#### A SMALL CHURCH WITH A BIG HEART

### CHELSEA NEWSLETTER

21 May 2017



### **Identity Crisis**

The phrase 'identity crisis' was coined by psychologist Erik Erikson to refer to a person who fails to establish a solid personal identity in adolescence – then enters adulthood not knowing who they really are, which can lead to an identity crisis.

Many adult Christians came through their adolescence without solidifying their identity according to the teaching of Christ. Jesus taught His disciples that there was one thing that should be the priority of their lives – one thing that would instantly identify them as His followers.

See if you can select the option that Jesus said from John 13:35: By this, if you belong to the right political party, all will know that you are My disciples

By this, if you condemn aggressively most aspects of your culture, all will know that you are My disciples

By this, if you retreat into a holy huddle instead of engaging with society, all will know that you are My disciples

By this, if you fail to be friend your non-Christian neighbours, all will know that you are My disciples

By this, if you are against more than you are for, all will know that you are My disciples

By this, if you have love for one another, all will know that you are My disciples.

Did you select the correct one?

### 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 vou. Judi is available outside of these hours only in times of crisis. Our Elders are also available for pastoral care. Judi - 0423 375 714, Bob - 8588 1906 or Val - 9772 4183.

**Christian studies and direction:** Pastor Judi is keen to be more active in providing guidance for those journeying in life. This is one reason she is facilitating the Spiritual Fitness Sessions. Although we have only a small group of people, the sessions are going well as participants explore their Spiritual direction in life.

Pastor Judi is also offering to facilitate a 7 week program for anyone wishing to take a Journey in Discernment and gain assistance in making life decisions. These can be run of an evening in the Annexe or an afternoon, depending on interest. Pastor Judi will offer flexibility of times/days to suit those interested. Please let Judi know.

Bring a Friend/Find a Friend Sunday – today we hope that you were able to bring someone else along to the service, to learn where you find your hope in life. Let's try to make this a habit – inviting someone to church as often as we can.

Pentecost Sunday – Pastor Judi is looking for enthusiastic volunteers (young and old) to help prepare the service for Pentecost Sunday which is 4 June. This would involve making some items and assisting in running the service. Please let Judi know ASAP

**Men's Games Afternoon** – please pray that participants will begin to attend this new program, being facilitated by Noel. Any male volunteers are most welcome. Flyers are available to be handed out to any prospective men. This program is an important part of reaching out to those men who are struggling with isolation and loneliness.

Cleaner for the Church – through Jean Mudie we have secured a great cleaner to assist us over the next 6 weeks while Joyce and Rob are away. Thanks Jean.



## Your Pantry Donations

Please continue to provide regular donations of food for the pantry as we have had to try to find funds to keep the cupboards stacked. Please see Fiona for specific needs. Shampoo and conditioner and washing powder are needed specifically at this stage. Gluten free items are also required for a couple of specific persons.

We are grateful that 'Share the Dignity' has provided us with sufficient Women's toiletries to see us over the coming months.



# Free Laundry

We are wishing to get this up and running, however we have been hamstrung because there is a cost of \$1200 to set up the power in the vestry for the van to use. We will commence temporarily using a power cord to reach the back of the hall where the 3 phase plug is located. However, Pastor Judi has put the word out for any assistance towards the cost. We have \$200 set aside as a start. Any spare 'pennies' will go a long way.

This is another very much needed service for those living rough as changes in Frankston have resulted in the Laundry van no longer being permitted to service people in that community. Hence, a lot are now travelling to our site.



## Chelsea Community Church of Christ Services

### CHURCH SERVICES 10 am Sunday

#### 28 May 2017

Speaker: Judi - Gospellaires

Reading: Noel - Psalm 68:1-10 & 32-35

Fiona - 1 Peter 4:12-14 & 5:6-11

Communion: Fiona / Noel

### 4 June 2017

**Speaker: Judi - Pentecost Sunday Reading: Special Readings as selected** 

By Judi

**Communion: Bob/Chris** 

### 11 June 2017

Speaker: Colin

Reading: Leah - Psalm 31:1-5 & 15-16

Noel - John 14:1-14

Communion: Noel/Jan



Next appearing 25th June

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

MONDAY	•	Fit Mums Ladies in the shed Music with Mummies	8-9.00 Hall 9.30-12.30pm 9.30-10.30 chapel
TUESDAY	•	CS Mornington in the Mens Shed Music for Mommies	Men's Shed 9-12 noon 9-12noon chapel
WEDNESDAY	•	Community Breakfast Men's Shed	8-10am—hall 9-2pm—backyard
THURSDAY	•	Men's Shed AA in the Chapel	9-2pm—backyard 11am—chapel
FRIDAY	•	Prayer Meeting Bible Study for Women CS Aust Afternoon Games	10—1030am Annex 1030—1130am Annex Men's Shed 9-12noon Annex 12 -3.30pm
SATURDAY	•	Ladies in the shed	10-1pm
SUNDAY	•	Worship Service Childrens Program	10-11am—chapel Followed by cuppa—hall

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