

## **THE COMING BIRTH OF THE INFANT LORD**

### **JESUS CHRIST**

Christmas is just 'around the corner' and, although it's a busy time for presents, preparation and planning we must not forget the real reason of Christmas. It is about celebrating Jesus' birth—because He is "God with us" and has a special identify as both God and human.

The Christmas story took place in a territory dominated by foreign invaders—a Roman emperor and his military commanders. And where was our King born? In a crowded, probably dirty stable. On arriving in Bethlehem Mary and Joseph had to rely on the helping hands of strangers.

And amongst these strangers were the shepherds who were called by God to declare who this child was. And later, when Jesus was around 2 years old, three more strangers arrived bearing gifts—the Wise Men led by God's star.

This is our time of hope and expectation as we look forward to the new, changed lives for those who trust in Jesus, giving Him thanks that He gave Himself up for us by coming into the world as a baby.

**LET'S MAKE SURE WE KEEP 'CHRIST' IN  
CHRISTMAS**

# The Pastor Is In

You can catch me at the Church on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays  
OR phone my mobile on 0423 375 714 to make a suitable time to get together.



## Latest News

**Prayer Points:** Please pray for God's healing presence upon: Jan and Keith, Jean, Lesley, The Rose Family, Helen and Andrew.

### Invitation to our Sunday Family Christmas Service.

Sunday 21st December. Please help to promote this service. We are going to sing great carols, have a good Australian story where the children (and keen adults) can use the hand puppets to assist and then a segment of a good Children's DVD called "Silent Night" about the colt that carried Mary.

**Please come along to support all the churches in the area at the Interchurch Carol Event—14th December at 7pm in LF Payne Hall.**

### PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

**Prayer Group**—Would you be interested in attending a half hour prayer group at the church? I have a couple of interested persons and need to determine a mutually convenient time for this. Please let me know.

**Weekly Single Parents Group** —to be held in the hall Monday afternoon from 1pm—3pm. This will be a combined effort supported by interchurch group. Children will be catered for.

**Restarting our Games Afternoon**—Friday afternoons from 2-4pm in the Hall. Commencement date to be determined.

**Saturday Alternative Service**—I am considering running a service once a month outside in the backyard for anyone interested to share a meal and talk about faith, God or their journeys. This will be open to all, including children and may suit those who are not as comfortable attending our traditional Sunday service.

## Chelsea Church of Christ Services

### CHURCH SERVICES 10 am Sunday

7 December 2014

Speaker: Victor

Reading: Romans 13:8-14

Theme: Love for the Day is Near.



14 December 2014

Speaker: Colin

Reading: John 1:6-8 and 19-28

Theme: John the Baptist

21 December 2014

### SPECIAL ALL AGE CHRISTMAS SERVICE.

All welcome to actively participate, carol singing, story telling with hand puppets and short DVD about the colt who carried Mary.

### CHILDREN'S SERVICES 10 am Sunday

The Unusual Journey that takes us to the Christmas Miracle

7 December 2014

### Decorating the Christmas Tree

The children will help decorate the Christmas Tree and set up our Nativity setting to be placed in the church.

14 December 2014

### Preparing for the Birth of Jesus

Children will create some posters to be placed in the foyer to help people get ready for the birth of Jesus.

21 December 2014

The children will assist in our special All Age Christmas Service as they help to tell the story using Hand Puppets of "Tari's First Christmas"





## Free Breakfast

(In partnership with Chelsea Uniting Church)

Wednesdays: 8.00 a.m.—10.00 a.m.

Come and enjoy a hot breakfast with lots of friendly people  
A restaurant-style experience and a great place to meet people

Small donations are most welcome

## Chat and Chew

Thursdays: 11.00 a.m.—1.00 p.m.

Visitors can meet over a cuppa and snacks in the foyer.

Donations welcome.

## Ladies in the Shed

Every Monday 9.30am — 12.00pm

Cost: \$4.00 per session (\$30 annual membership)

For more information please contact the CareWorks office on  
9773 0301 (9am — 12pm Monday — Thursday)

## Children's Holiday Programs

Various themes offered throughout school holidays. Morning and  
afternoon sessions. Gold coin donation.

Bookings essential as numbers capped at 20.

Topics include: games, art/craft, the environment..

## Copy and Go Printing

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9.00am—2.00pm

Chelsea CareWorks can do your photocopying and printing of  
newsletters, brochures, pamphlets, flyers, posters and business cards.

Contact the office for a quote on 9773 0301

## Blantyre Computer Cafe

Tuesdays and Thursday 1.30pm—3.00pm

A program for people to meet, socialise and share brickwalls and how to  
break through.

Cost: \$5.00 per session (contact office to book in)

Enquiries: 9773 0301 or visit [www.chelseacareworks.org.au](http://www.chelseacareworks.org.au)

## REGULAR WHAT'S ON

<b>MONDAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ladies Day</li> </ul>	Ladies in the Shed; 9.30—12.30
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CS Mornington in the Mens Shed</li> <li>Music for Mommies</li> </ul>	Men's Shed 9-12noon 9-12noon
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Breakfast</li> <li>Men's Shed</li> </ul>	8-10am 9– 2pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Men's Shed</li> <li>AA in the Chapel</li> </ul>	9-2pm 11am
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bible Study for Women</li> <li>Connecting Skills Aust</li> </ul>	10-11am (Annexe) Men's Shed 9-12noon
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worship Service and Sunday School</li> </ul>	10-11am followed by cuppa

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