

## A SMALL CHURCH WITH A BIG HEART

CHELSEA NEWSLETTER

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### Love through the Ages

*Matthew 22:37 'Jesus replied, You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul and all your mind.'*

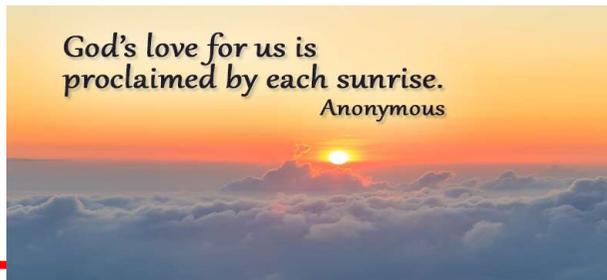
Two sides of a coin, two wings of a bird, two halves of scissors – sometimes two things go together so well that, alone, they are only part of the picture. That is true of the Old and New Testament revelations of God's love. The Hebrew word *hesed* means loyal-love or loving kindness which illustrates the central theme of God's love. God's love and loyalty to and compassion toward Israel was demonstrated by His *hesed* toward them. But there were conditions to be met. This was the Old Testament.

By the time we get to the New Testament, Israel's failure to walk in God's covenant resulted in God's loyal-love extending to all the world and an expanded way. *Agape* is the New Testament word that means unconditional, sacrificial love, love 'in spite of.'

Even though we were sinners, God loved us unconditionally and sent Christ to die as payment for our sins. Toward us, God is loyal and faithful and unconditional.

**Meditate on how life-changing His love is and what your response should be to Him.**

God's love for us is  
proclaimed by each sunrise.  
Anonymous



## The Pastor Is In



Judi is available to provide pastoral care – Mondays and Wednesdays from 8-4pm and Fridays from 8-10am, either in her office or she can visit you. Judi is available outside of these hours only in times of crisis. To make a mutually convenient time to catch up, please phone Judi on her mobile 0423 375 714.

## Latest News

**Justice Prayer Gathering** will be held at the Uniting Church Chelsea on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April from 4-5pm. All are welcome to participate.

**Easter Services** Once again this year we will hold a small ½ hour service at 9.30am on Easter Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April which will be followed by an Ecumenical service at 10.30am held at Beeson Reserve Edithvale with the other churches in the community. If you have any special readings or songs you wish to incorporate in our Friday service, please let Judi know.

**Resurrection Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>.** We will hold a **Special** Easter Sunday service this year which will go from 10 to 11.30am. For any members who wish to take a more active part, please speak to Judi.

**Special Anzac Service Dandenong Ranges National Park Upper Ferntree Gully 19th April.** This will be Judi's 19<sup>th</sup> year of participating in the service, offering special prayers for the men and women who gave their lives for our country and freedom. If any members would like to come along as support for the 39<sup>th</sup>, 2/14<sup>th</sup>, 2/16<sup>th</sup> and 2/21<sup>st</sup> Battalions please let Judi know.

**Spiritual Fitness Workshops** the 10 sessions will begin on 3<sup>rd</sup> May from 2-3.30pm – all are welcome to participate in this exciting journey which will include Scripture, prayers, visualisation, drawing, journaling. Open to anyone seeking to uplift their spiritual life. Bookings are required.



## What's coming up ....

### Planning for Seniors Festival in October

Judi will be attending a planning meeting at Kingston Council on Monday **27<sup>th</sup> March**. Judi is seeking ideas from members for activities we may be able to offer seniors in our community.



### Men's Drop-In Afternoon

we are on target to begin this recreational afternoon on **5<sup>th</sup> May** from 2-4pm. We have pool table, cues and balls ready. We are on the lookout for a fold up table tennis table, chess and drafts board games. Please promote this within the community. \$3.00 per session to cover catering.



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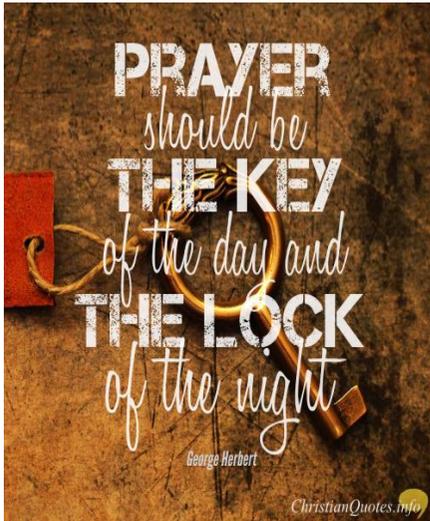
### Bring a Friend/Make a Friend

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017.**

This is an opportunity for you to invite a friend, family member or neighbour to our church to find out why we find our hope in the Lord. We are promoting this around the community so that persons who may need to find a friend are welcome to find that person within our church community. Please actively support this as we are all 'disciples of Christ' and have been called to spread the Gospel of Christ. The Gospellaires will be joining us and I am asking for any members willing to bake something yummy for a longer morning tea.



## ***We are Buzzing with excitement ...***

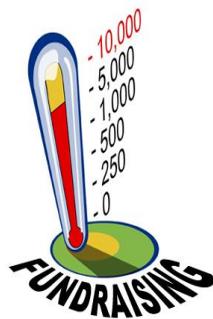


### **Prayer Points**

From April 2nd we are encouraging everyone to focus on praying for each other in our church. This means beginning at the letter A - spend time praying for that person and/or family. We will work through the alphabet through the coming months.

### **Fund Raising Committee members required**

We have a number of fund raising ideas already provided by Jean but, to ensure the work load is shared, we are seeking 4 persons who would be willing to commit to help plan and facilitate specific fund raising activities for the ensuing 12 months. Please see Judi if interested.



## **Young People's Church**

To ensure our younger members continue to benefit from learning about God, Judi would like to commence a fortnightly Young People's Church to commence in May. This may be of a Sunday afternoon or one night during the week. Judi welcomes comments from parents in the congregation as well as any other members who may be aware of young people who could benefit. Aimed at 11-15 year olds.



# Chelsea Community Church of Christ Services

## CHURCH SERVICES 10 am Sunday



2 Apr 2017

**Speaker:** Judi

**Reading:** Jeanne - Psalm 130

Bob - Romans 8:6-11

**Communion:** Bob / Noel

9 Apr 2017

**Speaker:** Colin - Psalm Sunday

**Reading:** Leah - Isaiah 50:4-9a

Jeanne - Mark 15:1-39

**Communion:** Jeanne / Chris

16 Apr 2017

**Speaker:** Judi- Resurrection Sunday

**Reading:** Fiona / Val

**Communion:** Val / Judi



*Next appearing - 21 & 28 May 2017*

The 4th Sunday of every month dust off those vocal chords and come along and enjoy some good old-fashioned Gospels in a warm and friendly environment.

## WHAT'S ON

<b>MONDAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fit Mums</li> <li>Ladies in the shed</li> <li>Music with Mummies</li> </ul>	8-9.00 Hall 9.30-12.30pm 9.30-10.30 chapel
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CS Mornington in the Mens Shed</li> <li>Music for Mommies</li> </ul>	Men's Shed 9-12 noon 9-12noon chapel
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Breakfast</li> <li>Men's Shed</li> </ul>	8-10am—hall 9-2pm—backyard
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Men's Shed</li> <li>AA in the Chapel</li> </ul>	9-2pm—backyard 11am—chapel
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prayer Meeting</li> <li>Bible Study for Women</li> <li>CS Aust</li> <li>Afternoon Games</li> </ul>	10—1030am Annex 1030—1130am Annex Men's Shed 9-12noon Annex 12 -3.30pm
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ladies in the shed</li> </ul>	10-1pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worship Service</li> <li>Childrens Program</li> </ul>	10-11am—chapel Followed by cuppa—hall

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