

Chelsea Community Church of Christ

HOPE IS FOUND IN GOD

12th DECEMBER 2021

QUESTIONS. (adapted from Dr. David Jeremiah)

Has anyone told you that you ask too many questions? Did you know that in the Gospels Jesus asked 307 questions—more questions than answers.

Jesus asked questions that made His listeners think. It made them investigate the truth and search their own hearts. It caused them to seek the right answers and follow His logic as it related to their lives.

So why do you worry about clothing? (Matt 6:28)

Why does this generation seek a sign? (Mark 8:12)

Where is your faith? (Luke 8:25) and

Do you know what I have done for you? (John 13:12)

We should ask questions about the Bible, prayer, our relationship with God, the Church, eternity and Spiritual growth.

Questions lead us into a relationship with God. This is what happened when Nicodemus came to Jesus at night with his question—how can a man be born when he is old?

Questions leads to a better understanding of Scripture. Three questions that are useful here are:

What does it say?

What does it mean?

What does it mean for me?

Questions lead to a stronger Christian Walk. When you are facing a problem or burden a good question to ask is:

Where in the Bible is the promise God wants to give me for this trial?

Questions lead to a deeper Spiritual Perspective and Peace. The book of Job reveals that every chapter, except 2, contain questions both from Job and also from the Lord.

Questioning, doubting, wondering and searching, although frustrating at times, can lead us to a stronger faith.



HAPPENINGS:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Sunday 19th December from 11.30 to 12.30pm.

All members to attend, if possible.

No elections are required to be held this year due to the term of service agreed to for current Board Members. All members will receive Annual Reports to read before the meeting which enables you to raise any questions/concerns you may have. We are hopeful to have our Incorporation Constitution available also on the day. If you are not a member, but are interested in the process, you are also welcome to attend, however you are unable to vote on any action.

Trivia day:

26 people enjoyed our Trivia day on Friday 26th November and we raised \$180 which has been applied to replacing our worn out urns. We sincerely thank Ray for his hard work and preparation, Richard for emcee, Kevin for technology and Ryan for recording the scores. A grateful thankyou to Tony and Lyn Lynne for a delicious lunch.

Pantry donations:

We have been blessed with food and money donations from Uniting by the Bay Parish as well as a stack of goodies from an attendee of Pay It Forward. Di and Rev. Judi will also be picking up further donations from the Masonic Hall in North Road as well as Parkdale Aged Care where Jeannie Bryan is currently residing.

WORSHIP SERVICES FOR ADVENT

12th Dec Repentance and Baptism in the name of Jesus.

12th Dec Evening Christmas Carols Event 6.30pm to 8.15pm with light supper provided. Come along to enjoy the District and Interchurch Carols Event and sing your favourite carols. Bookings required.

19th Dec Mary's Boy Child Promised Ruler of Bethlehem.

Friday Christmas Eve Service 24th Dec

All invited for this special Family service with light supper provided.

Time: 6-7.30pm.

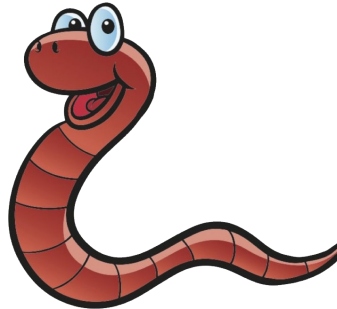
Christmas Day Service 25th Dec Celebrating the Royal Birth. 9-9.30am.

26th Dec Chosen Home

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Environmental Stewardship:

We now have a small compost bin in the backyard. This will be used to take food scraps, egg shells etc and we hope to entice some worms to wriggle their way in.



Five Leaf Eco-Awards:

Our Church is well on the way to receiving a “**Five Leaf Eco-Award**: which is awarded to Churches who have taken up their stewardship role relating to the environment.

During January Rev. Judi will be hosting a special Service to enable all of us to be more environmentally conscious.

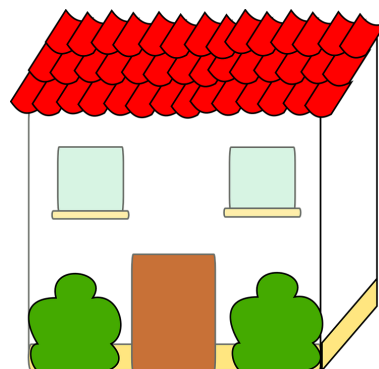
We have already removed 4 strip heaters from the foyer due to their heavy use of electricity. These will be replaced with a safe and less costly one. The fridge and freezer in the Pantry area have been replaced with a 4.5 star rated fridge with bottom freezer.

We are also investigating replacing the commercial fridge in the kitchen to a 5 star, more energy efficient one, if funds are available.

Building Fund:

Our second step in the process of upgrading Hope Cottage is the purchase of 3 new windows. Our deposit has been paid and we are now awaiting the completed windows before our next step of installing them and replacing a number of the weather boards as well.

Any funds you may be able to contribute will assist us in progressing these works.



Safe Church Legislative Requirements:

Rev. Judi attended a Refresher Workshop (as part of her Accreditation requirements) and advises the following:

1. All adults over the age of 18 are considered “Ethical Reporters” which means are required to report any incidents of breaches of our Safe Church Code of Conduct—any physical/emotional/sexual and spiritual abuse not only to children, but all vulnerable persons, including older people.
2. All those deemed to hold a Leadership Ministry role—which includes Board members, Volunteers assisting in the Big Breakfast, Community Garden and Facilities—MUST hold a current Working with Children’s Permit plus an up to date National Police Check.
3. New Code of Conduct Policy and Procedure has been developed for all the above volunteers to complete, sign and adhere to.

Kay, our Secretary, is progressively working on this requirement which needs to be fully implemented by mid 2022.

If you wish to volunteer in any capacity or you know someone who is interested, they first must be interviewed by Rev. Judi. If they are considered suitable, then the above process must be completed before any probationary commencement of a role.

We currently have 2 interested persons keen to assist Di in the Pantry.

Incorporation procedures:

Churches of Christ Vic/Tas has encouraged all Churches to consider becoming incorporated as this protects the Board and congregation members from any liability.

Rev. Judi and Kay have met with a Barrister/Lawyer who is helping us in developing our Incorporation Constitution. Once this has been completed we can commence the registration process.

All members will be fully informed before we register.

Xero Financials:

Due to the above, we are also upgrading our financial recording to a Webpage package. Board Chair, Margaret is already using one component of this package. Treasurer Leah and Secretary Kay will work with Margaret to enable them to be fully able to implement this new process, to commence in January 2022.