

A COMMUNITY CHURCH WITH A BIG HEART

CHELSEA NEWSLETTER

16 Dec 2018



What does it mean to celebrate Christmas ...

Christmas is about coming together as one family and celebrating the birth of Christ. It's not about commercialising Christmas as mentioned in Fiona's sermon in buying expensive gifts, it's about the 'Gift of Love' that Christ expressed throughout his life to those who believed, to those who witnessed, to those who lived their lives in poverty and to those who were bullied and were disconnected from society.

Jesus was born in sin and delivered in poverty. The gift and rise of what God said was going to happen through the Old Testament prophets coming true and changing the course of society.

A 'gift of love' that brings happiness and glory to those who need the gift of salvation to change their life to make it peaceful and free from condemnation, not only towards others but to themselves.

Every time we think of Christmas we should remember the 'gift of love' is the greatest gift of all time that was not given to us to keep to ourselves, it is a gift that is to be delivered in everything we do and everything we say.

It's our responsibility to share this love and change others lives' just as Jesus changed ours.

Our Ministry Team ...



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. Best contact 0467 043 441.

Latest News

Completed surveys: Please provide Judi with your choice of times/days for Bible study and Prayer meetings. So far Monday afternoon looks a goer. Also, any other things you would be interested in seeing us commence. This is your church so we wish to have your feedback rather than imposing anything.

Service Plan: please let Judi know of any changes you wish to make before the final draft is done early next week. If your name has been missed - please accept Judi's apologies and let her know.

Christmas Eve Service: It is disappointing that Judi has not had much response to those who are planning to attend and/or those who wish to take a more active part. If Judi has had no feedback by next Sunday 16th she will plan the service differently. Service runs from 5-6.30pm.

Christmas Day Service If anyone has any favourite verses or carols they wish to hear please let Judi know so she can plan asap.

Support for Student Minister As Fiona continues to progress with her studies she will be taking on more responsibility in 2019 in her ministry and also in assisting Judi. Please continue to fully support her. Next year she will be looking at Parables, Pastoral Care, Pastoral and Pastoral Care in Mental Health and Fiona will welcome discussions around these topics to help her learn outside the classroom.

MISSION/OUTREACH PROGRAMS

YOUR PANTRY

Wednesdays 7.00 to 12noon

This service provides free non-perishable foods and toiletries to anyone who may be struggling or just short of funds in between pensions.

Each guest is provided with a 10 minute slot to provide opportunities to talk over their situations should they desire to and/or to be referred to other community support agencies.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Wednesdays 7.00—10am

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.

ORANGE SKY LAUNDRY

Wednesdays 7.00-9am

A free wash and dry laundry service for homeless and anyone struggling to pay power costs to have their clothes washed and dried.

Put your laundry in and enjoy a hot breakfast and friendship while you wait.

Any guest accessing either of the above can make a time for Pastoral Care and support with Pastor Judi

CHAPEL LOUNGE (just outside the Chapel)

PRAYER MEETING

Fridays 10-10:30am

All welcome to our weekly **Prayer meeting** where we thank God for His wonderful blessings and pray for guidance and support. Individuals are also prayed for.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Fridays 10:30—11:30am

Ladies are invited to our small **Bible study group** where we share God's word with laughter, tears and compassion. Bibles are provided. We do ask that you arrive on time as late comers can be disruptive to the session.

Chelsea Community Church of Christ Services

CHURCH SERVICES 10 am Sunday

Sermon Series

2 December 2018 **Speaker:** Judi

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16 Ethel and Luke 21:25-36 Bob

9 December 2018 **Speaker:** Fiona

Scripture: To be selected

16 December 2018 **Speaker:** Judi

Scripture: Isaiah 12:2-6 Di and Luke 3:7-18 Val

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EPHESIANS 1:18

May God enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see the hope that His calling holds for you.