

Joy, joy, joy, with joy my heart is singing.

Happiness is temporal and is dependent on your circumstances and the comfort of your flesh, joy is the opposite! Joy like faith is a spiritual force which needs to be actively stirred up.

As Christians the Bible instructs us to walk by faith and not by sight so even if your world appears to be crumbling down we are told not to focus on our circumstances, but on God's saving power to deliver us from our circumstances.

When we get to a place of peace, we experience a supernatural peace which stirs up '*joy*' within our heart. God tells us that we must '**enter His rest**' and to cease from trying to do God's work for Him and to let Him take full control of our lives.

We are to cast **ALL** not some of our burdens upon Him so that He can exercise His full power in our lives! Some of us are too busy trying to do God's work that we have never entered into 'His Rest' and are constantly frustrated and tired with life – we are all guilty of this!

However with 'the joy of the Lord' it doesn't matter the circumstances, you and I can feel rest assured that a brighter day is to come.

Have you experienced 'the joy of the Lord'?

If you haven't shift the focus from your current situation, and back onto God. This joy is not exclusive and is available to all who have faith and dare to believe that there is nothing too hard for Jehovah (Jer 32:17) and that when He takes over the battle, the battle is over !

The Pastor Is In



Pastor Judi is just a phone call away should you need

someone to talk to, whether it be your faith direction, personal issues or just to have a cuppa with. You can make a time to see her at the Church or as a home visit.

Gathering as God's People

God does indeed answer prayer: from receiving our \$10,000 Grant from the City of Kingston to help keep our breakfast going for another year; to donations from our Local Business Group: Pay It Forward; to 10 year old Airlie who raised \$1741.70 by baking and selling delicious cup cakes for Homelessness Week.

New sofas for the foyer: 2 new 3 seater sofas will be arriving shortly to replace the older ones in the foyer. This will add to the welcome for people entering our site. Nice soft grey to blend in.

Repainting of the Annexe: we have offers from 2 volunteers to help to repaint the Annexe building. One for the inside and the other for the outside. This will take some time but we are blessed with their offers to repay us for our support of them.

Welcome back Fiona: Fiona will continue in her role as Student Minister continuing to provide support for Pastor Judi. She will be assisting more in the Pastoral aspects of Ministry. This has necessitated her stepping away from 'Your Pantry' having guided Di and Beryl in the finer workings of this program. We are still on the look out for someone to assist with the networking and marketing components of this program.

Return of Adrian and Val: it was lovely to see Adrian and Val last Sunday after many months absence due to Adrian's health. We played Gospellaires songs as a welcome back.

MISSION PROGRAMS

YOUR PANTRY

<u>Wednesdays 7-12noon</u>. This service provides free non-perishable foods and toiletries to anyone who may be struggling or just short of funds in between pensions.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

<u>Wednesdays 7.00—9.45am</u> This service provides a 3 course hot breakfast to anyone who is finding it tough. A healthy breakfast can be enjoyed amongst others with the hope that new friends may be found.

FREE WASH AND DRY LAUNDRY

<u>Wednesdays 7-9am</u> Orange Sky Laundry provide this free service to anyone, whether homeless or not. It is always great to have clean and dry clothes.

PRAYER MEETING IN THE CHAPEL LOUNGE

Regular prayer meeting Friday mornings from 10—10:30am. All welcome.

WOMENS FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP STUDY In the Chapel lounge from 10.30—11.30 am followed by a cuppa.

EVENING SERVICE—1ST AND 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH.

in the chapel from 6-7pm. Informal, small group asking those sometimes 'challenging and confusing' questions about faith. Coffee and bikkies provided.

COMMUNITY LUNCH 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH—In the hall from 11.45-1.30pm. All are welcome. Anyone possessing culinary skills are most welcome to assist with catering requirements.



CHURCH SERVICES 10 am Sunday

9 September 2018

Preacher: Colin **Readings**: Psalm 125(Noel) James 2:1-17 (Di)

16 September 2018

Preacher: Judi Readings: Psalm 195 (Terry) James 3:1-12 (Bob)

<u>16 September 2018</u> **Evening Service** "The Commandments of Jesus" 6-7pm.

23 September 2018 Freedom Sunday special service

23 September 2018 **Community Lunch** 11.45— 1.30pm All are welcome to stay after church and share in light lunch and friendship

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