



The VINES Uniting Church

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THE GRAPEVINE – 26th July 2026

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My dear friends,

This Sunday we will be looking at Matthew 10:24-39. We think of Jesus as a bringer of peace (and rightly so). Yet here he tells his friends,

"Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn

"a man against his father,

a daughter against her mother,

a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—

³⁶ *a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.'*

How are we supposed to make sense of that?!

Firstly, it helps to know that Jesus was quoting the prophet Micah, who was talking about Israel's misery when the Day of the Lord would arrive and not one faithful person remained. His audience would have known he was quoting the prophet, and saying similar times were now upon them. He was applying Micah's prophecy to the current times, indicating that the Day of the Lord was now at hand.

Secondly, I wonder what tone Jesus used. I think it was probably a sad tone. Sadly aware of just what was going to happen, as a result of some deciding to follow him and some deciding not to. Families would be divided and things would become more difficult, rather than easier. A warning about the cost of following Jesus. We will be thinking about that cost on Sunday.

I will be wearing a special cross around my neck, as we think about carrying our own cross. I am looking forward to sharing its story with you!

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 today – watching
'The Chosen'**

Shelley will be starting a new group, meeting for 8 sessions at church at 3pm on Sunday afternoons starting this afternoon. 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 [Judea](#) 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: 0403 825 248.



*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:

Dried Spaghetti

Dried Pasta

Cans Tomato Soup

Cans Chicken Soup

Thank You

FRIDAY FRIENDS

A reminder that Friday Friends is on next Friday,
July 31st, the last Friday of the month.

10.00 to 11.30 am. You are welcome to come
along for a cuppa, home-made food and a
friendly chat – for a gold coin donation.

All proceeds are in aid of Pantry 152.



HOME ALONERS

Our next visit will be to the Polish Hill River Church Museum at Meadows
on Tuesday August 4th.

Morning tea will be provided at a cost of \$10.00 per head.

Details of transport and times will be advised later.

Please let Brian Fittock know if you will be coming: 0458 680 619

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 2nd August 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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