



The VINES Uniting Church

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THE GRAPEVINE – 26th April 2026

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My dear friends,

This time last week we barely knew each other, but now here we are celebrating our second Sunday together! We will be looking at the instructions Jesus gave the disciples before his ascension, and at what the early 'church' was like. I have put the word 'church' in quotation marks, because these early gatherings need to be distinguished from the later institutional church and the baggage that comes with that word.

How do you share the good news of the gospel message, I wonder? What do you think the good news is, how good do you think it is, and how willing are you to tell it to others? Jesus told his followers to go into all the world and make disciples, baptising them, and teaching them everything he had commanded them. This is known as "The Great Commission". This commission wasn't only for the disciples then. Jesus is still speaking to us today. Are we listening? Do we have the words, the understanding, the confidence, the energy, to obey? We will be taking a special look at one person who took on these words and followed them.

I am not focusing on ANZAC Day this Sunday 26th, but I do want to say something about it here. In a world which feels as if it is on the brink of war, peacemakers are needed more than ever. We commemorate ANZAC Day because we want to honour those who have served, including those who paid the ultimate price, those who came back changed forever, and those at home whose lives were spent waiting fearfully and bravely for bad news. On ANZAC Day we want to acknowledge the terribleness of war, and its consequences. We do this because we need to be reminded to remember! The words "Lest we forget" are to help us think about the horrors that might unfold if we *do* forget – if we forget, then the chances are high that history will repeat itself.

We are called to be peacemakers in our world, in our country, in our community, and in our home. If we are peacemakers in our relationships, we are an example to others – an example of Jesus, who came to bring peace, to be a reconciler. ANZAC Day reminds us of what happens when international conflicts are not worked through patiently and respectfully by negotiation. Even if we feel that we are not players on that international stage, we can recognise the warring tendencies within ourselves and in our relationships with others. Jesus calls us to lay down our arms and reconcile with our enemy. How are we doing?

Looking forward to seeing 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.

MARKET! PLEASE CHECK THE LIST IN THE FOYER!

With all the excitement of preparing for Rev Shelley's induction into our congregation, the Market has been sadly overlooked and I apologize for that. It WILL happen as we all band together and get it under control. These markets are really important as we seek to build our funds for outreach projects.

We need strong people to set up the tents on Saturday 2nd May from 8am. It will be the same layout as in the past. Any items for the White Elephant stall can be brought to the church and placed in the library from now on. **PLEASE ONLY BRING GOODS THAT ARE IN SALEABLE CONDITION.** Donations for all the stalls are very welcome. Please check the list in the foyer. We need people to be in charge of the stalls and people who will fill in – even for just an hour or so! Help on Friday afternoon from 1.30pm to set up the indoor stalls would be gratefully accepted. Scones for the Devonshire Teas would be gratefully received.

Plants can be brought anytime over the next week or on the day. Perishable goods can be brought either Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.

PLEASE TAKE SOME LETTERBOX NOTICES AND DISTRIBUTE them this week.

Thank you all for your response,

Marj

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

***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.

THANK YOU

As Chair of the Church Council, I want to say an enormous “THANK YOU!” to you all for making Saturday’s Induction such a lovely experience for all; from the guys who set up the sanctuary to those who cleaned up the kitchen after all was done. There were some of our team who spent over 5 hours in the kitchen to ensure the refreshments were ready as the service ended. Everybody who played a part in any way helped to make it a day to remember.

After so long without a regular minister, there was a distinct sense that we are turning a corner and God has much for us to do in our community, as we reflect Jesus to all who cross our path.

We are so grateful that Shelley also feels that strong sense that the Vines is on a new trajectory, and God will continue to surprise us!

Grace and Peace,
Marj

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

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 3rd 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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