

A SMALL CHURCH WITH A BIG HEART

CHELSEA NEWSLETTER

13 March 2016



Eleventh Hour Grace

Matthew 20:14 *"I wish to give to this last man the same as to you "*

Jesus told the story of a farmer who hired day labourers: some at 6am, some at 9am, some at 12 noon, some at 3pm and some at 5pm, one hour before quitting time. Amazingly, he paid them all the same wage. When the complaints started flying, the farmer said, 'I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. '

You say, 'Nobody pays a day 's wage to one-hour workers. ' God does. Deathbed converts and lifelong saints enter Heaven by the same gate. They don 't enjoy the same reward, but they 're saved by the same grace. A last minute confessor receives the same grace as a lifetime servant. It doesn 't seem fair. The thief of the cross proves that when you request grace with your dying breath, God answers your prayer.

The Prodigal Son wasted his possessions (*Luke 15:13*) The Greek word for 'wasted ' pictures a farmer throwing handfuls of seed into the ground. Imagine the Prodigal Son spurning his father 's kindness, going out and ' throwing it all away. '

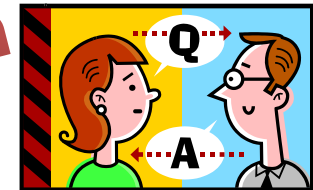
But he returned. And when he did, his father saw him and had compassion and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. (*Luke 15:20*)

The Father was saving the son 's place. And He 's saving yours too.

Eleventh hour grace means that, if you 're able to read these words and respond, it 's not too late.

The Pastor Is In

You can catch me at the Church
Mondays to Wednesdays and also
Fridays from 9.00 to 1pm.
OR phone my mobile on 0423 375 714



Latest News

Prayer Points: Please pray for God's healing presence upon: Lisa, Chrissy and Syd and Lesley. If anyone wants to join the Prayer chain please let Judi know.

Good Friday service this year - A friendly reminder that Friday 25th is Good Friday. A short service will be held at the church from 9.00am. All usual activities are cancelled for the day. Then at 10.30am join us at Beeson Reserve Edithvale.

Expressions of Interest - for Board positions of either Secretary or Treasurer. Persons must be a baptized member of the church and attended for minimum of 12 months.

Editorials - Second Editorial piece over the coming months will include snippets from our Church History. Information and or photos are welcomed.



Your Pantry is looking at expanding its services. We are currently looking at providing Cooking Classes for a range of different clients. Teaching those who are struggling on a strict budget, Centrelink recipients, community breakfast clients and referrals from other local agencies. Long term goal would be to achieve endorsement from Centrelink as they are changing their benefit requirements and its getting tougher for the disadvantaged. Expressions of interest will be sort soon and program will commence towards the end of March.



Member requested:

Hope and Healing after abortion.

Open Doors Counselling will run their next Rachel 's Vineyard retreat weekend on April 15 - 17, 2016.

Rachel's Vineyard retreats have brought hope and healing to thousands of women and men struggling with grief and guilt after an abortion.

If you or anyone you know might be interested in attending please contact Open Doors on 9870 7044 or anne@opendoors.com.au, asap as places are filling and we only take small numbers. Numbers will need to be finalized by April 5th, 2016. You can find out more and view a video about the retreat at <http://opendoors.com.au/counselling/experiences-of-loss/rachels-vineyard-retreat-a-spiritual-healing-journey-after-abortion/>

Chelsea Community Church of Christ History



Our Founder, Mary Louisa Hammond (1864-1938)
In late 1920, Mary started the ball rolling in building our first Church. By the end of 1924 it was completed and an official opening was held.

She continued on in service until 1938 when she passed at age 75. Her leadership quality was highly regarded by all. This photograph was received by the Church Board of Management in October of 1938.

Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Chelsea Community Church of Christ History

My account :

I remember putting on my Sunday best and being driven to Church by my grandfather, Wal Sullivan with my grandmother, Edna Sullivan. My grandmother was an amazing woman, highly respected, admired and well presented. I remember performing on occasions with Sunday school, which was not only held out in the bungalow but also in church quarters. I would help with communion and hand out the hymn books, I loved being apart of the church family. Unfortunately I don't remember much but what I do I will always remember the feeling of being part of something truly amazing. The feeling of family, the feeling of spirit and knowing there was always someone there I can talk with. Being apart of a church family also has a feeling of community, being able to assist others is such a rush, the love passed around is Gods love and always will be.

Chelsea Community Church of Christ Services

CHURCH SERVICES 10 am Sunday

13 March 2016

Speaker: Colin

Reading: John 12:1-8

20 March 2016

Speaker: Judi

Reading: Luke 19:28-40



25 March 2016

Speaker: Judi

Easter Friday Service

27 March 2016

Speaker: Judi

Reading: Luke 24:1-12

CHILDREN'S SERVICES 10 am Sunday

13 March 2016

John the Baptist—a bit of an oddball who lived out in the desert. How was he related to Jesus?



20 March 2016

Kids in Church - Palm Sunday

27 March 2016

Kids in Church - Easter Sunday

WHAT'S ON

MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ladies in the shed Music with Mummies 	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"> Bible Study for Women CS Aust Afternoon Games 	11-12am Annexe Men's Shed 9-12noon Chapel 12.30-3.30pm
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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