



The VINES Uniting Church

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THE GRAPEVINE – 23rd November 2025

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Celebration of Christ the King - Luke 23:33 - 43

On the Sunday before Advent, we celebrate Christ the King with Luke's story of the Crucifixion.

Does that seem right to you?

Jesus exercised a contradictory and transformative style of leadership which few people had experienced or thought of. Love your enemies, do good to those who treat you unjustly; humility and self-sacrifice are all sources of power, service.

As modern society, like all generations before us, tries to understand leadership, those same issues confront us.

There is a growing presence of authoritarian leadership in the world, where the power and the self-appointed glory of the leader is paramount.

As Christians, we need to reflect on the way we lead, and the expectations we have of our leaders. Some leaders are possessive and don't welcome others into their leadership, while others find a variety of ways of asserting themselves that fail to love, graciously include and offer themselves as gifts of servanthood.

Yes, it is important for us to reflect on the Crucifixion as the foundation on which our leadership is built.

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.

*In
Loving
Memory*



Some of you may remember Connie Smith, a lady with a strong faith who attended the Vines for many years prior to Covid. She enjoyed being a member of Adult Fellowship. Connie passed away peacefully on Saturday 15th December at Cottage Grove. May she find eternal rest. She is lovingly remembered. We send our sincere condolences to Connie's family.

Sincere Thanks

To the wonderful people at The Vines, we say thank you for your love, prayers and wonderful support through Lynn's awful time of illness, which is slowly improving. Lynn doesn't need the walker anymore but still has severe pain and is in need of more healing before she is able to do rehabilitation and get back to work on the Ambulances. We expect that it will be into the New Year before she will be able to work again.

Much Love,

Malcolm Judy, Lynn and Elton

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – 30TH NOVEMBER

In the Church foyer there are copies of the Minutes of the last Congregational meeting, together with the Agenda for the meeting, to be held after the service next Sunday, 30th November.

As mentioned last week there are 3 people who have been re-nominated for 2026 and there will be an opportunity for members to vote for them at the meeting.

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| • Jacqui Vanstone | Elder | for a 2 year term |
| • Rob Fudge | Elder | for a 1 year term |
| • David McAvenna | Elder | for a 1 year term |

A reminder that there is a box in the foyer for your suggestions and comments. If you have any ideas, concerns, or considerations as to what you would like to see happen at the Vines in the coming year, please drop them into the box. Your feedback is valued.

Pantry 152

If you would like to donate grocery items, there is a list of suggestions available in the foyer.

Christmas Hampers:

We would like to give out Christmas Hampers to people when they come into the Pantry during December. It would be nice to bless them with some Christmas treats from our church family, where perhaps their budget does not stretch that far.

From now on we would be grateful for donations of things like, Christmas cakes, Christmas pudding, mince pies, Shortbread biscuits, chocolate, sweets, treats and the like. These can be put in the baskets in the foyer with the normal grocery donations.

Thank you.

*****Are you able to help?**

The kitchen roster has many blank spaces. If you are able to help with this ministry, offering people an opportunity to enjoy each other's company and chat over a coffee/tea after services, please put your name on the roster in the kitchen. There is a description of what is involved in the kitchen.

Our next HOME ALONERS Lunch meeting will be on Tuesday the 2nd DECEMBER at ;

THE OLD NOARLUNGA HOTEL
38 PATAPINDA ROAD
OLD NOARLUNGA

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 of NOVEMBER 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

Account Number 479588

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

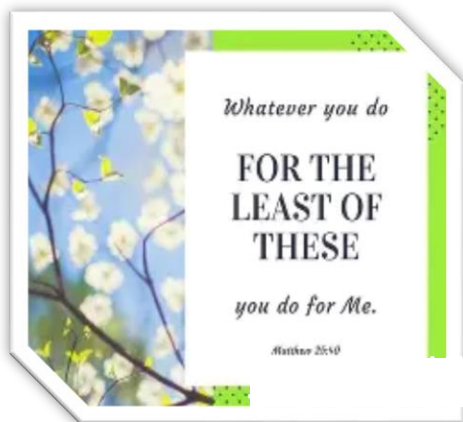
Colin Dredge, Acting Treasurer.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 30th November

Marj Dredge

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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