there will be no tea/coffee after the services on the 5th and 12th January.

*****URGENT -ARE YOU ABLE/WILLING TO HELP?**

Rosalie and Neil will be moving to Murray Bridge very soon, and are unable to continue the cleaning at the Vines.

Can you help? A light clean only is needed in any areas that are unclean/messy as the paid cleaner does a thorough clean every fortnight in between.

Please speak with one of the Elders as soon as possible if you would like to help, usually once every 7 weeks for approx. 1 hour.

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 22nd December

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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**The Grapevine will recommence on
Sunday 26th January 2025.**

