

11th February 2024



Chelsea Community  
Church of Christ and  
Careworks Inc.

3-5 Blantyre Ave  
Chelsea. 3196.

## **GOD—OUR ANCHOR OF HOPE**

**It is up to all of us to TITHE REGULARLY, so we can continue sharing God's love to all.**

**Are you someone who feels offended if we talk about money?**

Tithing did not only apply in the Old Testament as the New Testament teaches giving an even greater generosity than the giving of a tenth of your income.

Budgeting makes generosity a planned priority.

**You may say—I cannot afford to give any more. Jesus tells us that you cannot afford not to!**

Nancy was a single mother with young children. Her ex-husband sent her only a small amount of grocery money every week—so small it couldn't even feed her family of 4. But Nancy decided to begin giving to God from her little bit of grocery money and trust Him to provide. Shortly after, she got a job with a cookbook company, who paid her to go grocery shopping and prepare and photograph meals for their cookbooks. Nancy could keep the food she had purchased and prepared. Isn't that an amazing story of God's goodness? Nancy learned that even if you're poor, you still need to learn to give from whatever you have.

**Faithful giving is faith-filled giving that trusts God to provide as we first sow and because God says that is what He desires.**

Discipleship obedience is a well-placed Bible-based faith challenge. God gives seed to the Sower, but not to the non-Sower.

*2 Corinthians 9 says that a stingy planter gets a stingy crop but a lavish planter gets a lavish crop. Generous giving results in God increasing your blessings in astonishing ways—receiving blessings you would never had considered and wealthy in God's love and graciousness.*

**God's love is like a river, always flowing, always giving and never ending**

**Mondays and**

**Wednesdays: Pastoral**  
care by appointment with  
Pastor Judi.

**Mondays: Café Revive**  
informal and relaxed  
morning tea for all.  
10–12noon. (see flyer)

**Wednesdays:**

**Food pantry for those in  
crisis only.** 8am to  
10.30am;

**Big Breakfast** 7am to  
10am

**Orange Sky Laundry**  
7am to 8.30am.

**Fridays:**

**Women's Bible Study**  
10:30–11:45am, (see  
flyer)

**Sundays:**

**Worship service**  
10–11.15am followed by  
a cuppa and chat.

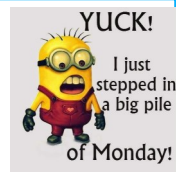
**Prayer Points:** Prayers are  
needed for the ongoing  
conflicts in our world.  
Greed seems to be the  
root cause, jealousy for  
pieces of land leading to  
thousands of innocent  
people murdered.  
Revelation warns us that  
these things will happen  
leading to the time of  
Christ's  
return.

**PRAY IN  
FAITH**



**CAFÉ REVIVE**

6 people enjoyed our first Café Revive  
We ask if you could take some time out every  
Monday morning to support this new program  
and to welcome those who are lonely and need company  
and a good laugh.



**OUR CHURCH WAS MENTIONED IN  
PARLIAMENT BY MARK DREYFUS ON 6th  
February 2024.**

What a buzz to have the Attorney General and Federal  
Member to share the energetic and passionate work  
undertaken by our Church and volunteers who manage  
our outreach programs.

**Grant funding received \$1800 from Kingston Council.**

We needed to replace the older Commercial fridge in the  
kitchen recently. Judi applied for urgent funding and we  
have been successful. We are now on the look out for  
another 2nd hand commercial fridge that is more energy  
efficient.

**Grant application underway for our 3 year Partnership  
Grant to keep our breakfast operating.**

Many changes have occurred to the application process  
due to Kingston amending their grant funding. We have  
Support letters from 4 partners: Uniting by the Bay;  
Chelsea Men's Shed; Community Care; Chelsea  
Community Support Service, as well as a Letter of  
recommendation from Tim Richardson MP.

As costs have increased we are seeking \$12000 per year.

**Sermon Series: Dinner with Jesus.**

18th February—Bad company. Luke 5:27–32

25th February—The Unexpected Guest. Luke 7:36–47

3rd March—The Guest List. Luke 14:1–24

10th March—What is better. Luke 10:38–41

**17TH MARCH—100 YEAR CELEBRATION. Wow.**