

A COMMUNITY CHURCH WITH A *BIG* HEART

May 12th 2019

In Psalm 139:2-3 David says to God: “you know my sitting down and my rising up. You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.”

A Word from Elder Bob Rice.

What a friend we have in Jesus

Joseph Scriven, born in Ireland but living in Canada was a man of humility and kindness. However he had a very tragic and difficult life. He suffered from depression and mental problems no Beyond Blue etc for support. On the eve of his wedding his bride to be accidentally died from drowning. It is said he spent time in an asylum.

During his last days in 1886 Scriven's showed to a friend a manuscript. It had been written in 1868 while he cared for his mother in her final days. The friend was so impressed he said that it should be published. Those words have become one of the most inspirational and well loved hymns. A hymn we often sing here at Chelsea. What a friend we have in Jesus.

Scriven's said that God inspired him to write these words during a time of sorrow and distress. I'm sure many of us have had times of uncertainty and sorrow. Joseph Scriven's experience reminds us that God is with us in every situation. We are his flock and He cares for us.

I trust we will be encouraged in our journey day by day. May God Bless us.



What comes to mind when you see this picture



CHAPEL LOUNGE

PRAYER MEETING & LADIES BIBLE STUDY - Friday 10am - 1130am

Don't forget ladies you can join bible study at any time and all is confidential. If you wish to join in on Friday's study please let Judi know.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY -

Thursday's Bible study is still going on from 1030am and we are looking at Ephesians.



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The Pastor Is In:

Pastor Judi provides pastoral care to all who attend the church and overall site throughout the week. She is able to meet on or off site, depending on your preferences. Best contact 0423 375 714.

Fiona is also available at times to offer support through the week but also Tuesdays and Thursdays on Judi's day off. Best contact 0467 043 441.

A Word from the Pastor

I recently redid my First Aid qualifications and they shared an app we could place on our phones which meant that in an emergency, wherever we were, the app provides not only the address, but the longitude and latitude.

(Emergency+)

Technology now ensures we can be found wherever we are – we are never alone.

When we are in need of comfort, the best source of help is a good listener. Listening is selfless, empathetic and a way to be silently present. The listener is saying: you are not alone in your pain, I am here with you.

God is like the listener – always there, listening to our thoughts and words, letting us know we are not alone. He is “our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” (Psalm 46:1)

Nowhere in the Bible is God’s very presence more beautifully expressed than in Psalm 139:1-16. When David was troubled, he poured out his heart to God. He recounted all the ways God was present with him, always ready to know and understand his thoughts.

We don’t require an Emergency App for God to find us – He already knows where we are and what is happening. He is omnipresent – always and everywhere present – to each of us and has been from the moment of our conception.

If you find yourself alone today, or in a troubling place, know that God and His great and precious promises are with you. (2 Peter 1:4)



Our painter, Trevor will continue to refresh the church by painting the wall in the Lounge and also brightening up the foyer. We are blessed to have a passionate and professional painter offering his services to us.

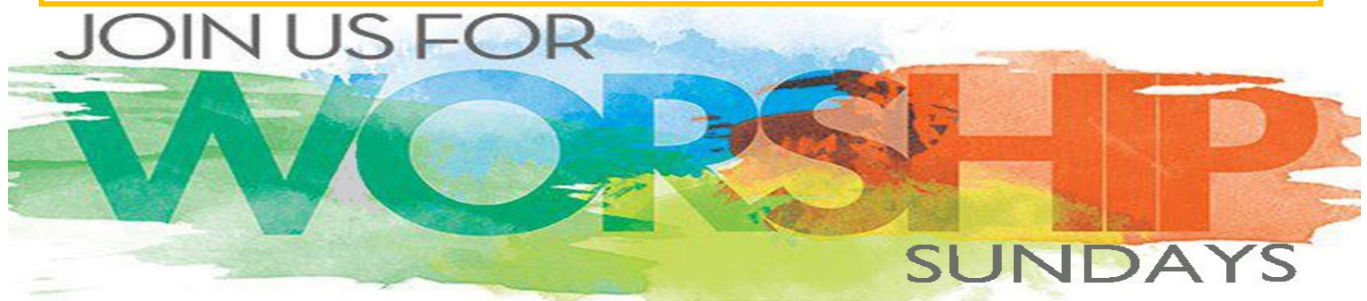
Things to Consider:

Pastor Judi has been asked about restarting our evening Bible study group. If you are interested please let her know what time is more convenient and if you would like to hold it one night during the week or Sunday? The focus will be on exploring the books of the Bible, beginning with John's Gospel.

Alternatively, Judi and Fiona are keen to run an Alpha course which is beneficial to all, although geared for those unfamiliar with Christianity. Once again, this could be run on a weekday or a Sunday afternoon once a fortnight or once a month.

Our next DVD is titled "The War Room." It is not about war between people, but war between Christians and the satanic influences of today. It focuses on a regular family and their struggles and ultimately **the Power of Prayer.**

This will be shown on June 2nd after Church. Please let Judi know if you are attending. We request that you BYO lunch. Coffee/tea will be provided.



Sunday Services for month of May:

May 12th	Preacher:	Judi
	Reading:	Special Mother's Day Service.
May 19th	Preacher:	Fiona
	Reading:	Psalms 148 & Revelation 5:1-14
May 26th	Preacher:	Colin
	Reading:	Revelation 21:10-14 & 22.

Sunday Lunch May 26th 11.45am - all are welcome to attend.