



The VINES Uniting Church

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THE GRAPEVINE – 23rd March 2025

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This is the second affirmation in Matthew 5 after 'You are the Salt of the earth'.

"The Message", a translation of the New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs, by Eugene Peterson, adds many descriptive words to enrich/explain what 'You are the Light of the world' means.

"...You are here to be light bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill..... I'm making you light bearers, not hiding you under a bucket! I'm putting you on a light stand!"

If we found it difficult to accept the call to be the Salt of the Earth, last Sunday, let's see how we manage being The Light of the World.

In the past week, as I've had extra quiet time following eye surgery, I've been thinking about, and listing some of the people who've been The Light of the World to me. I strongly encourage you to do the same. You may get a shock .. feel richly blessed .. encouraged to contact people on that list and say, "Thank you for being such an important Light to me."

Think of family, friends, teachers, colleagues, men, women, the elderly, children, youth, people from other religions or cultures and more.

Peace and love,
Malcolm

PS Thank you to those who prayed for healing
for my battered, grumpy face!



- ❖ OUR VISION:
To be a vibrant, growing community of Faith.
- ❖ OUR MISSION:
To reach out and reflect God's Love –connecting others to Christ.

EASTER MARKET: APRIL 5th 10am—2.30pm

It is time to prepare for our Easter Market which is on the first Saturday in April. It will come around fast. This is a vital community outreach occasion for our church. The quality of the goods, the reasonable prices and the friendliness of all the participants, means a lot to people in the wider community. All proceeds go toward our community outreach ministries.

Here is the list of usual stalls, and **we are open to further suggestions.**

White Elephant, Devonshire Teas, Cakes and Produce, Sweets, Craft, Children's toys, Plants, Books, Jigsaw Puzzles and DVDs, Sausage Sizzle, Hot Dogs, Butter Chicken/Drinks, Hand Painting.

Please carefully and prayerfully give thought to where you might be able to help on the day.

There will be a list of the stalls in the foyer on Sunday. Please indicate where you might be able to help on stalls.



EASTER SERVICES AT THE VINES

April 17th Maundy Thursday 7.00 pm

April 18th Good Friday 9.30 am

April 20th Easter Sunday 9.30 am

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday 30th March there will be a Congregational Meeting after the service.

Agendas are available in the church foyer, together with the Minutes of the last meeting and copies of the 2024 Annual Report.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON STUDY GROUP

The Wednesday afternoon Bible Study is now up and running.

No previous experience is needed to join us, simply an open heart, an inquisitive mind, and an interest in the Bible and what it has to say to us in our modern world, and everyone is welcome to join us.

The study and discussion group is an open forum, meeting every Wednesday at the Church, starting at 2.30 pm.

We have a great time reading from God's Word, as we discuss the many things revealed to our interactive group, both from the Bible itself and from the With Love the World series, from Strathfield Uniting Church, in Sydney.

Join us too, for the time of prayer, extended discussion and fellowship over a cuppa afterwards.

For further information, speak with Richard or Sue Bissmire after the service, or call them at home on 0415 401 402.

HOME ALONERS LUNCH – TUESDAY 1ST April 2025

Our meeting will be at the Flagstaff Hotel, Main South Road, Darlington.

We are booked in for lunch at 12 noon.

Please RSVP to Bob Manson on 0499 001 883 or Bob Stone 0439 817 613

By Sunday 30th March to enable confirmation of Hotel booking numbers.

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

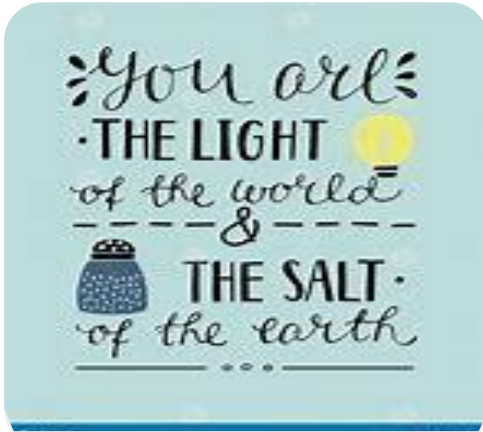
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No further details will be required so the information will remain private.

Colin Dredge, Acting Treasurer.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 30th March

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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