

"A CHURCH FOR ALL"

CHELSEA NEWSLETTER

5 January 2014



We are now in a New Year. What about some New Year's Resolutions?

First, we all need changes. There is great power in confession--to ourselves, to God, to others. Owning up to our failures is the first, painful step on the road to something better.

Second, do some reassessments. How did last year go? What do I want to do differently this year? There is a passage of scripture in Jeremiah 4:3 that says "Break up your unploughed ground, and do not sow among thorns". It makes sense. The more land you put into production, the more prosperous you'll be. But if you try to sow seeds in land overrun by thistles and thorns without breaking up the soil and taking care to root out those weeds they will continue to come up. So what percentage of your life is producing something of value to God? How much "unploughed ground" should be broken up in this coming year and made useful?

Third, New Year's is an excellent time for mid-course corrections. Sure, we might fail in what we set out to do, but if we fail to plan then we plan to fail. If you're so fearful of failure that you never set up any challenges, you will get nowhere. Failure is not the end. For the person who determines to learn from it, failure is a friend.

Fourth, New Year's is a time to learn to rely more heavily on the grace of God. Maybe its time to begin to trust in God's help. The Apostle Paul wrote: "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength," (Phil 4:13, NIV). And God's strength saw him through a lot.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The Pastor Is In.

I am available to chat about any issues. Please call me on **0423 375 714** for a suitable time to catch up. **Judi**



UPCOMING EVENTS

RETURNING COMMUNITY MEALS

Breakfast Wednesday 29th Jan Brunch Thursday 30th Jan

YOUNG MUMS SUPPORT GROUP Friday 7th Feb 9.30-11.30

In conjunction with this, Parkdale Church of Christ will run a similar group at their premises on the 2nd and 4th Friday morning. A combined 'outing' will run each quarter when there is a 5th Friday of the month.

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS. Saturday 8th February 4-6pm

These are aimed at any combination of family—young, old and in between, children, adults, teens. The aim is to offer opportunities for families to get together, share some fun, laughter, games and crafts. Light snacks will be provided.

UPDATE FROM WALK FREE ORGANISATION. Action from various advocates has led to:

- Rivers, Kathmandu and Myer have all agreed to take action to stop using Uzbekistani cotton in the campaign against forced child labour. Uzbekistani has also stopped the systematic use of children under grade 9.
- Child slaves in India are being given a voice in the fight to end child forced labour;
- Forced labour is being prevented under US government contracts;
- Modern slavery has been criminalised in Australia;
- Trafficking victims in the US continue to receive protection and

Chelsea Church of Christ Services

CHURCH SERVICES 10 am Sunday

5 January 2014

Speaker: Judi

Reading: Matt 2:1-12

WHO WERE THE WISE MEN?



12 January 2014

Speaker: COLIN

Reading: Matt 3: 13-17

19 January 2014

Speaker: Steve Jackson—Parkdale Church of Christ

Reading: John 1:29-42

As I will be taking a couple of Sundays away to visit other churches,. Please make Steve Jackson welcome as he assists us in preaching God's word.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES 10 am Sunday

**Children's Sunday
School will be in
recess from 29th December
and will resume
2nd February 2014**

Activity sheets for children can be provided if they wish to use these during the services.

REGULAR WHAT'S ON

Pastoral Care and Support : available from
Minister Judi. Call church or Mobile



Tuesday: Kankama facilities Men's Shed 9-12noon

Wednesday: Community Breakfast 8-10 am,
Men's Shed 9am-12
Women's Group 2nd Wed of month

Thursday: Men's shed 9-12
AA Meeting in Chapel 11am
Community Lunch 11am-1.00pm

Friday: 1st and 3rd Friday each month stating 7th Feb
Young Mums Support Group 9.30-11.30am.

Connecting Skills Australia @ the Men's Shed 9-12

Saturday: 2nd Saturday of each month in the hall from
4-6pm Family Fun afternoons.

Sunday: Worship & Kid's Sunday School 10 am each week

Discussions group 12 noon, Last Sunday each month

Church & Men's Shed 3-5 Blantyre Ave Chelsea

Office: 03 9773 0301

Minister: Judi Turnham 0423 375 714

Shed Ministry: Keith Holt

Breakfast & Brunch Ministry :

Visiting Ministry: Val Arnold, Keith Holt, Syd & Lesley Jackson

See phone list for contact details

Website: www.chelseachurchofchrist.org.au