

"A CHURCH FOR ALL"

CHELSEA NEWSLETTER



15 March 2009

PRAYERS

Please pray for the following people Andrew, Dianne, Colin P, Jacinta, Jonathon & Jeremy, Barry, Darcy, Dave, Norma, Jean Carr, Eileen, Kevin Hall, Wayne Lording, Michael, Joyce, Victoria, Bob & Judy Rutherford, Pat, Kaylean, Chris, Louise, Edna Eaton, and any others on the hearts of our church family.

WHAT'S ON

at Chelsea Church of Christ

Tuesday:

[CWF, 2nd Tuesday of month](#)
[Skilling Australia 9am-4pm](#)
[Bible study 7.30pm](#)

Wednesday:

[Community Breakfast 8-10 am,](#)
[Men's Shed 9am-12 noon,](#)
[Skilling Australia 9am-4pm](#)
[WAGS, 10am-4pm](#)

Thursday:

[Men's shed 9am – 12 noon](#)
[Bible study 3pm](#)
[Pit Stop for Dads 7.30pm](#)

Sunday:

[Worship 10am each week](#)

Dinner with BJ & Chips Mpofo
6pm @ Ringwood C of C—Sat 28 Mar 09
Please check the notice board for more details

Want to know more about an
Introduction to Christianity course?
please contact Steve for details.

Easter Services 2009

Good Friday 9am
combined with the Baptists, Cnr
Fowler St & Bondi Rd Bonbeach
and afterwards at
Beeson Reserve, Edithvale

Easter Sunday 10am
Special Family service
Here at Chelsea Church of Christ

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Shed Ministry: Keith Holt

Prayer Ministry: Marcus Johnston

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A WORD FROM THE REV. . . . (THIS WEEK OUR ARTICLE IS PROVIDED BY RUTH G)

I thank God for the day that I decided to go to Chelsea Church of Christ one Sunday morning. From that point on, my life has been a series of hard lessons and re-assessment of my core values. In the pursuit of finding out what God wants me to do with my life, there have been many challenges. The first challenge was to get off the “scrap –heap” and to stop believing what one misguided minister told me—that divorced people were no longer any use to God’s ministry.

I can remember that first morning when Gerald asked us about our knowledge of lavender. I knew the answer to his question so well from my own life’s experience. In order for lavender to have it’s fullest fragrance, it must be crushed. That is exactly how I felt that morning as I had received yet another body blow which had left me empty inside. Gerald amazed me when he introduced me as a “woman in ministry”. I nearly burst into tears because it was the first time that my backdoor ministry had been acknowledged. I had a lot of knockers but few encouragers and my ministry house was a tough assignment to be handling on my own. Those words were so healing to me within my spirit. It was as if God was speaking through Gerald’s lips.

God knew my need and at that time was prepared to meet it and give me a sign that he was still caring for me. Gerald rang Steve and that same week, I was visited by Steve. I’ve been in churches where the minister doesn’t see his role as one of visitation, so I was very impressed with the importance it was given. As I had my drums in the lounge-room with my piano, Steve and I had a musical jam. This led to the re-establishment of another ministry within me which had been squashed due to constant criticism. I now enjoy a musical ministry which extends to other churches and denominations working with other worship leaders and musicians.

At our church, women are encouraged in their diversity of ministries and are treated as equals. Our ministries are important to our pastors as they realise that God gives gifts to both sexes. This freedom has released me to discover who God wants me to be and to realise my fullest potential in Christ.

Ruth Gilhooley.