



The VINES Uniting Church

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THE GRAPEVINE – 12th July 2026

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My dear friends,

What happened when Jesus sent out his disciples to all the towns and villages, to proclaim that “the kingdom of heaven has come near”? Did they know what to do? Did they know what to say? Did they go willingly? Would you have gone willingly, if you were one of them?! We'll be thinking about Matthew 9:35-10:14 this coming Sunday 12th July. You might want to read the passage in advance, to prepare for what we are about to look at.

As I said last Sunday, it is worth reading a gospel in its entirety to get the overall sweep of the gospel story. I advised reading Mark first – because it is the shortest! – and then maybe going next to Matthew. This year is Year A in the lectionary, where we spend time in Matthew all year. Scholars think that Matthew must have had access to the gospel of Mark as one of his sources, as many passages are almost identical. Each of the gospel writers was either an eye-witness or used eye-witness accounts as they formulated their gospel, a telling of the events and teachings from Jesus' life. Each gospel has a different 'flavour' because it is written by a different person, who may have thought different things were worth including. We are so blessed to have four different gospels to read, in which we can learn more about Jesus! And, as I said last Sunday, we will always be able to discover new things if we read with an open heart. God is always ready and waiting to bless us with deeper understanding, when we are open to his leading –

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.

**3pm Sunday afternoon group – starting Sunday 26th July –
watching 'The Chosen'**

Shelley will be starting a new group, meeting for 8 sessions at church at 3pm on Sunday afternoons starting 26th July. The group will be watching the 8 episodes of Season 1 of 'The Chosen', a religious-historical drama television series.

'The Chosen' is the first multi-season series about the [life](#) and [ministry](#) of Jesus, primarily set in [Judaea](#) and [Galilee](#) in the first century. The series depicts Jesus's life through the eyes of the people who interacted with him, including the [apostles](#) and disciples of Jesus, Jewish religious leaders, Roman government and military officials, and ordinary people.

Shelley absolutely loves this series (and has mentioned it in church more than once already!). She is really looking forward to seeing what you think of it, and can't wait for the conversation over coffee after watching each episode. Please let her know if you are interested in attending.



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

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

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:

- 575g boxes Weetbix
- Jars Tuna Bake Sauce
- 1kg Sugar
- Cans Chicken Soup

Thank You

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Wednesday afternoon Bible study Group will go into Winter recess on
Wednesday 22nd of July, 2026.

The next meeting of the Group will be on Wednesday the
9th of September, 2026, starting at 2.30 pm.

Any questions, please contact Richard B. either at the
church on Sunday or on 0415 401 402.

NAME TAGS

Please wear your name tags during the Sunday service and place them in the basket by the door as you leave.

Name tags provide an opportunity for people to get to know other people's names. The attendance sheet that is filled out each week using the name tags enables the Pastoral Team to know if someone hasn't attended for a while and they can offer pastoral care.

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 19th July 2026
Reverend Shelley Alexander



Our Goal

*To reach out to the
community and
share God's Love.*

LIVE STREAMED WORSHIP SERVICES Currently our 9.30am worship services at the Vines can not be accessed live. However, the services are being recorded and then uploaded by Sunday afternoon.

At the moment, please use the following link to access our services,
<https://www.youtube.com/@thevinesunitingchurch6373/videos>

Each service will remain on our YouTube channel for watching later, accessed using the same link.

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