

# A COMMUNITY CHURCH WITH A *BIG* HEART

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*Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me."*

*John 14:6*

*A word from our Minister ....*

## **Does our behaviour bring honor to God or to us?**

The heart of God beats for those who are lost? He invites us into His passion for reaching people who are far from Him. If we are going to see the Church become a powerful force for the gospel, it will take our evangelistic passion, vision and action at every level of our ministry.

But we can not just rely on a handful—every follower of Jesus is called to be Salt and Light.

In the first instance, as a Church community we should example what Jesus has shown us—that is, respect and compassion for one another, churched and un-churched.

Often conflict arises because we are thinking more of ourselves and less of Jesus. Our desire for recognition wouldn't be such a problem if it didn't tend to replace Jesus as the focus of our attention. But being absorbed with our own selves crowds Jesus out of the picture.

Life can not be all about us and all about Jesus at the same time.

*In **Philippians 3:8** Paul says he counted everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ. Faced with a choice between himself and Jesus, Paul intentionally discarded the things that would draw attention to himself so he could concentrate on knowing and experiencing Jesus.*

For us, the decision is the same.

*Will we live to draw attention to ourselves? Or will we focus on the privilege of knowing and experiencing Jesus more intimately?*

Our prayer should be: Help me to keep myself out of the way as I pursue a deeper walk with Jesus.



# A word from our board ....



Hi everyone,

Over recent years with so much talk regarding child abuse, as a church we have aimed to make our church here at Chelsea a Safe Church. A place where we respect each other, where people, either members, friends or visitors are welcomed. A place where everyone feels comfortable and secure. This is how churches should be but as many of us know, not always the case. We at Chelsea have achieved a lot, numerous visitors here have commented how they feel so welcomed and comfortable coming here. As members and friends we do need to continue to foster that warm caring feeling in displaying our faith in Christ.

We are a Safe and Secure church however there is another security which is much more important. That is, being Safe and Secure in Jesus Christ. He went to the cross to secure our pardon, that we might have our sins forgiven if we Repent and Believe in Him.

Over 60 years ago I found that forgiveness and security in Jesus Christ. Our prayer is that all who attend or visit here will experience his forgiveness and security too. To his own (those who trust in him) he says, *I will never leave or forsake you.*

We are secure in Him.

God Bless You.

Bob

*OHS and First Aid Officer*

*"Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid or terrified of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you."*

*Deuteronomy 31:6*



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## *The Pastor Is In:*

Pastor Judi provides pastoral care to all who attend the church and overall site throughout the week. She is able to meet on or off site, depending on your preferences. Best contact 0423 375 714.

Fiona is also available at times to offer support through the week but also Tuesdays and Thursdays on Judi's day off. Best contact 0467 043 441.



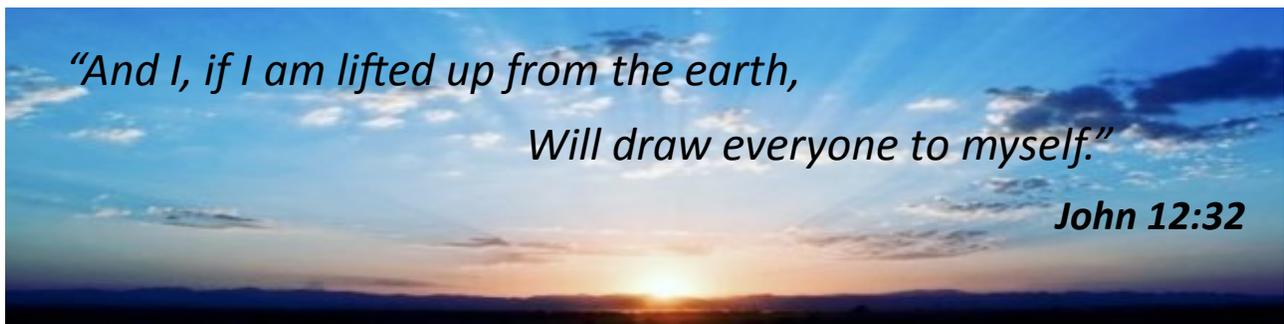
# Student Ministry

## **SELF-CARE** What is it and how do we do it?

Self care is taking care of one's self, I guess in a way its about being a little selfish. Paying homage to our physical and emotional beings. We need to ensure we are in tip top shape so that we are able to function through each day we receive. As we take periods of time to self-care others need to be respectful of this quality time.

How do we do self-care: plot a time in the day, whether it be weekly or fortnightly, or monthly. Find a hobby or an interest that you like to do and plan it; it could camping, an arts class; going to the beach and enjoying nature, or something that doesn't involve others but something for YOURSELF. Its about YOU and you only. The next step is to disconnect: turn off phones, people can wait, conversations can wait, if its important there is always someone else to call; all other electronics and shut yourself off and enjoy some ME time.

Some see it as ignorance, some see it as being rude; but remember, Self-Care is important to be able to help those around us and spend time with family and just be happy in living life the way it was intended to be lived.



## **CHAPEL LOUNGE**

**PRAYER MEETING - Friday 10am - 1030am**

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY - Friday 1030am - 11am**

This fortnight in Bible Study we have looked at Jesus as the Game Changer: How the Life and Teaching of Jesus changed the world and why it matters, by Karl Faase. Session One was about Jesus himself and Session Two about equality. Living life the way Jesus lived can change lives, not just our own but those who have no faith, how, by asking a simple question: What would Jesus do? You'll be surprised how much that one question can change lives. Copies of all bible study notes can be obtained from either Judi or Fiona.



### **YOUR PANTRY**

**Wednesdays 7.00 to 12noon**

This fortnight in the Pantry we have helped 54 people put food on their table. With the increase in numbers, we are once again starting to struggle to fill our cupboards. A collection of soup cans has commenced and other items such as: tinned tomatoes, tinned vege, cereal, milk, toilet paper and other toiletries are always wanted items. Your Pantry appreciates the limited resources the church has so anyone donating is a blessing from God and we thank you. Di thanks Leah for her assistance Monday with the Shopping.

### **COMMUNITY BREAKFAST**

**Wednesdays 7.00—10am**

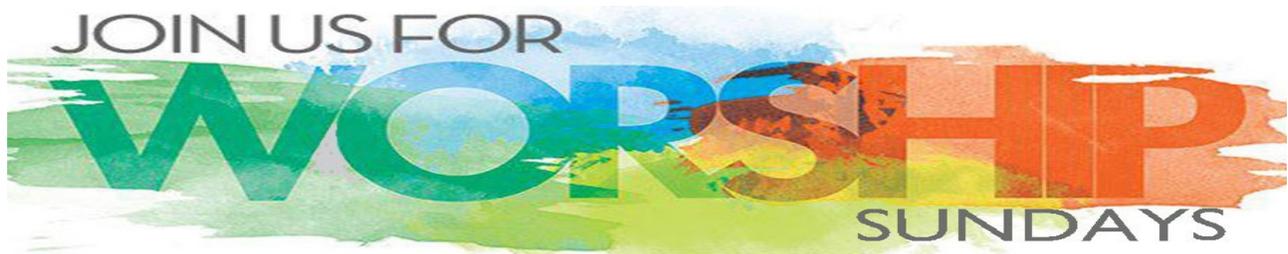
A good start to the year with Breakfast kicking off January with 298 already blessed with a hot breakfast. This last fortnight the number of breakfasts served is 180 with Pay-it-forward contributing 13.

### **ORANGE SKY LAUNDRY**

**Wednesdays 7.00-9am**

Around 20 people during this fortnight have utilised this wonderful service which continues to assist in all kinds of weather.

As always, the ministry team is on deck to offer a listening ear and a warm heart for those who need to share their troubles. The ministry team also encourage church members to come along Wednesday morning and share a cuppa or toast with one of our special friends.



### **Sunday Services for month of February:**

<b>February 17:</b>	<b>Preacher:</b>	<b>Fiona</b>
	<b>Reading:</b>	<b>Jeremiah 17:5-10 (Bob) / Luke 6:17-26 (Leah)</b>
<b>February 24</b>	<b>Preacher:</b>	<b>Colin</b>
	<b>Reading:</b>	<b>Genesis 45:3-15 (Val) / Luke 6:27-38 (Ethel)</b>

If anyone would like a copy of delivered sermon please see relevant preacher.