



The VINES Uniting Church

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THE GRAPEVINE – 7th JUNE 2026

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My dear friends,

We are in June already, and thus we are in the last month of the financial year! Actually, you may be interested to know that the financial year finishes on 31st March in New Zealand, and on 6th April in the UK – so I find it difficult to remember when it is. Once one has experienced a change to a fundamental fact of life, it can result in a sort of discombobulation. Here are some examples: – the date of the end of the financial year; driving on the wrong side of the road; Christmas being in winter; the summer holidays being mid-year – They say travel broadens the mind, but they also say that people can experience culture shock when they have to face these sorts of changes to what they once knew to be absolutely true!

This was true for the friends of Jesus, I think. They had lived their lives as best they knew how, listening to their rabbis and memorising their Scriptures. They had tried to follow God. But when Jesus called them, and they began to follow his teaching and his example, it was as if they were experiencing a whole new way of looking at life! That can't have been easy. Jesus kept saying to them, "You have heard it said... but *I* say to you..." It must have taken them a while to adjust to their new instructions. I wonder how their families felt about all this change? I bet there was a bit of culture shock all round!

We too will find our lives changed if we listen to Jesus. He tells us that, while we have heard it said that we are to love our neighbour but hate our enemy, we are to love our enemy and pray for those who persecute us.

He tells us both to generously offer and to seek forgiveness repeatedly and unendingly. What a difference that will make in our lives, and the lives of those around us, and in our world, if we follow his instruction.

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.

PLANNED GIVING 2026

The current Planned Giving Program will end on Sunday 28th June. Members who use Offering envelopes are advised that new boxes of envelopes will commence on Sunday 5th July.

Members are encouraged to prayerfully consider their financial commitment to The Vines Church. We are very thankful for your generous giving in the past. Planned Giving letters have been posted to you this week. The response forms that are enclosed with the letters can be returned on Sunday 21st June (Stewardship Sunday) or they can be posted back to the Church.

For those who are new and current members, we advise that your offerings can be made in the following ways:

- ❖ By Direct Debit
- ❖ With the use of Offering Envelopes
- ❖ Via the Open Plate

Please note that the offering Envelopes are not numbered and therefore no amounts are recorded.

Please contact me either by phone 0403 003 535 or via email: marjncolin7@gmail.com if you would like more details regarding the use of Direct Debits or Offering Envelopes.

Colin Dredge, Acting Treasurer.



***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:

- Instant Chicken noodles
- Tins Spaghetti – Large and medium size
- Tins Fruit – Peaches, Pears. Large and small.
- Sweet Biscuits
- Liquid Hand Wash

Thank You

Hi All,

Our next Dinner will be at the Crown Inn Old Reynella....hope you can come 😊

When: Wednesday June 17th

Where:



 Crown Inn Hotel Old South Road,
Old Reynella South Australia 5161

Time: 6.30pm

RSVP: by 9th June

Regards

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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 14th June 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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