

**OUR MISSION: TO HELP OTHERS FIND THE HOPE WE  
HAVE IN JESUS**

**GOOD TIDINGS**

**12 Aug 2018**



**Clay Jars—the treasure of Jesus Christ, His glory, mercy, grace, faith and hope live within our ‘jars of clay’ (See 2 Corinthians 4)**

Our mortal bodies carry the glory of Jesus Christ and His glory shines through our frailties and brokenness so that others may see His surpassing power working in us.

This is our **HOPE**—that no matter what happens to us, whatever pain and sorrow, it is an opportunity to grow in grace and love, to become stronger in Christ and to show others His glory for His good. When we are struggling with issues, let's focus on Jesus rather than ourselves.

When we seem to be in the pit of despair—focus on Jesus and the **HOPE** that He gifted to the world when He defeated death.

That **HOPE** can lift us out of the pit and places us at the empty tomb, knowing Jesus has risen. Because of His victory we can be victorious over our pain and sorrow.

But sometimes we need to be sad for a while; sometimes we need to grieve; sometimes we need to cry and shout and be angry; sometimes we need to sit in the pit and contemplate life.

This doesn't make us faithless, this doesn't mean we are without **HOPE**—it just makes us human. But remember this—Jesus is ready and waiting to lift us out of that pit of despair and carry us to a new **HOPE** in life.

**Remember that every crack in your jar of clay is an opportunity for Christ's glory to shine through.**

## The Pastor Is In



Pastor Judi is just a phone call away should you need someone to talk to, whether it be your faith direction, personal issues or just to have a cuppa with. You can make a time to see her at the Church or as a home visit.

## Gathering as God's People

**Evening Faith and fellowship discussion** 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from 6-7pm in the Chapel. **Tonights the night 6-7pm**

**Community Lunch** Share with us for Sunday morning service at 10am and then join with us for light lunch and fellowship from 12-2pm in the Hall. All are encouraged to bring food to share. **August 26th is our next lunch 12-2pm.**

**Homelessness Week and Pantry needs** —We are now in Homelessness week and unfortunately, we have not received any good donations. We regularly need the following: long life milk; coffee; sugar; toilet paper; shampoo plus any non-perishable foods such as soup; beans; corn; tuna etc.

**Wouldn't it be nice to have fresh, sweet smelling flowers in the chapel every week?** Would you be interested in taking this task on? You will be reimbursed for costs.

**Would you like to contribute to the front page of the Newsletter?** Calling all writers and poets amongst us. Would you like to occasionally write the front page of our newsletter? Please see Judi

**AGM Sunday 19th August**—our morning service will be shortened to allow sufficient time to hold our AGM. All are encouraged to attend, however only church members can vote.

## MISSION and OUTREACH PROGRAMS

### YOUR PANTRY

Wednesdays 7-12noon. This service provides free non-perishable foods and toiletries to anyone who may be struggling or just short of funds in between pensions.

### COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Wednesdays 7.00—9.45am This service provides a 3 course hot breakfast to anyone who is finding it tough. A healthy breakfast can be enjoyed amongst others with the hope that new friends may be found.

### FREE WASH AND DRY LAUNDRY

Wednesdays 7-9am Orange Sky Laundry provide this free service to anyone, whether homeless or not. It is always great to have clean and dry clothes.

### PRAYER MEETING IN THE CHAPEL LOUNGE

Regular prayer meeting Friday mornings from 10—10:30am. All welcome.

**WOMENS FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP STUDY** In the Chapel lounge from 10.30—11.30 am followed by a cuppa.

**Do you have a favourite short scripture, prayer or devotion?** Judi would like to invite you to provide these including a brief sentence as to what it means to you,. She will then collate into a booklet.,

**Midweek Bible Study:** Judi will commence a midweek Bible study Wednesdays from 1-2om in the Chapel Lounge commencing September 5th. We will be exploring “Commands of Jesus’ which are applicable for those exploring faith, new to faith or have walked in faith for some time. All materials/refreshments supplied.

# Chelsea Community Church of Christ Services

## CHURCH SERVICES

### 10 am Sunday

12 Aug P Colin R Ephesians 4:25-52 (Terry)  
John 6:35 & 41-51 (Marg)

19th Aug P Judi R Ephesians 5:15-20 (Leah)  
John 6:51-58 (Chris)

28th Aug P Special service—Fay will speak on her recent trip to Jewish people in Russia. Special readings will be chosen.



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