

LIVING OUT THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS.

Behind Every question

We are living in the age where we need to deal with the 'hard questions' posed to the Christian faith. The gospel of Jesus Christ is beautiful and true, yet oftentimes one will ask: **"How can it be true that there is only one way?"**

Odd isn't it that we don't ask the same question of the laws of nature or of any assertion that lays claim to truth? We are discomfited by the fact that truth, by definition, is exclusive.

The question really is—how do we know this is the truth?

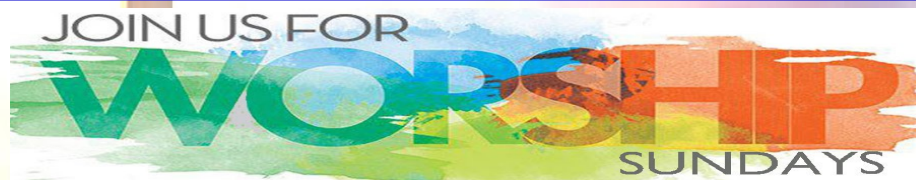
Three tests of truth must be applied:

- ◆ Are the statements always true;
- ◆ Are our observations of this truth adequate and
- ◆ Does this truth work in real life?

The test of the person, teaching and work of Jesus shows us why He was who He claimed to be and why millions follow Him today. A comparison of Jesus' teachings with any other claimant to divine or prophetic status quickly shows the profound difference in their claims and demonstrations. None except Jesus ever claimed to be the Divine Saviour. His offer of grace and forgiveness by being the perfect sacrifice of our sin so that we might become the righteousness of God is profoundly unique.

The verification of what Jesus taught and described and did make belief in Him a very rationally tenable and affirming fulfilling reality. Our faith and trust in Christ are reasonably grounded and our experience of Him is consistent.

I am convinced that Jesus Christ alone uniquely answers the deepest questions of our hearts and minds—what do you think?



Sunday Services

July 28 Preacher Colin

Readings: Hosea 1:2-10 Val Colossians 2:6-15 Leah

Helpers—Val and Leah

Communion: Judi

Aug 4th Preacher Judi.

Readings: Hosea 11:1-11 Di Colossians 3:1-11 Noel

Helpers—Noel and Di

Communion Judi



ALPHA Our small group is moving along well as we discussed the question: **Why did Jesus Die?** This led the group to share the challenges of true forgiveness in our lives. Tomorrow night our question is: **How can I have faith?"**

Donations for Pantry: Please keep those donations rolling in. Although we received a couple of good donations, the funds can only be stretched so far.

Prison Network please place any donations into our offering bowls and mark it **Mission**. The funds will be sent directly to Prison Network. Even 50cents can help.

Community Lunch 28 July Fiona will be joining us for the service and lunch. During the service we will be thanking Fiona for her dedicated commitment during her ministry placement. We will also be laying on hands in prayer for her next step.

Prayer Room. Our prayer tree is in place, along with various shaped and coloured leaves. Please feel free to share a prayer and hang it on the tree. The room is a great place to sit, reflect and pray.

Plans for Homelessness week in August. Judi has met with the local MP Tim Richardson and staff as we once again unite to raise funds and items for our Pantry. One of the ideas is to place a large piece of calico on the wall in the hall and invite anyone to paint or write something relevant for homelessness week. All are welcome to contribute. Let's see if we can get the local newspaper to promote the finished product. .

Do you struggle with paying your energy bill—especially during the colder months?

If you are over 55 you are invited to a program being run by Chelsea Community Support Services (see flyer on notice board). You must reside in 3195, 3196 or 3197 to qualify and have a Health Care or Concession Card,

Tony and Len are collaborating on a quarterly newsletter to be provided to Pay it Forward and other supporters of our Care Works Outreach programs. We eagerly await the first edition.

PRAYER ROOM/LOUNGE

PRAYER MEETING

Friday's at 10am for 1/2 hour. All are welcome.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY:

Friday's 10:30 - 1130am. For the next few weeks we will be exploring "**how to hear God's Word in life.**"



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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 Judi does not work Tuesdays/Thursdays or Saturdays. However will return your call if it is an emergency.