

A SMALL CHURCH WITH A BIG HEART

CHELSEA NEWSLETTER

4th Mar 2018



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

Hebrews 11:2 says "through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation."

Our evening services are exploring the issues of hope and faith. We read that

'faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.'

We too can be people who are strong in faith. Don't think that God will not or cannot use you. Recall Abraham, who lied to save his own neck yet was known as 'the friend of God.'

What about Noah? He believed God, built the ark, saved his family and when he left the ark he got drunk.

And would we welcome Rahab the harlot – could she ever sing in our church?

And how about asking King David to preach – he was a womanizer, committed murder which led to a national scandal?

Whatever wrong we have committed, God is merciful and just and offers us total absolution through the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ. All God asks if for us to bow in obedience to Him, trust in His Son, allow the power of the Holy Spirit to dwell in us.

Yes, we all will continue to fail and let God down – but as our Father, He truly loves us and will always forgive.

*Pastor Judi would love to explore any aspects of your faith with you.
Just give her a call.*

Farewell to Eddie – Leah's Dad. Leah and her family said a sad farewell to their Dad on Wednesday. Please continue to provide support and prayers for Leah as she undertakes this journey.

Welcome to Amber Ward our new Student Placement. Amber, who is studying a Masters of Divinity at Stirling Theological College has joined our church for this year. Under her placement, she will explore various aspects of ministry, focusing on Children and Families. Please welcome her and her family to our community.

Discontinuation of showers and laundry. After discussions and prayer, it has been decided to discontinue offering these services from the end of March 2018. This is due to lack of numbers taking advantage of the free services as well as a refocusing on what it is that God wants us to do at Chelsea, thus a new vision will emerge.

Possibility of partnering with the Australian Filipino Community Services. Pastor Judi attended a 2 day training on Mental Health First Aid (Fiona has already completed this). During the time Judi chatted to two Filipino workers who were keen to partner with our Church in offering cooking classes for the Filipino and Hispanic community around the Chelsea area. They already have a qualified chef and active volunteer, so discussions will continue. If it goes ahead, anyone would be welcome to attend.

Prayers for Fiona. Fiona's car was stolen and damaged when she was at College on Tuesday evening. Anyone who may be able to assist with transport etc please chat to Fiona.

Care Works Outreach Programs. Pastor Judi is in the process of sending off Grants to assist with the continuation of our Community Breakfast and Pantry. Please keep your prayers going that we are successful.

Your Pantry Please keep those donations coming in. If everyone brings 2 things each week that will greatly assist. Coffee, milk, sugar are all useful too.

Chelsea Community Church of Christ Services

CHURCH SERVICES 10 am Sunday

Sermon Series for the Month of March

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

MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fit Mums Ladies in the shed Music with Mummies 	8-9.00 Hall 9.30-12.30pm 9.30-10.30 chapel
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CS Mornington in the Mens Shed Music for Mommies 	Men's Shed 9-12 noon 9-12noon chapel
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Breakfast Men's Shed 	8-10am—hall 9-2pm—backyard
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Shed AA in the Chapel 	9-2pm—backyard 11am—chapel
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prayer Meeting Bible Study for Women CS Aust Afternoon Games 	10—1030am Annex 1030—1130am Annex Men's Shed 9-12noon 12-330pm Chapel
SATURDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ladies in the shed 	10-1pm
SUNDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship Service Childrens Program 	10-11am—chapel Followed by cuppa—hall

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