The VINES Uniting Church

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THE GRAPEVINE – 8th November 2026

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My dear friends,

As I mentioned in the service last week, the lectionary skips the middle part of the book of 1 Thessalonians. So, our reading this Sunday 8th is:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Please do go back to the beginning of the letter and read right through to there, so you will understand the context into which Paul is now writing.

We will be thinking about those we have loved and lost – a suitable theme for All Saints Day and all Souls Day, which occurred last weekend – because that is what the Thessalonians were thinking about. For all those who have gone before us, we give thanks. We are grateful for their life and love, and we look forward to being reunited with them one day.

As Paul says:

13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope."

We still grieve. Of course we do. The grief we feel is a measure of the love that we have known. But we do not grieve hopelessly. Instead, we find hope in Christ and his power over death!

Looking forward to Sunday, as always –

Go Well,

Shelley

COLLEEN'S RESIGNATION:
As mentioned by Shelley during last Sunday's service, I will be resigning as Secretary at the Vines at the end of December this year, after 12 years in the role. Below is the job advertisement for your information.

POSITION VACANT

Office Administrator

- Part time (8 hours per week)
- Commence January 2027

We are seeking an Office Administrator to facilitate the implementation, daily running and oversight of the administrative systems undergirding The Vines Uniting Church.

The role includes:

- Attending to and actioning emails.
- Maintenance of the churches Working with Children Check databases.
- Managing Church bookings.
- Administrative support for the Minister and other church functions.

Skills you will need:

- Demonstrated skills and experience in operational and administrative systems in a small to medium company or community organisation
- Good interpersonal and communication skills, including problem solving.
- Good time management and organizational skills.
- Ability to work with and direct a team of volunteers.
- Commitment to the Uniting Church ethos

Enquiries to:
For a copy of the Job and Person Specification please contact Reverend Shelley Alexander: 0403 825 248

To apply:
Please send a letter of application addressing the criteria found on page 2 of the Job and Person Specification, along with a copy of your Resume and contact details for two referees to Reverend Shelley Alexander: gowellgo@bigpond.net.au

Applications close: 22nd November 2026.

- 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 NOVEMBER

There will be a Congregational Meeting after the service on Sunday 6th December, in which the Treasurer will present next year's budget and members will have an opportunity to vote for the election of Elders and Church Council members for 2027.

Nomination forms are available in the Church Foyer this Sunday 8th November, giving you an opportunity to nominate Elders and Church Council members for next year.

Would you please place the completed nomination forms in Colleen's pigeon-hole by no later than next Sunday 15th November. Names of those nominated will be in the Grapevine on Sunday 22nd November for your information.

Thank you! Colleen

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.

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.

Next Week 15th 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.

Contacts at the VINES Uniting Church

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