

A true Friend

'Friends come and friends go, but a true friend sticks by you like family.' Proverbs 18:24 (Message Bible)

Social media has almost changed the concept of a 'friend.' Many people compete to accumulate the most friends – some have hundreds. Unfortunately these 'friends' are people they barely knew – perhaps a friend of a friend of a friend.

We are told by Psychologists that no-one can really manage more than half a dozen actual friendships.

True friendships take time and energy - to last in both the good times and the bad times.

Solomon wrote that having lots of friends is dangerous but having a friend who sticks closer than a brother is a good thing. Note 'friend' which is singular.

A friend is someone who you know, like, trust; an acquaintance, ally, comrade; someone who supports and sympathises with you.

Perhaps you are thinking where do I find a friend like this someone who sticks with me through thick and thin and accepts me warts and all?

In Christ You do.

Jesus calls us His friends if we obey His commands. Jesus takes to heart the sufferings of His friends – invest in His friendship.

The Pastor Is In



Pastor Judi is available Mondays, Wednesdays,

Fridays and Sunday mornings from 8am - 12.30pm. Home visits during or outside of these times. **All it takes is a phone call on 0423 375 714** to make a convenient time to get together.



Prayer Points: Lesley I; Leah; Jean; Eva & Aniko; Robert and Syd & Lesley.

Prayer Chain: Those in the prayer chain please confirm: Judi, Bob, Val, Jeanne, Diane, Chrissy, Sylvia and Carol.

New Child Safe legislation: as mentioned Judi attended a workshop informing of new legislation to be rolled out in January 2017. This will create changes to some of the ways we operate and impact on all users of the site, Church leaders and volunteers.

Regional Churches of Christ discussions: Judi attended a Regional discussion workshop discussing what it means for Churches and agencies to be 'safe places.' This included guidelines, which will lead to the development of policies and procedures on: responsibility and risk; support and accountability for Ministers and other leaders including those working with children.

Free Christmas Lunch for homeless and those struggling: Judi attended an Inter church Council meeting on Tuesday evening to discuss preparations to offer a free Christmas lunch this year. The venue for this year will be St. Joseph's Catholic Church and volunteers are sought for the hard but rewarding work.



11th Sept 2016

Speaker: Colin Reading: Jeanne - Psalm 51:1-10 Val - 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Communion: Val / Noel

18th Sept 2016

Speaker: Judi Reading: Fiona - Amos 8:4-7 Noel - Luke 16:1-13 Communion: Noel / Chrissy



25th Sept 2016

Speaker: Judi - Gospellaires Reading: Lesley - Amos 6:1, 4-7 Bob - Luke 16:19-31 Communion: Bob / Janice



The 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	 Fit Mums Ladies in the shed Music with Mummies 	8-9.00 Hall 9.30-12.30pm 9.30-10.30 chapel
TUESDAY	 CS Mornington in the Mens Shed Music for Mommies 	Men's Shed 9-12 noon 9-12noon chapel
WEDNESDAY	 Community Breakfast Men's Shed 	8-10am—hall 9-2pm—backyard
THURSDAY	Men's ShedAA in the Chapel	9-2pm—backyard 11am—chapel
FRIDAY	 Prayer Meeting Bible Study for Women CS Aust Afternoon Games 	10—1030am Annex 1030—1130am Annex Men's Shed 9-12noon Annex 12 -3.30pm
SATURDAY	• Ladies in the shed	10-1pm
SUNDAY	Worship Service Childrens Program	10-11am—chapel Followed by cuppa—hall

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