

A COMMUNITY CHURCH WITH A *BIG* HEART

June 9th 2019

A quote to Ponder Gratitude bestows reverence, allowing us to encounter everyday epiphanies, those transcendent moments of awe that change forever how we experience life and the world.

I have been reading a book titled: "A dare to live fully right where you are—One Thousand gifts." by Ann Voskamp.

It is quite powerful reading. For the author experienced a tragic loss and was struggling to see where God was in all of her pain. The author gently teaches how to biblically lament loss, turning pain into poetry; intentionally embrace a lifestyle of radical gratitude and slow down and catch God in the moment.

The challenge is to start to record the gifts and items of gratitude that you experience every day until you have recorded 1000. Now this may seem difficult, however just this morning I went for my usual walk. I was grateful for the sun starting to shine; for the many dogs that were playing; for a boy and girl riding their bikes while their dad jogged beside them; for my ability to be able to walk and talk and think and laugh.

You see, we often focus more on the things we are not happy with and completely overlook God's wonderful world that He has created for us. From the garden in the beginning, God has had a different purpose for each one of us. His intent, since He bent low and breathed His life into the dust of our lungs, since He kissed us into being, has never been to orchestrate our ruin. In 1 Corinthians 2:7 we read: "His secret purpose framed from the beginning is to bring us to our full glory."

God means to rename us—to return us to our true names, our true selves. He means to heal our soul holes. He means to fill us with glory again—with glory and grace.

I have prepared a small booklet to start us all to record things we are grateful for. I encourage you to consistently undertake this task as it will change how you live.



Chelsea Community
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Scripture to Ponder ..Acts 2:1-2 On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

Please pray for:

Ryan who fractured part of his right fibula and is awaiting further investigation to see if he requires surgery to repair.

Fiona who was rushed to Frankston Hospital early Friday morning and is undergoing tests to determine if it is her appendix or something else. Alas Fiona's 50th birthday party has had to be put on hold until she recovers.

Sarah as she attends her first State Youth Games—pray she will be kept safe and warm.

Give thanks with a grateful heart to God for all His wonderful blessings on our church and outreach.

A challenge—pick just one person from our congregation to pray for this week. You do not need to know their situation—just pray they will receive blessings and feel the power and the presence of the Holy Spirit. As we continue this each week I am sure wonderful blessings will happen.
Spirit.

PRAYER ROOM/LOUNGE

PRAYER MEETING

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

LADIES BIBLE STUDY -

Friday's 10:30 - 1130am followed by a cuppa in one of the local cafes when time permits.

Don't forget ladies you can join bible study at any time and all is confidential.



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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.

Fiona is also available at times to offer support through the week but also Tuesdays and Thursdays on Judi's day off. Best contact 0467 043 441.

Alpha Course commencing:

Judi and Fiona will be conducting an Alpha course which runs for 12 weeks. This will be held every Monday evening from 5.30 to 7.30/ with one full Saturday which covers 4 short lessons starting at 10am, break for lunch and finishes at 2pm.

We will commence our first session with provision of a light meal for all and hope this becomes something participants are keen to continue as the course progresses. However, if you wish to come after your dinner, please arrive at 6.30pm.

It would be helpful to let Fiona know if you are attending—this will assist with catering and materials provided. We already have 4 starters for this which is great.

Wow when you really set your heart to pray—God responds in the most amazing ways.

This past week we have commenced two new partnerships—one with the Chelsea Kingston Library and one with a family run Aged Care business with their Parkdale site.

We have been successful in receiving two small grants—one to assist with the Pantry of \$1000 and one to purchase necessary items and rebuild the table in the kitchen to create drawers for storage underneath for \$2000.

Pastor Judi will be meeting with a City of Kingston Rep to discuss ways the Council can best assist our Community Outreach with resources or perhaps more funding.

Mission Envelopes:

A great suggestion was raised by one of our members which we are going to introduce. Each member will be provided with sufficient envelopes for 3 months to assist with their tithing.

As well we will provide a 1 months supply of envelopes marked “Mission.” Each month we will be collecting for a specific Mission Program such as our Pantry, Breakfast, Maintenance or other identified need.

It does not matter if you put in 50¢ or \$1 as anything will provide extra \$\$\$ that we need.

Assistance from the community:

I think it is important for you to know that many of the people we serve throughout the week, such as breakfast and pantry have been stepping up and eager to lend a hand where they can. Two of our participants are going to repair the back fence after it blew down in the strong winds. Trevor completed painting and is keen to assist again where he can.



Invite for Pastor Judi to speak for “just 3 minutes!”

Judi has been selected to be one of 10 participants to present a charity/ program at a Fund raising dinner facilitated by the Bendigo Bank Aspendale Gardens. The audience will consist of a number of organizations/businesses and people who are willing to provide some funding to a worthy cause. Judi will be targeting our Pantry for this talk.

Our visit to Beryl—4 of us popped down to Korumburra to hold a prayer meeting/bible study with Beryl and a few of the ladies she now has contact with. It was a great time and we were introduced to an organization called “House of Hope” which raises funds with 100% going to 43 orphans in Uganda. Beryl has asked if anyone has items they could contribute for their new shop to sell either on commission or as a donation. Please see Judi if you wish to know more. You can also do a one-off donation or a regular monthly amount.

You are all invited to:

Chelsea Baptist Church 67 Bondi Road, Bonbeach at 3pm today (9th June) for our Interchurch Pentecostal service. Judi will be presenting a short talk and Fay (our Polish Messianic Jewish lady) will be reading part of Psalm 145 in her native tongue. We also will hear from others who will speak in their mother tongue too while the English will be on the overhead for us to follow. If attending you are asked to please bring a plate of snacks to share.



Sunday Services for month of June:

June 9th	Preacher:	Judi
	Reading:	Acts 2:1-21 & John 14:8-17
June 16th	Preacher:	Fiona
	Reading:	Psalm 8 & John 16:2-15
June 23rd	Preacher:	Colin
	Reading:	Psalm 42& 43 & Luke 8:26-39

Sunday Lunch June 23rd 11.45am - all are welcome to attend.