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Chelsea Community
Church of Christ and
Careworks Inc.

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GOD—OUR ANCHOR OF HOPE

WE ARE ALL CALLED TO SERVE THE LORD.

Sadly, many people prefer to be served more than serve. In Genesis 18:18 the Lord says, “Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him.” God planned to bless the earth through His people and He came to earth as one who serves. (Luke 22:27) Jesus is God with us. And he calls us to serve. This is not religious rhetoric that we simply endorse as a good rule of thumb. The Christian discipline of service is the way the world discovers the love of God. **We are the way God blesses the earth.**

We will never really serve others unless we see that the needs of our neighbours are as real and important as our own. This may seem obvious, but the truth of the matter is many of us look right through others and never seem them, let alone care about what they need. When we are too preoccupied with our own concerns, much of the world is simply invisible to us. Service is rooting in **servicing**, in seeing others as God does.

God does not care about productive and non-productive people, poor people and rich people, educated and non educated people. God cares about everybody. The Spirit of Jesus is a compassionate, serving Spirit that always works for the good of others. Jesus maintains that radical love for others demonstrates whether we know God or not.

Martin Luther King Jr. said: “Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.” It is enough to make a truly great difference in someone’s life.

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- RONALD REAGAN

Mondays and Wednesdays: Pastoral care by appointment with Pastor Judi.

Wednesdays:
Big Breakfast 7am to 10am
Orange Sky Laundry 7am to 9.00am.

Fridays:
Women's Bible Study 10:30–11:45am, (see flyer) **New series—the Power of Prayer.**

Sundays:
Worship service 10–11.15am followed by a cuppa and chat.

Prayer Points: Please continue to pray for each other and for peace to be restored in our troubled world.

Please pray for those who have recently lost loved ones.

Sermon Series: Collide.

21st April Get Truth John 4:7–19 & 25–26
28th April Love what matters 1 John 2:15–17 & 24–29.

Special mother's day service 12th May

Mother's day service—do you have any ideas for our service on this day? Would you like to participate, give a brief talk, share a poem or song? Maybe you want to bring along a picture of your mum?
Do you look like your mum. Please let Pastor Judi know.

Glasses—Do you have any old glasses (prescription glasses only) and want to put them to a worthy cause? Rotary has a program in response to requests from humanitarian groups where they send old glasses to developing countries. We can take them to our local optometrist and Rotary will pick them up. **Please speak to Di.**

Do you have any ideas to help our church continue? We all need to take responsibility for involvement and ideas to ensure our church works with the Holy Spirit to lead people to the hope we find in Christ. **All ideas will be welcome—please give this situation your serious attention.**

Café Espresso following feedback, we are considering re-commencing our café catchup up, once a month on the last Thursday of the month (see flyer). Location yet to be confirmed. **Please speak to Di if you are interested as bookings will be required.**

Hard Copies of all Bible study lessons and Sermons are now available every week in the foyer. Please feel free to take them, give them to friends/family/neighbours.

National Volunteers Week Kingston Council hold this event every year and our Big Breakfast has been nominated for recognition of the work undertaken. Please pray for success.

Women's Pain forum. Anyone is invited to attend this forum, hosted by Tim Richardson MP and The Hon. Mary-Anne Thomas, Minister for health.

Time 11–1pm. Date Wed 24 April. Location: Woodlands Golf Course 109 White Street Mordialloc.

Bookings required.