

The VINES Uniting Church

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THE GRAPEVINE - 13th July 2025

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A message from Lazarus John 11:38 - 45

I marvel how the Bible speaks of God's wisdom and especially how it relates to us today.

When we read the amazing story of the resurrection of Lazarus, it declares the compassion and power of Christ but also shares with us certain life messages that can guide us through God's calling on each and every one of us.

I believe these messages can be life altering and life fulfilling. I wish to share those messages with you today.

Coincidently... each message starts with the letter R.

Would you like to know what they are... then can I suggest you come along to Church this Sunday at 9.30am and I will be very pleased to tell you.

Also this week we are fortunate to have The Emmaus Group come and visit this week and lead us in worship. We formed this group during the Covid period and found there are quite a few churches that do not have musicians and worship leaders like we do at the Vines. Our aim is to provide vibrant worship but also to "share the reality of Jesus" just like He did to the two folk on the road to Emmaus.

If you get a spare moment please read Lazarus's story in John 11: 38 – 45 as a prelude.

Blessings Bill

Colleen will be on leave for two weeks after Tuesday 8th July and Chris McAvenna will be preparing the Grapevine in her absence. Please send notices to her for the Grapevine on 20th July - before 12 noon on Wednesday – adcam@adam.com.au

OUR VISION:

To be a vibrant, growing community of Faith.

OUR MISSION:

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



Sadly, Alan Weightman has died peacefully at the Vales on Tuesday 8th July. His funeral will be here at the Vines and will be notified in The Advertiser shortly.

In God's care.

COTTAGE GROVE is celebrating its 30th birthday on

Friday 18th July, from 2 pm - 5 pm with afternoon high tea, music, families and friends.

Invitations are available if you'd like to attend. Please RSVP to Admin for catering purposes.

Pantry 152 Report - Chris McAvenna -

June saw a small decrease in numbers of clients visiting the pantry. We were able to help 10 families and 8 single people.

Since January this year we have seen 140 people come through, many of whom are repeat visitors. A handful of these come very regularly and we are getting to know them well.

A while ago one of our regular clients brought in, as a donation, a dozen jars of honey from his daughter's beehives. Very occasionally a random person in the community will bring in some groceries or fruit for the pantry.

Feedback from rostered volunteers suggests that their experiences have been very worthwhile in being able to help people with genuine needs.

Can you please help?

We would love more people to put their name down to help with morning tea on Sundays. Even if you are only available "once in a blue moon" your help with this valuable ministry would be much appreciated. Please put your name on the list in the kitchen if you can help.

Church Council met on Monday 7th July, and advise the following:

There is always ongoing maintenance in the church, done by a faithful team who have expertise in different areas.

The Church roof and the dome in the centre of the worship room have now been fixed. We are grateful to Bob Stone and Neville Hayward for time spent on research on this, including finding the right people to carry out the work. Over the years the roof has degenerated in parts, causing leaks that have appeared in different rooms. Thankfully that should no longer be a problem.

Thanks also to Richard Vanstone for time spent with the electrician recently to fix electrical problems in the Church.

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 20th July Reverend Malcolm Bottrill



Our Goal



To reach out to 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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Please send Newsletter articles to Chris McAvenna by 12 noon Wednesday adcam@adam.com.au

