



# The VINES Uniting Church

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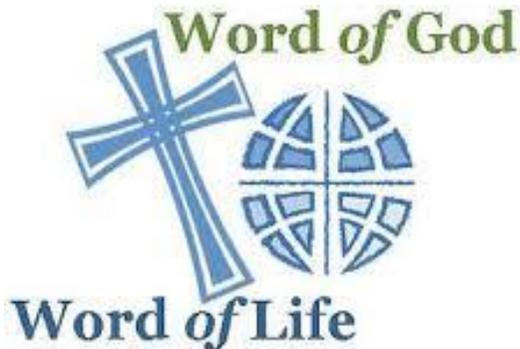
## Freedom through Availability

Discoveries can be made when following the life of Jesus as he encountered the people he did.

This week we will explore together where freedom may be found, how this freedom, through the prompting of the Holy Spirit is to be shared, and as we encounter others in their life journey, experience a freedom only possible in the assurance of who's we are as we carry out God's mission in our small part of the world.

You are warmly invited to share together as we gather around God's Word of Life

**Trevor Hayley**



❖ OUR VISION:

*To be a vibrant, growing community of Faith.*

❖ OUR MISSION:

*To reach out and reflect God's Love –  
connecting others to Christ.*

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Actual figures for the first 6 months of the year show that giving is \$1,500.00 under budget. Income from manse is also \$1500 below budget with further maintenance expenses expected for the remainder of the year. Should this continue for the remainder of the year, our reserve finances will be depleted by approximately \$20,000.00.

*Below is a short reflection from Steph Tai – Generate Presbytery secretary. It is an interesting article in general and invites us to think differently, whether leaders or not.*

**MAZE as a METAPHOR for modern leaders?**

As people we like predictability; as leaders perhaps even more so. There used to be certain assumptions you could make about leadership, growth, and direction. There was a road map, and the roads were somewhat logical. Turn here or there and you will head to a particular destination.

Last week I enjoyed a holiday with my family in Queensland where we visited a large hedge maze. As we walked around and around in circles getting lost and further away from the centre we were aiming for, I found myself remarking to one of the other lost parents to “choose the illogical path”. If the path looks like it heads towards the middle, it probably doesn't. By going the ‘wrong way’ we may actually end up closer to our destination that we wanted.

Leadership is becoming less like a road map and more like a maze. The ‘logical decisions’ we previously made don't always get us to the destination we expect. Strategic planning looks different, and innovation is key.

I wonder as you read this, as you live out your courageous leadership and look around to those you are developing, what ‘different decision’ or even perhaps courageously ‘illogical decision’ do you need to make in order to end up where you wanted to be all along?

Blessings, **Steph Tai**

# Market Day



A Spring Market will be held in the church carpark, Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September from 10am -2pm.

*Stalls will include: Plants, Crafts, Baked Goods, Sweets, White Elephant, Sausage Sizzle, Drinks, and Devonshire Afternoon Tea*

This is an opportunity to, once more, invite people to our property to show we still care.

If you would like to be involved in this event, please speak to Marj Dredge, Jenny Croft, or Leon Magrin

## FOOD PARCEL MINISTRY

Thank you and may God bless you for your continued support for this ministry.

With the cold weather upon us now, we are in need of the following.

- Cereal
- Tea
- Long Life Milk
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Vegetables
- Soup
- Tinned Fruit
- Toiletries or a cash donation marked "Food Parcel Ministry".



**Next week:**

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**New Creation – “Christ who lives in me.”**

Gal 2:14      “How can you compel the gentiles to live like Jews?”  
Gal 2:19 – 21 “No longer I that live, but it is Christ who lives in me.”

**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/results?search\\_query=the+vines+uniting+church](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=the+vines+uniting+church)

After the livestream, each service will remain on our YouTube channel for watching later. They can be accessed using the same link.

**Remember OUR key MESSAGE:**

***Connect with others and CHOOSE LIFE***

***‘Cos to Grow stronger through COVID***

***We have to pass on God’s love.***



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