



The VINES Uniting Church

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THE GRAPEVINE – 18th May 2025

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In the next few weeks, I will be focussing on the book of Colossians.

This is classed as one of the prison letters written when Paul was in jail. In these letters there is a focus on the glory of Christ and his headship of the church. We see this in Colossians where there is a great focus on Christ's role and the way he transforms our lives.

These are some problems, however. In this letter there are 48 words that appear only in Colossians and there is a hymnic form that really doesn't appear elsewhere. So, there is an argument that Paul did not write this letter. We know that often Paul worked with others, and it seems likely that Timothy was often involved in communicating to others on Paul's behalf. I would say that this letter is probably written on Paul's behalf by Timothy. It is a clear representation of Paul's thinking, even though it may have been written by another on Paul's behalf.

In all of this letter there are some strong themes. In chapter 2 and into chapter 3 the supremacy of Christ is the major theme and in the last part of the letter (ch 3 and 4) the conduct of the church is the major theme. We will look at themes in the second and third sermons I will share with you.

This week we will look at the underpinning of the letter. Vv15 – 23 are about the supremacy of Christ and we are given insight into the power of our unity in Christ and the gifts that arise from that. We see the power of God at work in Christ and then that power at work through us. Our union in Christ gives power to the work of Christ and then we are seeing that again in our lives as it is in Paul (vv24-29).

In this we are called to participate in the fullness of God's love and then share it in the community of the church. This is a powerful and wonderful joining of God's power in us and our redemption working out among us. If you have the opportunity, read chapter one again.

Trevor Klar

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

A warm welcome to Reverend Trevor Klar as he returns to the Vines this morning to preach.

CREATIVE CONNECTION – AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA.

**On Thursday 22nd May
from 10.30 – 11.30 am**

we will be having a morning tea as part of
Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, in aid of
those impacted by Cancer.



Please come and enjoy a lovely morning tea, bring a friend if you can, and donate - to help us to make a difference in people's lives. There are lucky prizes to be won!

Life FM's "Buddy Blankets"

The Life FM Radio station is calling for large empty chip packets with silver linings to make into blankets for homeless people.

There will be a box in the foyer for the next few weeks for you to put your used large chip/popcorn packets into. Please cut the packet open and wash the inside before placing them in the box.

The packets will be given to a distribution point where they will be ironed together (using baking paper on top) to make blankets for homeless people: they are light, warm and waterproof! What a wonderful way to recycle!

The blankets will then be given to the Salvation Army for distribution.

This is being done in many countries around the world now, as a result of one woman's idea. It is such a unique way to keep those less fortunate warmer in winter.

WHAT'S COMING UP AT THE VINES?

THURSDAYS (during School Terms) - VINES CREATIVE CONNECTION

9.30am – 11.30am

\$4 each week - includes Morning Tea - ALL WELCOME


Contact: Verelle 0439 833 837


MEN'S DINNER GROUP – 21st May - 3rd Wednesday of the month

When: Wednesday May 21st Where:

Mr India Restaurant ✓

mrindiaoldreynella.com.au

 **4.2/5** (46 reviews) · Indian · \$\$

 218 Old South Rd, Old Reynella South Australia 5161

FRIDAY FRIENDS - 30th May - the last Friday of the month.

10.00 to 11.30 am All are welcome to come along for a cuppa, home-made food and a friendly chat for a gold coin donation.

All proceeds are in aid of Pantry 152.

HOME ALONERS - 3rd June - 1st Tuesday of the month

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS – 10th June - 2nd Tuesday of the month

from 1.30 to 3.00 pm at the Church. Circle of Friends is for ANY women to come and share a cuppa and a chat!

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.

Colin Dredge, Acting Treasurer.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 25th May

Matt Carratt



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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