The VINES Uniting Church

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THE GRAPEVINE – 22nd November 2026

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Jesus and the Woman of Samaria

John 4:7-29

In Jesus' day, because of centuries old religious and ethnic hostility, *any* interaction between Jews and Samaritans was unthinkable!

So, the Samaritan woman is shocked when Jesus asks her for a drink. Unheard of!

I'll share some of the history of that conflict on Sunday.

As you read this passage you will see Jesus breaking down ethnic barriers. Jewish men didn't speak to women outside the home, much less a Samaritan woman.

He then offers a new image of 'living water' gently revealing his knowledge of her past, which leads her to recognise him as a prophet and even the Messiah.

Jesus goes on to say that worship is not limited by place or distance but 'in spirit and in truth'.

Amazingly, the woman runs back to her town telling of her experience which prompts people to come out to the well to see and hear for themselves.

Another case of Jesus being 'The Great Upender!'

Love and Peace,

Malcolm

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – 6TH December

As previously advised, there will be a Congregational Meeting after the service on Sunday 6th December, in which the Treasurer will present next year's budget.

Members will have an opportunity to vote for the election of Elders and Church Council members for 2027 at the meeting.

Those nominated are:

Nominee	Position	Term
Digby Beames	Church Councilor	2 years
Marj Dredge	Elder	3 years
Colleen Farmer	Church Councilor	1 year
Rob Fudge	Church Councilor	1 year
David McAvenna	Elder	1 year
Bill Scerri	Church Councilor	2 years
Ken Stigwood	Church Councilor	1 year

Wendy Fittock will resign after serving for 3 years as an Elder and we thank her for her loving service in this role.



HOME ALONERS CHRISTMAS LUNCH TUESDAY 1st DECEMBER 2026

Our final lunch meeting for this year will be at ;

THE FLAGSTAFF HILL GOLF CLUB

25 MEMFORD WAY

FLAGSTAFF HILL SA 5159.

Our booking for lunch is 12 noon. We hope that you will be able to join us, as another year of the HOME ALONERS GROUP draws to a close.

Please RSVP to Brian Fittock on 0458 680 619

by Sunday 29th November to enable confirmation of Club booking numbers .

Pantry 152

If you would like to donate grocery items, there is a list of suggestions available in the foyer.

We are currently running very low on paper shopping bags, used to pack groceries for pantry clients and also, the compostable vegetable bags. If you can assist with clean bags in good condition, it would be appreciated.

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.

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.

Next Week 29th November
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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