



Chelsea Community Church of Christ

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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.

Please note: Pastor Judi is in the office all day Mondays, and half a day on Wednesdays and Fridays only. Pastor Judi does not work Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays. However she will return your call if it is an emergency.

Just a reminder to please make sure



Sunday Services:

November 24th Subject: The Beginning

Readings: Mark 15:37-47 Leah

Helpers: Leah & Ryan

Preacher: Colin

Mark 16:1-7 Ryan

Communion Judy

December 1st Subject:

Readings: Matthew 1:18-25 Bob

Helpers: Bob & Jeanne

Preacher: Judi

Luke 2:17- Jeanne

Communion Noel



THINK GOD

JESUS is
the Reason
for the
Season.

From The Secretaries Desk

It Is Well

Last Sunday pastor Judi and my self sang a duet titled It is well with my soul. We thought it might be an idea to place the story of the song on this weeks newsletter so you may understand more the meaning of the and how it originated.

BACKGROUND

"It Is Well With My Soul" is a hymn penned by hymnist Horatio Spafford and composed by Philip Bliss. First published in *Gospel Songs No. 2* by Ira Sankey and Bliss (1876), it is possibly the most influential and enduring in the Bliss repertoire and is often taken as a choral model, appearing in hymnals of a wide variety of Christian fellowships

This hymn was written after traumatic events in Spafford's life. The first was the death of his son at the age of two and the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, which ruined him financially (he had been a successful lawyer and had invested significantly in property in the area of Chicago that was extensively damaged by the great fire). His business interests were further hit by the economic downturn of 1873, at which time he had planned to travel to Europe with his family on the *SS Ville du Havre*. In a late change of plan, he sent the family ahead while he was delayed on business concerning zoning problems following the Great Chicago Fire. While crossing the Atlantic Ocean, the ship sank rapidly after a collision with a sea vessel, the *Loch Earn*, and all four of Spafford's daughters died. His wife Anna survived and sent him the now famous telegram, "Saved alone ...". Shortly afterwards, as Spafford traveled to meet his grieving wife, he was inspired to write these words as his ship passed near where his daughters had died. Bliss called his tune *Ville du Havre*, from the name of the stricken vessel.

1) When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to know
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

2) Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

Refrain

It is well, (it is well),
With my soul, (with my soul)
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

3) My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain

4) And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be slight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even though it is well with my soul.



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Church Happenings

Church Address Book:

The 2020 easy to up date Church Address Book is now available, Please see Len to obtain your copy.

Church Surveys:

If you have not yet completed a church survey form please make sure that you see Len after this mornings service. The form will assist the Church and its members to determine where we wish to be in the future given the changes happening in the surrounding community.

Isn't God great!

After much discussion and prayer, South East Water have agreed to give us a dispensation on the Grease Trap installation (cost between \$6-10,000) provided the pipe is reasonably clear. If all is good, then they will just do an annual check on our grease waste. **Watch this space!!**

Pantry donations

Following our success with Seniors Month in October, we have now built up a good relationship with Aspendale Seniors. They have committed to donating 3 laundry baskets full of non-perishable pantry items and to undertake this every quarter to assist us.

The Sale of 2 of the Large fans from the Hall

We have sold 2 of the fans to a lady who runs an Animal shelter. Although we didn't recoup what we had outlaid, every little bit counts! We are keeping 2 of the fans as our Karate tenant uses them in the hot weather.

Advent services for the month of December

For each of the 4 Sundays in December we will be lighting a candle and reflect on what the candle represents.

Candle 1 Hope Candle 2– Peace. Candle 3 Joy. Candle 4 Love Pastor Judi will be looking for some volunteers to help with each service. We will also be singing 2 Christmas Carols each Sunday.

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Christmas Services:

Sunday 8th December – Inter Church Christmas Carols at L.F.Payne Hall – 6.30-8.30pm.

Tuesday 24th December – all age service from 6-7pm with refreshments,

Wednesday 25th Christmas Day – choice of us joining with the Chelsea Baptist to celebrate the birth of Jesus or we hold our own service from 9-10am followed by a cuppa. (Please let Pastor Judi know what you would prefer)

Luke 2

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NOTE:

Not all the words are used . See howmany you can find. Every letter in the puzzle is used at least once.

7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. 8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. 10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. 12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. 15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. 16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. 17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. 18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. 19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.