



The VINES Uniting Church

152 Reynell Road Woodcroft SA 5162



THE GRAPEVINE – 8th December 2024

Church Office: (08) 8322 8661

Email: thevinesunitingchurch@gmail.com

Website: <https://thevinesunitingchurch.com>



Christmas!

“Bah! Humbug!” The famous words of that curmudgeon, Ebenezer Scrooge, in Charles Dickens’ Christmas Carol, are often repeated at Christmas and many other times of the year to express our frustration and displeasure at what we see as a sham.

Christmas can certainly be a sham when we narrow it down to the bare bones of commercialisation, feel-good decorations, beautiful songs, food and gifts and not much more. Sometimes, Christmas worship has been frustratingly described as just a colourful concert.

Please don’t think that I’m wallowing in a dose of Ebenezer Scrooge. Far from it. Today, I hope that we can hear from Luke 3:1-6, not only of the joy of fulfilled prophecy, but the rebellion, frustration, and passion to change the world, even at high personal cost that undergirds the Birth stories, with challenges that are as significant today as they were 2000 years ago.

Blessings for Advent, and your efforts to change the world.

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.

Offerings for October were \$6,296. This is \$2,034 below our monthly budget.

Neil Satterley

Treasurer

"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 received one in your Grapevine. Please bring items along up to and including Sunday 15th December. Thank you! Your support and generosity are appreciated.

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.



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.

Circle of Friends 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!



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 15th 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.

Contacts at the VINES Uniting Church

| | | |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Colleen Farmer | Secretary | 0430 646 844 |
| Neil Satterley | Church Treasurer/Property Team | 0404 028 827 |
| Marj Dredge | Outreach Activities / Pastoral Team | 0421 279 935 |
| David McAvenna | Worship Team | 0421 278 345 |

Please send Newsletter articles to Colleen Farmer
by 12 noon Wednesday poppy@adam.com.au

