



The VINES Uniting Church

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THE GRAPEVINE – 24th May 2026

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My dear friends,

What an exciting Sunday – **Pentecost Sunday!** The day that is regarded as the birth of “the Church”, when the friends of Jesus were transformed by the power of the Spirit’s infilling. Happy Birthday to the Church – Happy Birthday to us, who are part of the continuation of that early Church! Remember to wear something with red, orange or yellow if you can (even if it’s just a splash of colour), as we think about the fire of the Holy Spirit.

In the tradition in which I grew up (the Baptist Church) I don’t remember much of a fuss about Pentecost. But it is worth making a fuss about, because that day heralded a change in the friends of Jesus, a change which led to the countercultural message of Jesus being spread by his fearless followers all around the known world. Something dramatic happened that day, and we need to celebrate that! Not only that, but we too need to know the Spirit’s power and infilling in our own lives, as we too seek to share the good news of Jesus.

Over the past couple of weeks, I have had the joy of attending a number of church groups. It is lovely getting to know you all in a smaller setting. It is also lovely to be with groups delving into the Bible, discussing matters of faith, and praying together. Our church is not a club for likeminded people. We are a living breathing part of the body of Christ, generously loving and supporting one another, forgiving one another unreservedly, looking outward to how we can best love and serve the wider community. We all have our part to play. We are all different (thank the Lord for our differences!) but we are one in the Spirit!

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.



REVEREND SHELLEY ALEXANDER'S HOURS

As you are aware, Reverend Shelley is employed at The Vines at 0.5FTE. Church Council and Shelley have agreed together that Shelley will not work on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday. Please respect Shelley's days off and note that only urgent matters will be attended to on those days.

CAFÉ CHURCH 31ST MAY

Reverend Shelley will be singing a solo at Café Church at the end of the month, and would love people to come. Please bring along a small plate of morning tea to share.

FRIDAY FRIENDS

A reminder that Friday Friends is on again on Friday 29th May. All are welcome to come and share in nice food, a hot cuppa, conversation and friendship.

SUNDAY COMMUNION: Once a month when we have Communion, we need 4 people to serve the emblems to the congregation. It is a simple—but very important ministry. If you would be prepared to join this team, would you please let Marj know.

***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.

CHURCH CLEANING

Sincere thanks to the two people who have responded and are willing to help with the cleaning of the Church.

If you haven't yet responded and would like to be involved, please let Colleen know. The more people who are willing to share this role, the less often people will need to be rostered on. At present each team are rostered on for approx. 1 hour every six weeks.



HOME ALONERS

On the 2nd June Home Aloners' visit will be to Centennial Park Cemetery.

We will meet at 10.15am in front of the Jubilee Complex, for
Introductions and History.

Our guide will be Beccie, who is the Community Engagement Officer.

Will be having lunch In the Cafe on site at 12.30 pm.

Please let me know if you will be coming.

Regards

Brian 0458 680 619.

HELP NEEDED!

MORNING TEA ROSTER: There are still a few gaps on the Sunday Morning Tea roster. It just needs 2 people each week and there is information about what is required. The more volunteers we have the fewer times you will be needed. Please check the roster which is on the table in the foyer and choose when you would be available.

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 31st 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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