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THE GRAPEVINE – 9th August 2026

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My dear friends,

In case you would like to read it in advance, the reading for this Sunday 9th is: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Sometimes people read the Bible with the idea that everyone in there is an example to us – either an example of good behaviour that we should emulate, or an example of bad behaviour that we can be warned against. This Sunday we will hear about Jacob, known also as Israel – the father of 12 sons, who would be the forebears of the twelve tribes of Israel. Jacob himself had a chequered past, having deceived his brother Esau so that he could fraudulently obtain their father Isaac's blessing (which was reserved for the eldest son). Then Jacob had run away, fallen in love with Rachel, then accidentally married her sister Leah instead (!), and then married Rachel as well… and then Jacob had had children with Leah, with Rachel and also with their two maidservants Bilhah and Zilpah. Are we supposed to follow Jacob's example? No, of course not! But we can see that Biblical families, like our own, have all of the complications and dramas that we experience in our own families, and we can take heart that God loves us, perfect family or not!

The story of Joseph is too long to tell in one week. On Sunday 9th we will hear the first part, which leaves Joseph in a bad way – a difficult place to stop. But a place we too sometimes find ourselves.

Then we will hear the rest of the story on Sunday 16th – so, spoiler alert, there will be a happy ending!

Go Well,
Shelley

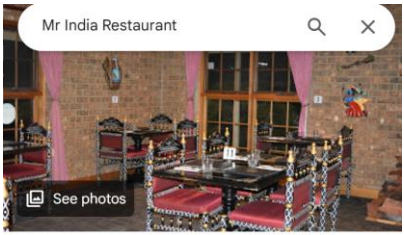
- OUR VISION:
  To be a vibrant, growing community of Faith.
- OUR MISSION:
  To reach out and reflect God's Love –connecting others to Christ.

***The Church Council** met on Monday 3rd August and continues to care for our congregation at the Vines.*

Hi All,
Our next dinner will be at the popular Mr. India.....this month was Ted's choice, next month Grant will choose.

When:
Wednesday August 19th

Where:



Mr India Restaurant
4.7 ★★★★★ (585) · $20–40
Indian restaurant · ♿

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Unpretentious restaurant cooking up classic curries and tandoori dishes, to eat in or take away.

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218 Old S Rd, Old Reynella SA 5161

Time: 6.30pm - RSVP: by 12th August
Hope to see you there 🙂
Regards, Nev

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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:

- 1 kg Packets of Rice
- Tins Pumpkin Soup
- Tins Chunky Beef and Vegetable Soup
- Jars Bolognaise Pasta Sauce
- Jars Napolitana Pasta Sauce

Thank You

Three sons left home, went out on their own and prospered. They discussed the gifts they were able to give their elderly mother. The first said: "I built a big house for our mother."

The second said: "I sent her a Mercedes with a driver."

The third said: "You remember how our mother enjoys reading the Bible. Now she can't see very well. So I sent her a remarkable parrot that recites the entire Bible. It took elders in the church 12 years to teach him. Mama just has to name the chapter and verse and the parrot recites it."

Soon thereafter, their mother sent out her letters of thanks.

"Milton," she said, "the house you built is so huge. I live only in one room, but I have to clean the whole house.

"Gerald," she said, "I am too old to travel. I stay most of the time at home so I rarely use the Mercedes. And that driver is so rude! He's a pain!"

"But Donald," she said, "the little chicken you sent was delicious!"

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 16th 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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