

A SMALL CHURCH WITH A BIG HEART

CHELSEA NEWSLETTER

13 December 2015



Stop being critical

Numbers 12:11 "the sin we have so foolishly committed"

When Miriam criticised her brother Moses because of the wife he chose, the Lord heard and she was smitten with leprosy. Maybe you grew up in a family that was forever finding fault and now you hear the same tone in how you talk to your family or friends.

You can't enjoy God's blessings because you've been programmed to inspect, nitpic and form opinions—usually negative ones.

The Bible says "*if you want to enjoy life and see happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil*" (1 Peter 3:10)

The definition of the word 'criticism' (dwelling upon the perceived faults of another with no view to their good) should cause you to pause and think.

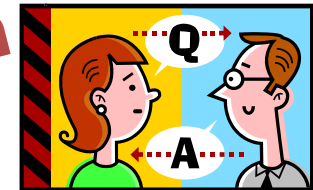
Often your perceptions aren't accurate; there are always circumstances you don't understand. Next we come to the words dwelling upon. We're inclined to walk through life saying—that's not right or I wouldn't do it that way.

You may say—well that is the way God made me. That's fine, but the problem comes when you choose to dwell on your observations—when you can't set them aside. You may say—but how can I help somebody if I don't dwell upon their faults.

But are you forgetting to do this in a non-judgemental way with a view to helping them find a solution.

If you wish to discuss it with a third party—God's way is to end the conversation by saying: "*Let's pray about it, keep it in confidence, and try to help.*"

The Pastor Is In



You can catch me at the Church
Mondays to Wednesdays and also
Fridays from 9.00 to 1pm.
OR phone my mobile on 0423 375 714

Latest News

Prayer Points: Please pray for God's healing presence upon: Jan, Syd and Lesley, Gerald,

Works to repair the Hall floor.

The hall floor will be out of action from 4th January for 2 weeks. Access to the toilets will be via the outside. Any concerns please speak to Noel.

Special Family Christmas Service 20th December 2015.

The Country Gospellaires will play a number of our favourite Christmas Carols, the story of the Din family and Tara's first Christmas. Refreshments afterwards.

Interchurch Christmas Carol event—6.30pm to 8.30pm 13th December 2015 at the old Chelsea Town Hall.

You are invited to attend this FREE event with the Chelsea Concert Band, Country Gospellaires, Longbeach Short Strings, Chelsea Primary School, St Chad's Puppets etc.

Free real Christmas Trees available in the backyard of the church property. Please let Judi know if you wish to take one home.

Minister's leave—Judi will be away from 3rd January to 11th January 2016. If you require assistance during this time please speak to any of the Board members.

Chelsea Community Church of Christ Services

Defibrillator machine now set up in Foyer., If you wish to have some training on how to use it please let Judi know.

CHURCH SERVICES 10 am Sunday

13 December 2015

Speaker: Colin

Reading: Luke 2:8-20 and Isaiah 9:6

20 December 2015

Family Christmas Service—all welcome.

27 December 2015

Speaker: Judi

Reading: Matthew 1:18-22

CHILDREN'S SERVICES 10 am Sunday

13 December 2015

Preparing for our Family Christmas Service.



SUNDAY SCHOOL ON RECESS.

Resumes in February

WHAT'S ON

MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ladies Morning 	Ladies in the Shed 9.30-12.30pm
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CS Mornington in the Mens Shed Music for Mommies Chat n Chew 	Men's Shed 9-12 noon 9-12noon chapel 10-12noon foyer
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 Chat n Chew 	9-2pm—backyard 11am—chapel 10-12 noon foyer
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible Study for Women CS Aust Afternoon Games Recreation Activities for Men 	11-12am Annexe Men's Shed 9-12noon Chapel 12.30-3.30pm Hall 10-2pm
SATURDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ladies Morning 	Ladies in the Shed 10am-1pm
SUNDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship Service Childrens Program 	10-11am—chapel Followed by cuppa—hall

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