

"A CHURCH FOR ALL"

CHELSEA NEWSLETTER

11 November 2012



A word from Judi....

When are the times that you feel close to God, when you feel His Spirit with you? Personally I find being amongst nature causes me to wonder and awe at what a wonderful world God created.

From the intricate delicacies of the tiny fringe lily that pushes its way up through the dirt, the small but powerful wings of the ladybird as it searches for aphids amongst the flowers, the towering majesty of Australia's tallest flowering plant, the Mountain Ash to the joyful waddle of an echidna as it sniffs out ants and termites amongst the rotting wood.

For others it may be the refreshing wash of the waves at the beach, diving in and out of the surf or the sound of thunder and rain on a stormy night. It may be listening to the gentle melody of a favourite song, reading God's word, chatting with friends or family or helping someone when they are down. Whatever and wherever it is, we are never alone - we can never escape from God or His Spirit. He loves us so much and continually draws us to Him, to be in fellowship, to guide and protect us.

One of my favourite Psalms is 139. I encourage you to read this - it has been a comfort to me when I have been struggling, it assures me I am never invisible to God, He always knows where I am and what is happening.

WHAT AN AWESOME GOD IS HE.

Sunday 25th November is Abolitionist Sunday.

"The first chapter of John's Gospel says: 'the light came into the world and this light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.'

When the light of the life of Jesus shines on injustice such as human trafficking and exploited labour, these injustices are shown up for what they really are. Goodness looks evil in the face and evil has no place to go but to flee. William Wilberforce & John Wesley fought to abolish slavery 200 years ago. Even though state-sanctioned slavery was outlawed over 200 years ago, our global society continues to rely on forced and exploited labour to produce cheap goods and services. This is where it directly affects each of us today.

Our sermon on Sunday 25th November will reflect on ways we, as Christians, can assist in abolishing injustice - both here and overseas.

Messy Church Partnering with Families

Celebrating Our Natural World

Sunday 25th November 2012

**You are invited to enjoy an
old fashioned style picnic.**

**Full of fun, games and activities for all ages.
We have booked a special site, close to toilets,
playground and walks.**

Bring your picnic lunch and laughter.

Games include:

**Egg and spoon race, Balloons in the bucket
Tunnel ball, In the Pond/Out the Pond
And Bean bag tossing**

**Opportunity for a guided walk and talk
on the natural world.**

Venue – Rosella Car Park Braeside Park

Lower Dandenong Road Braeside. 1-4PM

**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.

Chelsea Church of Christ Services

CHURCH SERVICES 10 am Sunday

Sunday November 11 The Blood Of Christ

Scripture reading – Hebrews 9: 11-15 Preacher - Allan Avery

Sunday November 18 One Sacrifice

Scripture reading – Hebrews 10: 11-14 Preacher - Colin Duggan

**Sunday November 25 Abolitionist Sunday
and Annual General Meeting** - Judi Turnham

CHILDREN'S SERVICES 10 am Sunday

Sunday November 11 Preparing for the birth of Jesus

As the time for Jesus' birth is drawing near we are going to spend the next 6 weeks sharing this wonderful story.

Let's meet Mary a faithful servant of God and how she learns that she is going to have a **Very Special Baby**

**Sunday November 18 A long and harrowing journey to
Bethlehem and oh, no room at the inn.**

Come along the long journey with Mary and Joseph as they travel to Bethlehem for the census.

Sunday November 25 No Lesson today. We have a special service and then afterwards we are going to have fun at Braeside Park

MESSY CHURCH Sunday 25th November 1-4pm

This month we are having a lovely Church Picnic to include all of our Church community – young and old.

Please let Judi know ASAP if you are attending for catering purposes. 0423 375 714. Judi will provide a detailed map of how to get to Braeside and the picnic area.

Venue – **Braeside Park** Lwr Dandenong Road Braeside. **1-4PM**

Rosella car park which has a large shelter with tables & seats.

Also a large grassed area for fun and games. Close to playground, nature walk and toilets. . All families are welcome – whatever combination that may be – mums, dads, carers, aunts, uncles, nanas, grandpas and of course **CHILDREN**.

REGULAR 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.

Tuesday: [Kankama](#) using the facilities of the Men's Shed 9-12

Wednesday: [Community Breakfast 8-10 am,](#)

[Men's Shed 9am-12](#)

[Women's Group 2nd Wed of month](#)

Thursday: [Men's shed 9-12](#) [AA Meeting in Chapel 11am](#)

[Community Lunch 11am-1.00pm](#)

Friday: [Connecting Skills Australia @ the Men's Shed 9-12](#)

Sunday: [Worship & Kid's Sunday School 10 am each week](#)

[Questions group 12 noon, 2nd Sunday of each month](#)

[Messy Church 2-4pm - 3rd Sunday of each month](#)



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