

A CHURCH - NOT JUST TO LEAD BUT TO SERVE

CHELSEA NEWSLETTER

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Happiness can betray you

Remember Red Riding Hood – ‘Grandma what big eyes you have!’

The wolf had to change his tactics from brute force to cunning in order to trick Red Riding Hood. The devil does both – brute force by way of wicked men to tear the church down and more subtler approaches, luring us into the trap of comforts.

You see, the devil often confuses us to think that our worldly contentment is spiritual satisfaction. We assume, often wrongly, that our joy automatically has its source in God.

But we need to ask ourselves – what about my communion with God – has it been sweet? Have I been increasingly led to Him in His word? Have I been more consistent in kneeling before Him in prayer? Have I replaced my wrong desires with good works and love for my neighbour?

God is the giver of all good gifts for us to enjoy (James 1:17) but if we learn from Israel’s history – physical blessings are not the same as spiritual blessings. In our most prosperous times we often forget God for His gifts, leading us to a ‘sense of not needing Him.’

So this Christmas season, ask yourself:

***‘Is the sun of my affections for Jesus rising or setting?
Do I desire more of Christ, or will other delights fill me?’***

The Pastor Is In



Pastor Judi will be working in the Church office
8-4pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays so will be on hand for anyone who wishes to talk. She is also available for home visits. Please call her on **0423 375 14**

Latest News

Inter Church Carol’s Event: once again this event attracted around 300 people – children up to oldies. It was fantastic to witness children from Cornish College Junior School; Chelsea Primary School and St. Josephs Primary School stepping up to perform carols for the audience. The story told by Rev Sue Bluit from St. Chad’s was a delight, as were the puppets. Thanks to Kevin for stepping in at the last moment as technical support and Sarah who also greatly assisted. Children decorated the tree from our church, which now sits in our foyer.

Christmas Eve service: Please don’t forget to come along, enjoy carols from the Country Gospellaires and a couple of fun stories. Bring any children you can.

Christmas Day 9am service: this will be an informal service with a few Scripture readings and short 10 minute talk welcoming the birth of Christ.

It never ceases to humble me: A recent incident at the breakfast was very humbling when I was dealing with a heavily intoxicated but non-violent man. Other persons who regularly attend the breakfast took it upon themselves to support me and challenge his language by saying: ‘hey you can’t use that language in a church and it doesn’t respect Judi.’ This shows their appreciation of what we offer in our site. Another man who we support has offered to do some gardening when he is able to as a way of giving back for our kindness. He has a disability now and unable to work, but holds skills in the gardening field. This service greatly assists us and also raises his level of self-esteem.

Air Conditioner in Hall we have been able to negotiate a good price for a replacement air conditioner (8kwatts) which will assist in cooling the hall. This is likely to be installed mid-January. The fans will remain in place. Most of the funds for this purchase were donated by the business group - Pay It Forward.

Follow the Yellow Brick Road

Monthly Wellness sessions 2018

Pastor Judi, in partnership with Colin Duggan will be hosting health and wellbeing programs once a month during 2018. These will be in line with National promotions.

First program is February 14th where we encourage everyone to wear red to raise awareness for Heart Disease. This day is also Valentines Day and Ash Wednesday so very appropriate.

For those who are creative, Pastor Judi would like some assistance to build a Tin Man from Wizard of Oz who didn't have a heart. In March we are focusing on Brain Awareness so will need to build a Straw Man and in August we look at death, dying and bereavement and we will build the lion who needed courage.



Mental Health Awareness

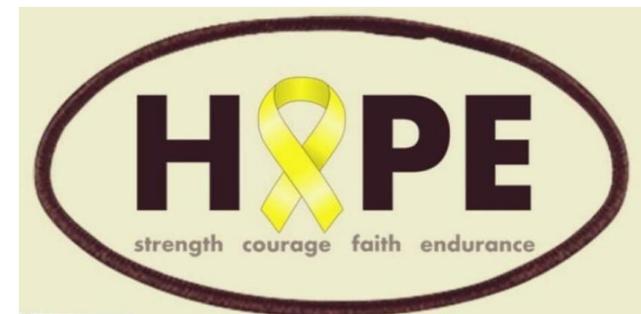
Pastor Judi is seeking interest in facilitating a number of sessions discussing mental health issues, suitable to those living with mental health issues or in a Carers role.

Sessions cover:

- the battle for your mind;
- winning the hand you are dealt;
- changing your life by changing your mind;
- the reality choice;
- set free from me;
- the gospel and mental health and;
- the role of the church in mental health.

Group size would be a minimum of 6 to a maximum of 20. Days and times will only be set if and when interest is shown.

These will be promoted within the community.



Chelsea Community Church of Christ Services

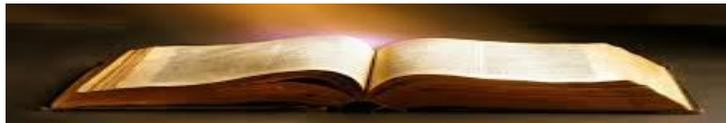
CHURCH SERVICES 10 am Sunday

Sermon Series for the Month of January

31st Dec P Judi R Is 61:10-62:3 & Gal 4:4-7 Fiona)
7th Jan P Judi R Gen 1:1-5 & Mark 1:4-11 Val
14th Jan P Judi R 1Sam 3:1-10 & John 1:43-51 Bob
21st Jan P Judi R Jonah 3:1-5, 10 & Mark 1:14-20 Noel
28th Jan P Judi R Duet 18:15-20 & Mark 1:21-28 Jan

Speakers coming up in February

11th Feb Colin
18th Feb Tim Derbyshire
25th Feb Fiona



Country Gospellaires

Next appearing: 11th Feb & 25th Feb

The 2nd & 4th Sunday of every month dust off those vocal chords and come along and enjoy some good old-fashioned Gospels in a warm and friendly environment.

WHAT'S ON

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| MONDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fit Mums Ladies in the shed Music with Mummies | 8-9.00 Hall 9.30-12.30pm 9.30-10.30 chapel |
| TUESDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CS Mornington in the Mens Shed Music for Mommies | Men's Shed 9-12 noon 9-12noon chapel |
| WEDNESDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Breakfast Men's Shed | 8-10am—hall 9-2pm—backyard |
| THURSDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Shed AA in the Chapel | 9-2pm—backyard 11am—chapel |
| FRIDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prayer Meeting Bible Study for Women CS Aust Afternoon Games | 10—1030am Annex 1030—1130am Annex Men's Shed 9-12noon 12-330pm Chapel |
| SATURDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ladies in the shed | 10-1pm |
| SUNDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship Service Childrens Program | 10-11am—chapel Followed by cuppa—hall |

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