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Chelsea Community
Church of Christ and
Careworks Inc.

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“OUR ANCHOR OF HOPE—GOD”

TITHE WITH JOY

When you have entered the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name.

Most Christians aren't very excited about it, they we all should be. Scriptural tithing stirs up faith; it activates the power of God in our lives when we do it in gratitude and joy, expecting our needs to be met abundantly. God told the Israelites exactly what to do after he brought them out of the bondage of Egypt.

You may ask—what does this have to do with me?

Because God has done the same thing for us? He has brought us out of a life of bondage and poverty into a life that flows with the abundance of God.

When you bring your tithe (offering) to the Lord, follow the example set by the Israelites. Make it a time of rejoicing. Make it a time of realizing anew the wonderful things Jesus Christ has done for you. Thank Him for delivering you from a land of darkness and scarcity and bringing you into His promised land of plenty. Thank Him that it is a land of mercy, a land of joy, a land of peace and a land of prosperity.

Tithe in faith, expecting the rich blessings of that land to be multiplied to you. You may soon find it to be one of the most exciting things you can do.



Rev Judi was a nominee for Kingston's Woman of the Year Awards. Although she did not win in her section, she was humbled to have been selected with 37 other hard working women.



Community Garden Katrina is lovingly tending to our growing garden of vegetables and herbs. She is also growing plants in our hot house, and when ready, will sell them in small pots as a fund raising exercise. Please help support this venture.

Poor front garden Our front garden is in desperate need for a good clean up—weeding and dead plants removed so we can refresh the area with native plants that cope with our seaside environment. If you have a few hours to spare, please speak to Judi and together we can undertake some important work.

World Day of Prayer We enjoyed a wonderful service attended by members from Uniting by the Bay; St Josephs, St Chads and our church. This was a great time to learn more about the challenges happening in Taiwan. Beth led us in song by playing the violin. A chatty and energetic afternoon tea closed off the meeting.

Worship services Beth has offered to play her violin as she leads us in song on a Sunday. Please make her feel welcome as this is new for us at Chelsea. It will be great to have a real instrument played instead of recorded music.

Board meeting today The new board will be meeting for a longer time after church as we discuss the future direction of the church. If you have any comments and suggestions from the “wheel activity” attached to the AGM handout, please provide these to Kay. We encourage you to share your feedback and ideas as this is your church.

Help our Pantry

A big thankyou to those who continue to bring items for our free food pantry. If you are able to assist, all it takes is purchasing 1 or 2 extra items from the supermarket. If everyone did this we can continue to operate this outreach service as our funds are challenged with the price increase. We are assisting more people each week and from different situations—even those who are working but struggling to keep a roof over their head so they choose not to eat.

Prayer Points: Please pray for Christians around the world who are suffering persecution and are unable to worship together in safety.

Lent Sermons coming up.

March 12th—Serve

March 19th—Respond

March 26th—Community

Mondays: Pastoral care/prayer support by appointment with Pastor Judi

Wednesdays: Food Pantry 7am to 11.30am;

Big Breakfast 7am to 10am and

Orange Sky Laundry 7am to 8.30am.

Fridays: Prayer meeting 9.30-10:30am

Women's Bible Study 10:30-11:45am.

Sundays: **Worship service 10am** followed by a cuppa and a chat.