

"A CHURCH FOR ALL"

CHELSEA NEWSLETTER

14 October 2012



A word from Judi....

Sunday 30 September was Social Justice Sunday but what does that mean to us as a congregation and as individuals? We are familiar with images of desperate poverty from other countries but do we know about the faces of Australian poverty and do we know what poverty is? It is usually defined as a lack of financial resources but really it is marginalization. Many things in our society today 'marginalize' people and limit their opportunities to participate in normal life. Many want to fit into something but can't. They may be Indigenous persons, newly arrived refugees, people with drug and alcohol addictions or people with mental illnesses.

Jesus demonstrated many ways to live in solidarity with those who are vulnerable - sharing meals, making friends, challenging attitudes and structures that breed and perpetuate poverty. Scripture reveals Jesus restoring broken and marginalized people back to a sense of dignity and place within society.

The rich young man in the Bible who wanted to inherit eternal life was told by Jesus to "sell all he had and give to the poor - then he would have treasure in heaven." Many people do not understand the heart of love behind this verse. Does God want to make us sell everything we have and give the proceeds to the poor in order to serve Him? He would only ask us to do that if what we had was standing in the way of our being obedient to God. The point of this parable is that we should LOVE JESUS FIRST. We must love Him more than we love our "stuff" which was not the case with the rich young man. If you really want a deeper walk with God, you may have to sacrifice some things that are keeping you from it.

I see within this congregation and others who volunteer a passion to see people included, accepted, loved and brought back to life. I see the love of Jesus revealed - a love we have been equipped with to be God's hands and hearts in this mission of love and grace. Still we should always be asking ourselves: Is anything standing between myself and God? If so, we need to make it right today.

Messy Church Partnering with Families

Jesus and His Friends

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We will learn how we can be
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Craft – make a Fish Mobile;
Handprint pictures and sock puppets.
Chapel – we'll share in the stories, learn a
song and share God's love in prayer.

**SUNDAY October 21st
2-4PM.**

**Call Judi – Children's Minister on
0423 375 714**

Chelsea Church of Christ Services

CHURCH SERVICES

10 am Sunday

Sunday October 14 Jesus the Great High Priest

Scripture reading – Hebrews 4: 12-16 Preacher – Allan Avery

Sunday October 21 Jesus is Obedient

Scripture reading – Hebrews 5: 1-10 Preacher - Colin Duggan

Sunday October 28 Jesus the High Priest

Scripture reading – Hebrews 7: 23-28 Preacher – Glen Mason

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

10 am Sunday

Sunday October 14 A King's lie – we learn that God has His eyes on us all the time as we continue learning about Saul. We'll make our own binoculars



Sunday October 21 A King's Jealousy – have you heard of Stop, Drop and Roll that protects you in a house fire. We will learn about Stop, Drop & Pray as we continue learning about King Saul.

Sunday October 28 I wonder what Jesus did as a boy? We will explore what we can about Jesus as a boy – chores that He did, school, games He played.

MESSY CHURCH 3rd Sunday of the month 2-4pm

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Parents/adults – Please bring a small plate of snacks and drinks to share. 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.

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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