

"A CHURCH FOR ALL"

CHELSEA NEWSLETTER

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A word from Judi...

Have you noticed all the 'fad diets' that the media keep bombarding us with – diets that guarantee we will lose weight and be slim and terrific forever!

Jesus often used food as an appropriate metaphor for His mission. If you read the story of Jesus and the Samaritan Woman (*John 4:27-42*) the disciples had been shopping for food and urged Jesus to eat something.

But Jesus replied *"I have food to eat that you know nothing about."*

Confused the disciples looked around for another parcel of food that someone may have provided for Jesus. Jesus explained His diet which was to do God's will and finish His work. Jesus' work was to 'harvest' people for God's kingdom.

But the diet of the disciples prevented them from seeing the souls that could be harvested from the Samaritan people. Jesus knew that if the disciples could penetrate the ethnic and religious barriers they would see all people as prospective followers of Jesus.

In other words the priority diet of Jesus was and still is people, no-one is to be excluded. When we adopt Jesus' priority diet it determines our interests, how we use our time and money and how we serve.

This is the one and only GUARANTEED diet – we shed fat and run with singleness of purpose to do God's will.



Messy Church Last Sunday we experienced the fun of Harvest time, celebrating the food that God gives us for the body and the soul.

A new family joined us .Welcome.

Ever made a "Mr Potato Head" with real potatoes? Well we have!!!
Celery arms & hair and carrot eyes, they all looked good enough to eat.
Thanks once again to Judy for all your hard work.

Chelsea Church of Christ Services

CHURCH SERVICES

10 am Sunday

Sunday May 27 Jesus our Source of Peace

Scripture reading – John 14: 1, 27 and 16:31-33

Preacher – Allan Avery

Sunday June 3 Focus on the Family Achievements

Scripture reading – Luke 7:11-17

Preacher – Samantha

Sunday June 10 Jesus Resurrection and Life

Scripture reading – John 11:1-6

Preacher – Allan Avery

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

10 am Sunday

Sunday May 27 Jesus can heal

What happened to the man who had leprosy? What people do we think are 'untouchable'? We'll take on some challenges to complete over the next few weeks

Sunday June 3 The Pharisee and the Tax collector

We are all God's children – no-one is better than another. We'll share a story Jesus told to help us know we are all unique.

Sunday June 10 Jairus' daughter lives again – Jesus shows us how not to worry We'll search for the treasures that only Jesus can give

MESSY CHURCH

3rd Sunday of the month 4-6pm

Parents/adults – please bring a plate to share.

June 17 "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.

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 noon,

Wednesday: [Community Breakfast 8-10 am,](#)
[Men's Shed 9am-12](#)

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

Thursday: [Men's shed 9am – 12](#)

[AA Meeting in the Chapel 11am](#)

[Community Lunch 11am–1.00pm](#)

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

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

[Messy Church 4-6pm - 3rd Sunday of each month](#)

*Checkout the new church signs in the rear car-park
opposite the Library.*

Thanks to Judi and Frankston Signs.

Social Justice Network

The Network, established in 2001 focuses on:

Educating and informing churches on social justice issues, Assisting Conference on policy matters that arise, Creating forums where dialogue on current topics can be pursued. The Network is currently seeking interested people to join and help develop the impact on the Social Justice Network.

For further details contact: Ian Smith, 0408 313 610, iansmi@iprimus.com.au
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Embrace – Women's Conference.

Keynote speaker – Cheryl Catford-McCallum Theme – Embrace Servant Leadership. (Cheryl is an outstanding speaker who will share her story of her call to follow Jesus in services, in Christian Leadership and in the rollercoaster ride of life. She will inspire you to follow the call of Jesus no matter what).

When – Sat 25th August between

9-5pm at One Community Church of Christ, 184 Surrey Road Blackburn.

Workshops during the day cover: *Embrace Public Speaking, Embrace your Spiritual gifts, Embrace Coaching, Embrace Biblical equality, Embrace balance*

Cost- \$55 if paid before 13th July or after that date \$60.

If we can get 5+ women to attend we can get a group discount of \$50 per person. Please let Judi know if you are interested in attending – Judi is happy to provide transport for the day.

Asylum Seeker Employment Opportunities

Presently there are a large number of asylum seekers being released from detention centres around Australia into the community.

At Urban Neighbours of Hope, we are regularly in contact with people in this situation.

Right now the Church in Australia has a great opportunity to respond to the most vulnerable in our midst. **One of the greatest needs for this group of people is employment** - they have work rights, and a great willingness to work. However, work is extremely difficult to find.

Do you know an employer? Would they be willing to employ an asylum seeker, many of whom have skills ready to be used. If so, or if you'd like to find out more, please contact Brad Coath - email:

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