"A CHURCH FOR ALL"

# CHELSEA NEWSLETTER

#### 01 April 2012

Chelsea Church of Christ



April 1Palm Sunday'The Compassion of Jesus'Scripture reading: Matthew 9:36-38 and 14:13-14Preacher: Judi Turnham

#### April 8 Easter Sunday

We will follow the journey of Jesus by walking through sharing 6 Easter Stations. Each station will have a member of congregation responsible for sharing relevant scripture and help us explore what the station is saying.

We will also be singing some favourite hymns through the morning and then sharing light refreshments afterwards.

Children will be also contributing by making a chocolate empty tomb Easter egg.

#### April 15 'Jesus the True Vine'

Scripture Reading John 15: 5-8 Preacher: Allan Avery

#### **<u>CHILDREN'S SERVICES</u>** 10 am Sunday

#### April 1Palm Sunday

Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem Luke 19:28-38

Children will share in the Palm Sunday story and Jesus' journey into Jerusalem. They will then make donkey puppets to help remember that Jesus rode into the town on a colt – a young donkey.

#### April 8 Easter Sunday

Easter Story The children will assist with telling the Easter Story. We will be making chocolate "empty tomb" Easter eggs and while they set we will also make caterpillars that turn into beautiful butterflies to represent 'new birth'

#### April 15The Gospels Unplugged

We are going to begin exploring some of the fabulous stories written in the Gospels. This week we will meet a rather scruffy man who ate locusts and wild honey. His job was very, very important -I wonder what it was?

Come along to find out and have some fun.

#### **MESSY CHURCH** 3rd Sunday of the month 4-6pm

#### Parents/adults – please bring a plate to share.

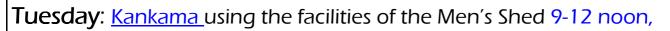
**April 15** "Mighty Moses" and God's Rescue *Have you ever walked through water and not got wet?* Well, Moses did! All are invited to share a miraculous journey that Moses and the Israelites went on – walking through the middle of the Red Sea as part of God rescuing them from the Egyptians.

All families are welcome – whatever combination that may be – mums, dads, carers, aunts, uncles, nanas, grandpas and of course **CHILDREN.** Ring Judi on 0423 375 714 to register.

### WHAT'S ON at Chelsea Church of Christ

Monday: Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 10am

"Where two or more are gathered together, there I will be also" Come and share in the real power of prayer – prayers for self, others and the work of the church.



Wednesday: <u>Community Breakfast</u> 8-10 am, <u>Women's Group</u> 2nd Wednesday of month Men's Shed 9am-12

Thursday: Men's shed 9am – 12 Community Lunch 11am—1.00pm

AA Meeting in the Chapel 11am

Friday: Woorinyan @ the Men's Shed 9-12 Job Co (Green Corp) 9am-4pm

#### Sunday: Worship and Children's Sunday School 10 am each week <u>Questions group</u> 12 noon, 2nd Sunday of each month <u>Messy Church</u> 4-6pm - 3rd Sunday of each month

Join us for a once a month time when families come together to enjoy being together, making things together, enjoying a meal together, having fun and celebrating God together.

## A word from Judí...

Have you ever driven down a road, thinking you were heading in the right direction, only to wind up some place else?

Today is Palm Sunday and, on reflection, we may think that Jesus had gotten onto the wrong road. The Jerusalem road was not the **road to freedom** it was the **road to sacrifice**. It was not the **road to power and fame** - it was the **road to humility and death** – **the road God** had planned.

Jesus knew what lay ahead on the road on that Palm Sunday, because it was the same road he had always walked. It was the road of humility, love, patience, hope and encouragement. It was the way of salvation and the way of the kingdom. It was the road to glory and the way of right-eousness.

Knowing what lay ahead did not deter Jesus – He stayed on it. Even when the crowds moved from joy to judgment, Jesus did not flinch. That is the road of this week, a road that takes us where Jesus has been; a road that leads to the cross.

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