



The VINES Uniting Church

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THE GRAPEVINE – 30th November 2025

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On this first Sunday of Advent, we are reminded that in just a few weeks we will celebrate the greatest gift of all...the birth of the baby Jesus. The Old Testament tells us how God's people waited and hoped for many, many years for the coming of the Messiah. Waiting is not easy... as human beings we want things to happen NOW.

Hope is not a desire! Hope is not a wish! It is far more than just a longing, a perceived want or even need!

If it were only these things and nothing more, Scripture would not command us to "hope", but it does! A faith in God makes it possible to possess and maintain REAL hope. A strong and confident expectation, an unwavering trust in the unchanging Character of God.

What if we allowed THIS understanding of "hope" to renew and reshape our lives?

The season of Advent provides an opportunity for us to move from hopelessness to hope-filled living.

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. (Hebrews 6:19)

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❖ OUR VISION:

To be a vibrant, growing community of Faith.

❖ OUR MISSION:

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

FUNERAL NOTICE

John Norton has advised that Pam's funeral will be held at Florey Chapel, Centennial Park at 11am on Tuesday, 2nd December, 2025.



CHRISTMAS MARKET

Thank you to everybody who contributed in any way to last Saturday's Market. It was a great day, and the rain did not dampen the spirits or keep people away. By 9.30am we had people checking out what we had to offer. There was a wonderful atmosphere and the rain simply added to the fun! The total takings of more than \$5000 was exceptional. This will go towards further opportunities to reach out to the people of our community with love.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Wednesday afternoon Bible study Group will go into Christmas and New Year recess on Wednesday, **17th of December, 2025.**

The first meeting of the Group in 2026 will be on Wednesday the **4th of February, 2026.**

There will be an informal Christmas breakup gathering at the Church, at 2.30 pm on the 17th of December, all attendees are welcome. Please bring a plate (with something sweet or savory to eat and share on it).

Any questions, please contact Richard B either at the Church on Sunday or on 0415 401 402.

And a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

The last Grapevine for 2025 will be prepared on the 17th December for the service on 21st December. It will recommence on Sunday 1st February 2026.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – 30TH NOVEMBER

There will be a Congregational meeting after the service today. In the Church foyer there are copies of Agenda for the meeting, the Minutes of the last Congregational meeting, and the Budget for 2026 as prepared by Colin.

There are 3 people who have been re-nominated for 2026 and there will be an opportunity for members to vote for them.

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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.

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 7th December

Reverend Ian Kitto

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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