



# The VINES Uniting Church

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THE GRAPEVINE – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026



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My dear friends,

We don't know each other yet, but I am already feeling the warmth of your welcome! I am really looking forward to getting to know you all and to ministering at The Vines. It's a new start for you, and a new start for me – together, we are embarking on an adventure 😊

This Sunday we begin that adventure together, as we look at some of the things that happened after that very first Easter more than 2000 years ago. The friends of Jesus were about to embark on the biggest adventure of their lives, and we will enter into their experience over the next few weeks. How would you have reacted, had you been there with the disciples? Would you have been at the foot of the cross, weeping? Or might you have been standing at a distance, horrified and rooted to the spot? Afterwards, would you have hidden away with the others? Or maybe set out for home, thinking that you needed a change of direction?

And then, if you had been in the upper room with the others when Jesus appeared, how would you have responded? If you had *not* been there, like Thomas, do you think you would have believed your friends when they tried to tell you that Jesus had appeared to them? It's important that we put ourselves into the story, and look into our own hearts to see how we would have responded to the risen Jesus. And, of course, he is the same risen Jesus to whom we are invited to respond today, in the here and now!

Let us meet on Sunday with joy, and with anticipation, to worship the crucified risen Jesus. We are following in the footsteps of all those believers who have gone before us and we, like them and like Thomas, can only look in wonder and adoration as we breathe the words "My Lord and my God!"

See you on Sunday –

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.*

**Welcome**

*A very warm welcome to Reverend Shelley Alexander this morning. We look forward to meeting with you and getting to know you.*



**MOTHERS' DAY MARKET**

This is coming up very soon, on **SATURDAY MAY 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10am -2pm**. There is a list in the foyer of previous helpers on the various stalls. If you are NOT available, please just cross your name off the list. If you would like to would like to be on a different one, please indicate.

Thank you for the wonderful support you offer for this significant outreach into our community.

A reminder that Friday Friends will be on next week, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April. All are welcome to come along, enjoy the company and conversations, along with yummy food and a cuppa.

**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.*

## **HELP WANTED!**

Sunday by Sunday we enjoy our coffee (or tea), biscuits and a chat after the service. It is a great opportunity to talk with someone whom you don't know well. Such opportunities are really valuable as we build up our sense of family here at The Vines.

**BUT...**we need willing people to take a turn at putting this all together. There is a sheet of the "how to" in the kitchen, and it is not too difficult. The more people who will help with this ministry the fewer times you will need to do it. Help with the dishwasher is always available. Please see if we can fill a few more spots on the Roster. The roster is in the foyer.

## **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:

- Sweet and Savoury biscuits
- GF Rice crackers
- Large tins Tuna
- Canned vegetables:
  - Peas & Corn
  - Peas, Corn & Carrots.
- Small cans Tinned Pineapple
- Small cans Peaches
- Peanut Butter
- Vegemite

Thank You

## **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 26<sup>th</sup> April 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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