



The VINES Uniting Church

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THE GRAPEVINE – 3rd May 2026



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My dear friends,

I am looking forward to sharing in our first Communion service together this Sunday, 3rd May. We gather at the Lord's table not because we **must**, but because we **may**. What a privilege this is! It is the Lord's table, and the Lord is the host at the table. All are welcome at the table, to share in the Lord's hospitality. We commemorate the death of Jesus, and we celebrate his risenness – Christ is with us right now. Thanks be to God!

Today I thought I would let you all know that I am now settled in my new home in Morphett Vale. I do still have boxes to unpack, and I do still have too much furniture (!), but basically I am settled. Many thanks to Adrian and Sam, who came around to help me unpack and move furniture around – it made a huge difference to my move, and I am very grateful for their help and support, which made moving day so much easier.

I feel very content to have such a lovely little flat, and I want to thank Colin and Marj for finding it for me. I think I will be very happy here. I am learning my way around the local shops and amenities, having never lived in this part of Adelaide, and am glad that the area has everything I need! I do very much like the little café near the church, *Grazing in the Valley*, on Sherbrooke Boulevard – and I would be happy to meet anyone there if you would like to catch up for a coffee sometime. As I don't really cook (another story for another day!) and also currently don't have a dining table, I will not find it easy to invite people for a meal at my home. However, if you would like to invite me for a meal or for a cuppa, I am now ready and open to all invitations 😊

Hospitality was a hallmark of the early church. Hospitality was a hallmark of Jesus and his friends. Hospitality is a hallmark of The Vines. Let us be open to Jesus's call to radical hospitality with one another –

Go Well,

Shelley

❖ OUR VISION:

To be a vibrant, growing community of Faith.

❖ OUR MISSION:

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

PACKING DAY 2026 – BLACKWOOD UNITING CHURCH

Boxes will be in the foyer on the 10th, 17th and 24th May for your suitable donations of clothing etc. for the indigenous communities in Central, North and West Australia. Lists of requirements will be with the boxes, together with spare lists if needed. Some of the donations are delivered to “Tropics sites”, and some go to “In-land sites”, so materials can differ for sites. Please check the lists and place your goods in the appropriate boxes. If you have any queries, please contact Margaret Prescott on 8312 2319.

In addition to the lists is a request for items to sell at an “Old Timers’ Fete”

Types of Products required are:

- Children’s clothing.
- Baby clothing and goods.
- Beanies
- Toys, especially knitted and soft toys.
- Jewellery.
- Bathroom goods, e.g. fancy soaps, face washers, talc powder, etc. packed for gift giving.
- Blankets/rugs, e.g., crocheted, knitted, patchwork, etc.
- Fancy coat hangers.
- Aprons, especially full size, pot-holders, oven mitts.
- Tea cosies, bed socks.
- Shopping bags, storage bags.
- Manchester –towels, kitchen towels, tea towels, pillowcases.
- Stationery – pens, pencils, note pads, etc.
- Craft supplies.

***A warm welcome if you are a visitor at The Vines today.
You are very welcome to join us for a cuppa after worship.***

Please check the data screen before and after worship for updates.

PANTRY 152

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

Particular needs at this time are:

- 2 min noodles Beef.
- Jars Tuna Bake Sauce
- Tins Peas and Corn
- Tins Mixed Vegetables
- Lge tins Fruit Salad/Two fruits
- Lge tins Apricots
- Hair Shampoo & Conditioner

Thank You

The next Home Aloners' meeting/visit on the 5th May will be to the new Fire Station at Noarlunga. We will meet at the church car park at 9.30 am and share rides to the station. We are expected to be there at 10.30 am and will be there for 1 hour. After this we will be going to the Woodcroft Tavern for lunch. Please let me know for bookings if you can attend. Mob. 0458680619

Regards, Brian

Hi All,

Our next dinner will be at a new venue for our group...hope you can come ☺

When: Wednesday May 20th

Where:

Contact
08 8186 8200
1 Lovelock Drive
Noarlunga Downs 5168

JIMMY DEANE'S
SOUTH HOBARTIDE FOOTBALL CLUB
BAR • BISTRO • GAMING

Time: 6.30pm

RSVP: by 11th May

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Regards

0481 345 638

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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, Treasurer.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 10th May 2026
Reverend Shelley Alexander

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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