



## The Pastor Is In



Pastor Judi will be working in the Church office  
**8-12.30pm Monday and Wednesday mornings** for anyone who wishes to talk. She is also available for home visits. Please call her on **0423 375 714**. The Elders and Fiona are also available if Judi is not available.

## Latest News

First evening Service: it was wonderful to welcome 11 people to our first informal, evening service. The plan is to run an evening service the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. Ideas offered included: personal testimonies; sharing a particular Scripture reading and its meaning; acting out a Bible story.

Guest Speaker today: our guest speaker Bruce Searle from Hope from Above which share the amazing stories of how they are reaching people with the Gospel.

Monthly working bees: Pastor Judi is keen on setting up a monthly gardening working bee as we have no-one to weed and prune our garden and this activity is one way of us all 'pulling together.' Judi has just tidied up the Memorial Garden and needs assistance on the front one. Planning to have this on a Saturday morning. Please let Judi know if you are willing to assist.

Easter Good Friday service: As you know we usually combine with the Baptist, however I would like to suggest that we just attend the regular Beason Reserve Edithvale, Ecumenical service. This will be at 10.30am followed by Hot Cross buns. I am seeking one good reader as well as a few people to carry signs to the Stations of the Cross. Please let Pastor Judi know soon so she can liaise with the other Ministers.

### *Philippians 3:13-14 says: "Straining toward what is ahead, I press on."*

I recall learning how to swim at Pascoe Vale Pool when I was in grade 3. I was encouraged to swim the length of the pool to gain my Herald Certificate. I struggled to swim freestyle so my teacher suggested 'dog paddle.' My classmates were standing at the side, urging me onwards.

I think I was around 15 metres into the 25 metre length when I started to feel scared. Could I make it all the way? What if I started to sink? What if I don't make it – would my classmates, including my two boyfriends, laugh?

*I was allowing fear to place doubts in my mind. I had reached a certain point – too late to turn back.*

Have you ever watched a seasoned swimmer? Stroke after stroke they take what's in front of them and push the water behind them, propelling them forward to their goal.

As long as you keep stroking and pressing on, taking hold of the faith God has placed within you and keep moving forward the waters surrounding you will not determine your destiny, or take you under.

Yes, I did press on and achieved my Herald Certificate by 'dog paddle'. So it doesn't matter how you get there – as long as you get there.

# Chelsea Community Church of Christ Services

**CHURCH SERVICES 10 am Sunday**

## Sermon Series for the Month of March

25th Feb P Fiona R Genesis 17:1-7/15-16 & Mark 8:31-38

4th Mar P Judi R Exodus 20:1-17 & John 2:13-22 Val

11th Mar P Colin R Num 21:4-9 & John 3:14-21 Bob

18th Mar P Judi R Jer 31:31-34 & John 12:20-33 Noel

25th Mar P Judi R Is 50:4-9 & Mark 11:1-11 Jan



## Country Gospellaires

*Watch this Space!!!*

Our Prayers and hearts continue to go out to Adrian and family and also the Gospellaires. May God Bless you all for a warm, safe and continued recovery.

## WHAT'S ON

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| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fit Mums</li> <li>Music with Mums</li> </ul>   | 2-3pm Hall<br>9.30-11.30 chapel   |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mens Shed</li> <li>Music with Mums</li> <li>Karate</li> <li>Agestrong</li> <li>PRP</li> </ul>                                | Men's Shed 9-12 noon<br>9-12noon chapel<br>6-8pm hall<br>8-1pm hall<br>1-4pm hall |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Breakfast</li> <li>Pay It Forward</li> <li>Men's Shed</li> </ul>   | 7.am—10am hall<br>7.30-9.30 Chapel<br>Fortnightly<br>9-2pm—backyard               |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Men's and Ladies Shed combined sessions</li> <li>AA in the Chapel</li> <li>Karate</li> <li>Agestrong</li> <li>PRP</li> </ul> | 9-2pm—backyard<br>11am—chapel<br>6-8pm hall<br>8- 1pm hall<br>1-4pm hall          |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prayer Meeting</li> <li>Bible Study for Women</li> <li>Afternoon Games</li> </ul>  | 10—1030am Annex<br>1030—1130am Annex<br>12-3.30pm Chapel                          |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worship Service</li> <li>Childrens Program</li> </ul>  | 10-11am—chapel<br>Followed by cuppa—hall  |

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