

A CHURCH - NOT JUST TO LEAD BUT TO SERVE

CHELSEA NEWSLETTER

10th Dec 2017



"Look, I bring good news to you - wonderful, joyous news for all people. Your Saviour is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord" Luke 2:10-11

The saying goes - Let's keep Christ in Christmas. But Christ should be a part of our everyday lives - not just Christmas.

Obviously, Christ is not like Santa. He is not someone to be pulled out and dusted off once a year, to be put on display until we take down the tree. Jesus is not just the baby whose birth we celebrate at Christmas. He is the Saviour, the Son of God, whose birth, life, death and resurrection gives us the Gospel good news. The love of God as demonstrated to us through the gift of Jesus Christ; a special time to offer praise and worship and to rejoice in him.

There are also some challenges. Keep Christ in Christmas can be especially difficult given all the *hoopla*. We can get so caught up in the party atmosphere that we fail to remember the reason for the celebration.

So this year, let's take time to show the world the true Spirit of Christmas love.

Christ is - and will always be - in Christmas.

The Pastor Is In



Pastor Judi will be working in the Church office **8-4pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** so will be on hand for anyone who wishes to talk. She is also available for home visits. Please call her on **0423 375 14**

Latest News

Free Wednesday Community Breakfast: we will continue to operate throughout the Christmas/New Year season providing cereal, fruit, toast and tea/coffee. Opening from 8-10am. Volunteers are still needed to serve. Please let Pastor Judi know if you can lend a hand. **Free laundry and showers will also still continue over this holiday period.**

Free Food Pantry: Your Pantry will run as per normal except with the exceptions of Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Anyone needing food assistance are encouraged to attend the FREE Inter Church Christmas Day Lunch at St Joseph's Hall, Woodbine Avenue Chelsea.

Student Minister: Fiona will be delivering a sermon once every two months and will also be presiding over communion on the alternative month.

Service Plan for January - March 2018: if you would like to assist with any aspect of the service and/or have any suggestions please let Judi know by 20th December.



Chelsea Community Church of Christ Services

CHURCH SERVICES 10 am Sunday

Sermon Series for the Month of December

- 10th Dec - 10am** P Judi R Luke 1:26-38 The Two Christmas Stories
17th Dec - 10am P Judi R Luke 1:67-80 The First Christmas Carols
24th Dec - 10am P Judi R Luke 1:39-56 The Impact of the Birth of Jesus
24th Dec - 6-730pm A special family Christmas Eve Service with carols by the Country Gospellaires. Tara's First Christmas story with puppets and a poem of the Christmas story. Light refreshments provided.
25th Dec - 10am Special half hour service celebrating the birth of Jesus



Country Gospellaires

Next appearing: 10th & 24th Dec

The 2nd & 4th Sunday of every month dust off those vocal chords and come along and enjoy some good old-fashioned Gospels in a warm and friendly environment.

WHAT'S ON

MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fit Mums Ladies in the shed Music with Mummies 	8-9.00 Hall 9.30-12.30pm 9.30-10.30 chapel
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CS Mornington in the Mens Shed Music for Mommies 	Men's Shed 9-12 noon 9-12noon chapel
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Breakfast Men's Shed 	8-10am—hall 9-2pm—backyard
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Shed AA in the Chapel 	9-2pm—backyard 11am—chapel
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prayer Meeting Bible Study for Women CS Aust Afternoon Games 	10—1030am Annex 1030—1130am Annex Men's Shed 9-12noon 12-330pm Chapel
SATURDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ladies in the shed 	10-1pm
SUNDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship Service Childrens Program 	10-11am—chapel Followed by cuppa—hall

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