

14th January 2024



Chelsea Community
Church of Christ and
Careworks Inc.

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GOD—OUR ANCHOR OF HOPE

“WELCOME EVERYONE TO 2024”

Our 100th year anniversary is only **62 days away.**

We are trying to involve as many people as we can, who have had some connection in our history of worship and mission. If you know anyone with involvement in both the church and our community outreach (CareWorks) please invite them for the service on

Sunday 17th March 2024 at 10am.

If you have any photos, newspaper articles, documents or books we would love to use them for our display and/or our booklet that we are preparing. This booklet will not only contain our wonderful history in Chelsea, but also a focus on our future—where do you want our church to go? If you can assist, please speak to Kay.

In preparing our backyard for this event, we have removed veggies and herbs, replacing them with flowering plants and shrubs. Our hothouse has been donated and will be removed over the coming weeks. The shed nearest to the hot house will be removed in February; the area will be cleaned with relocation of the tables/chairs, a new umbrella and some plants in pots spread around.

We have been blessed to have new volunteer, Graeme who is assisting with our facilities and heavy work in garden maintenance as well as our new parishioner, Marie who will be weeding and pruning our Memorial Rose Garden.

Mondays and

Wednesdays: Pastoral care by appointment with Pastor Judi.

Mondays: Café Revive

informal and relaxed morning tea for all. 10–12noon. (see flyer)

Wednesdays:

Food pantry for those in crisis only. 8am to 10.30am;

Big Breakfast 7am to 10am

Orange Sky Laundry 7am to 8.30am.

Fridays:

Women's Bible Study

10:30–11:45am, (see flyer)

Sundays:

Worship service

10–11.15am followed by a cuppa and chat.

Prayer Points: Prayers are needed for our fellow Australians experiencing flood and fire damage, loss of housing.

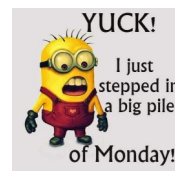
Let's also give thanks to those communities who band together and support one another—great example of love.



CAFÉ REVIVE

As we have had to close our food pantry we will be offering an alternative every Monday morning from 10–12noon (except public holidays) for anyone searching for companionship, coffee, tea and some nibbles.

It would be great to see our church members join in and support those within the community who are struggling. We are hopeful, in God's time, to also lead some to find strength in faith.



BACK TO BREAKFAST THIS PAST WEEK was a little disappointing as numbers were down, however this is typical. All the volunteers missed the “friendly” faces that normally attend, but we know the numbers would gradually increase as the year moves ahead.

We are considering implementing, perhaps bi-monthly, a different menu—such as Pancakes, Raisin toast, Porridge in winter etc.

We encourage all our parishioners to pop in to our breakfast, perhaps once a quarter to get a glimpse of what happens and the hard work undertaken to support those who are struggling.



Val shared this poem written by Minnie Louise Haskin.

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.

And he replied, ‘Go out into the darkness and put your
hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better
than light and safer than a known way.’

So I went forth and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly
into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the
breaking of day in the lone East.