"A SMALL CHURCH WITH A BIG HEART" CHELSEA NEWSLETTER 10 May 2015

REVOLUTION The birth of change.

As Christians, we can be nervous about the notion of revolution—especially if we see it as a revolt or rebellion. However the word comes from the Latin "*revolution"* which means "a turn around."

REVOLUTION means change that is met with resistance. That was certainly true in the first century of the church's young life. We can capture the nature of that revolution in these word of Jesus: "And no one puts new wine into old wineskins or else the new wine bursts the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined But new wine must be put into new wineskins. (Mark 2:22)

Think of what the early Church was up against:

Political resistance—Rome allowed Jewish people to worship but when Christ acknowledged Himself to be a king, Rome clamped down.

Religious resistance—The Jewish leadership was not welcoming to a carpenter from Galilee who was hailed as God's anointed one—Christ or Messiah.

Ethnic resistance-Gods covenant blessings were available to Gentiles as well as Jews—what a revolution.

Cultural resistance-The Gospel welcomed women, slaves, poor and irreligious—it broke down divisions.

Spiritual resistance-People were called to repentance—you couldn't live with one foot in church and one foot in the world.

Have you become settled in a safe, silent version of Christianity? Let's join the Kingdom Revolution.

The Pastor Is In

You can catch me at the Church weekday mornings from 9-12.30pm. OR phone my mobile on 0423 375 714 to make a suitable time to get together.



Latest News

Prayer Points: Please pray for God's healing presence upon: Jan and her family, Lesley I, Syd and Lesley J. Steve and family, Ian, Gary and Peter.

Survey:

Have you completed your Survey yet? Judi has been handed only 2 and is encouraging all to complete. If you didn't receive one or have lost it, please see Judi for another copy.

Updates:

Silent Auction: Jean has mooted the idea of us conducting a Silent auction where everyone brings an item which is auctioned off and all proceeds go to the work of the church. The suggestion is to run this while enjoying a light lunch. Please discuss with Jean and we can then "lock in" a suitable Sunday.

Churches of Christ Victoria and Tasmania Conference: Judi will be attending the Friday session for Ministers and Jeanne and Judi will travel to Wallan for the Saturday which includes the AGM.

Work for the Dole support: Nathan, who has been working with us for the past few months will continue until the end of June, assisting with the Men's Shed and also to repaint various areas in and around the Pergola outside—so watch this space.

New Locks and Air fresheners: Noel arranged for locks on the front door to the church and the door leading outside to be repaired. Also air fresheners have been installed in the toilet area—Aah nice.



CHURCH SERVICES 10 am Sunday

<u>10 May 2015</u> Special Mother's Day Service

<u>17 May 2015</u> Speaker: Colin Scripture: Acts 1:15-17 & 21



24 May 2015 Speaker: Judi Scripture: Acts 2:1-21 PENTECOST SUNDAY

CHILDREN'S SERVICES 10 am Sunday

<u>10 May 2015</u> Special Mother's Day Service The children will assist in the service

17 May 2015

Children will continue with our Time Line.

<u>17 May 2015</u>

The children can share in the service as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday.

REGULAR WHAT'S ON

MONDAY	•	Ladies Morning	Ladies in the Shed 9.30-12.30pm
TUESDAY	•	CS Mornington in the Mens Shed Music for Mommies	Men's Shed 9-12 noon 9-12noon
WEDNESDAY	•	Community Breakfast Men's Shed	8-10am 9-2pm
THURSDAY	•	Men's Shed AA in the Chapel	9-2pm 11am
FRIDAY	•	Bible Study for Women CS Aust Afternoon Games	10-11am Annexe Men's Shed 9-12noon Hall 1-3.30pm
SATURDAY	•	Ladies Morning	Ladies in the Shed 10am-1pm
SUNDAY	•	Worship Service Childrens Program	10-11am followed by cuppa

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