## **YA SMALL CHURCH WITH A BIG HEART"**

CHELSEA NEWSLETTER

26 April 2015



## When was the last time you read Psalms?

Did you know Psalms contains the bold and vigorous prayers of the Hebrew people? Psalms was the prayer book of Israel, the prayer book of Jesus and the prayer book of the church.

There are 150 Psalms arranged in 5 books. 5 books of God's creating/saving word to us and 5 books of our believing/obeying word to God. Just like putting both hands together and interlacing your fingers which we often do when praying.

We need to reverently come before God in prayer, to listen to Him, to take Him seriously. We then need to be responsive to what we hear God say to us out of His word in Scripture, in Christ and through His Holy Spirit.

And just as God responds to us with compassion and care, we need to respond with the same compassionate attentiveness to people we meet who may be needing to have their stories 'heard' with respect and time.

Following the Messiah is tough—God knows, it's too tough to do alone. That's why Jesus didn't call isolated individuals to follow Him. He called a group. He gathered a crowd.

God is still gathering that crowd, still pulling us together, still trying to make us one by calling us to remember the sacrifice of His Blessed Son on our behalf and by filling us with the Spirit of His Holiness.

## The Pastor Is In



You can catch me at the Church weekday mornings from 9-12.30pm. OR phone my mobile on 0423 375 714 to make a suitable time to get together.

## Latest News

**Prayer Points:** Please pray for God's healing presence upon: Jan and her family, Lesley I, Syd and Lesley J. Ian.

## **Survey:**

Surveys were handed out last week and more will be provided to ensure all congregational members have the opportunity to provide their comments. Our church is in the process of completing a Business and Strategic Plan for the next 3-5 years and this information will help guide us.

## **Updates:**

Interfaith trip—Jeanne, Chris, Terry and Judi enjoyed a day provided by Kingston Council to visit 4 other religions—Muslim at a Turkish Mosque, Sikh Temple, Buddhist Institute and St Andrews Anglican. It was a great day experiencing others beliefs including some interesting tasty treats.

**Painting of plant boxes outside of foyer**— John and Bruce who attend our Thursday Brunch have offered to paint the boxes outside as a means of a spruce up. This is a great gesture of thanks to the church.

**Mental Health Research**—to begin 5th May on a Tuesday evening from 6-8.30pm. Limited to max. 12 persons. Anyone interested can contact email address shown on the flyer in the hall.

**Investigations into conducting a Single Mums Group**—Jessica who is working with us under "Work for the Dole" criteria is assisting administration for the Men's Shed and also researching the need to run a group of a Monday. Any input welcome.

# Chelsea Church of Christ Services

## CHURCH SERVICES 10 am Sunday

#### 26 April 2015

**Speaker: Steve** 

Reading: Acts 4:5-12

**Powered by the Holy Spirit** 

#### 3 May 2015

Speaker: Judi

Reading: Acts 8:26-40 Phillip & the Ethiopian.



#### 10 May 2015

**Special Mother's Day Service** 

#### CHILDREN'S SERVICES 10 am Sunday

We continue creating a Time Line as we explore the stories throughout the Bible starting from the Old Testament and working through the 66 books of the Bible.

#### 26 April 2015

Plaques in Egypt—what was Moses doing? How did God use these to free the Israelites?

### 3 May 2015

Moses climbed up Mt Sinai to meet with God—and was given the 10 Commandments.

#### 10 May 2015

**Special Mother's Day Service** The children will assist in the service



## **REGULAR WHAT'S ON**

| MONDAY    | Ladies Morning  | Ladies in the Shed<br>9.30-12.30pm                     |
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| TUESDAY   | <ul> <li>CS Mornington in the Mens Shed</li> <li>Music for Mommies</li> </ul>           | Men's Shed 9-12 noon 9-12noon                          |
| WEDNESDAY | <ul><li>Community<br/>Breakfast</li><li>Men's Shed</li></ul>                            | 8-10am<br>9-2pm  |
| THURSDAY  | <ul><li>Men's Shed</li><li>AA in the Chapel</li></ul>                                   | 9-2pm<br>11am  |
| FRIDAY    | <ul> <li>Bible Study for<br/>Women</li> <li>CS Aust</li> <li>Afternoon Games</li> </ul> | 10-11am Annexe<br>Men's Shed 9-12noon<br>Hall 1-3.30pm |
| SATURDAY  | Ladies Morning  | Ladies in the Shed<br>10am-1pm                         |
| SUNDAY    | Worship Service     Childrens Program   | 10-11am followed by cuppa                              |

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