

LIVING OUR LIVES THROUGH CHRIST'S EXAMPLE

CHELSEA COMMUNITY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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From The Pen of Pastor Judi

A Blessed New Year.

Psalm 1:1-3. Happy is the person who has not followed the counsel of the wicked or taken the path of sinners, or joined the company of the insolent; rather, the teaching of the Lord is their delight and they study that teaching day and night.

They are like a tree planted beside streams of water, which yields its fruit in season, whose foliage never fades and whatever it produces thrives.

These 3 verses give us all we need to move into the New Year. The first word is 'happy' or 'blessed'.

Verse 1: you are blessed for your separation – the things you don't do and people you avoid.

Verse 2: you are blessed by your meditation on God's word.

Verse 3: you are blessed by your maturation as God develops you.

The coming year will be full of blessings for those who turn away from harmful habits, rededicate themselves to studying and meditating on God's Word, envision themselves as trees by channels of water and look forward to God's leading every step of the way.

By God's grace that is each one of us.

***Blessed, O Lord, the opening year
To each soul assembled here;
Clothe Thy Word with power divine
Make us willing to be Thine.***



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The Pastor Is In

Pastor Judi is in her office Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, in the mornings. She is able to make an appointment to see you Monday or Wednesday afternoons. These can be at her office or she can do a home visit.

Please phone Judi to make a suitable time on 0423 375 714.

Pastor Judi is not available on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays.

Please remember to have your mobile phones on Silent or turned off during the Sundays church service



Sunday Services:

<u>January 5th</u>	Subject: Dealing with anxiety	Preacher:	Judy
Readings:	Matthew 6:19-34	Bob	
Communion President:		Noel	
<u>January 12th</u>	Subject: Overcoming Worry	Preacher:	Judy
Readings:	Romans 12:1-21	Jeanne	
Communion President:		Judi	



PRAYER MEETING & LADIES BIBLE STUDY:

Is in recess until 7th February 2020



Janice A, Val A, Judy B, Jeanne B



New Newsletter Format:-

As secretary let me wish each and everyone to a new year as well as a new millennium and to our slightly newly designed newsletter. I hope that 2020 will be a great year for our church and pray that it will grow in numbers and in the holy spirit and that each and everyone of us grow closer to God. As the church secretary and editor of the newsletter I hope to see more input with articles from all members and attendees of the church. Also the newsletter will become bi-weekly. Remember this is our church and our newsletter so lets take ownership of them and please feel free to contribute as much as you like.

Church Happenings

Working bees:

A hard working team of John, Pauline, Di, Kris, Len, Noel and Judi undertook work at the church this past week. This comprised: tidying up the vestry and areas for storage in the chapel; weeding all the way down the Eastern side of the church; weeding the front garden and the Memorial garden; tidying up wood that had been blocking the egress around the back of the hall; shampooing the chapel carpet squares and the Pastor's office carpet and washing down the outside walls and windows of the Church and Annexe buildings

Board Planning Meeting:-

This will be held at 12 noon on Sunday 12th January. The Board will be exploring our future direction to include the suggestions you provided via our Church survey. The results will then be shared with you in February.

Alpha February 2020:-

Alpha is a great program, comprising 12 sessions. This is relevant for those new to Christianity or anyone needing a refresher on their beliefs. Options for Alpha are Monday afternoons from 2-3.30pm or Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Details of the topics are available via flyers in the foyer.

For those wishing a more in-depth exploration of the Bible:-

Pastor Judi will also be conducting a 12 months course which will be broken up into lots of 8 weeks at a time. This is planned to be run of a Monday evening from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. Details of the topics are available via flyers in the foyer.

Please register your interest as soon as possible to enable Pastor Judi to plan her schedule.

Pastor Judi:-

Will be taking leave from Monday 13th January and returning Sunday 26th January. Colin Duggan and Steve Rose will be preaching on the 2 Sundays. Judi will be back to do Communion on the 26th. In her absence please speak to any members of the Board with Facilities Manager Noel your first point of contact.

Sermon topics for January:-

Our sermons for January will comprise issues that most of us can relate to: anxiety; depression; stress and wholeness. We will explore how God's Inspired Word can assist us.