

January 15th 2023



Chelsea Community  
Church of Christ and  
Careworks Inc.

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## “OUR ANCHOR OF HOPE—GOD”

### PULLING UP DAISIES

On Thursday I went outside to pull up all the daisies growing in my lawn. Not an easy job—you think you have it all but then you spy another little bit, and if you don't get it out—it will start to grow.

***2 Timothy 2:3 says: “You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.”***

I wonder if you continue to struggle with an issue—a hardship—that you think you have “pulled out and thrown away”, yet it keeps tripping you up. You can't seem to get that last little bit and before too long, it pops up again.

It could be anything—a lie that you keep telling; a person you keep judging; a habit that hangs on; an excuse for why you don't spend time in prayer and reflection with God. Whatever it is—we are told to endure.

***David wrote in Psalm 61:1-2 “Hear my cry, O God; attend to my prayer. From the end of the earth I will cry to You. When my heart is overwhelmed; lead me to the rock that is higher than I.”***

We are never alone in our struggles for our hope comes from the Lord. When we are facing trials and challenges; when we want peace amid the chaos—turn to God.

***John writes in 1 John 5:14-15 “Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.”***

As a community of believers, we are called upon to walk alongside others in their struggles and we can be confident that others will walk beside us also.

So if you feel like you are forever “pulling up the daisies in your life” why not find someone you have trust in, and share it. A problem shared—is a problem halved. If you wish prayer and pastoral counselling give Pastor Judi a call on 0423 375 714.

**Works completed on our Annex Roof.** Our plumber, Gordon and his son Doug completed works on the replacement of corrugated iron roof. As funds were not available, there are still further works to be completed. If you would like to contribute to our Building fund to help, please speak to Kay.

**Community Garden.** As we continue to experience difficulty with finding 1 or 2 dedicated veggie/herb volunteers, we are considering turning our backyard garden space into an Indigenous garden. Planting native grasses, small shrubs, climbers—perhaps a few rocks and logs in spots to attract lizards etc. We can source cheap native plants from Carrum Nursery. Please let us know what you think.

**Espresso Yourself.** Wow—10 people attended our first informal cuppa and chat session at Alice Rebels Café. From responses, it was very successful with much chatter, laughter and noise. Our next get together is Thursday 26th Jan, which is Australia Day. Please let Kay know if this would still suit.



**Breakfast and Pantry** people are still benefitting from these free services, with a number of new guests finding their way to us for food and support. Breakfast is open to anyone, so why not pop along, as a church member to see what happens. There is always the need for good listeners to be on hand.

#### **MEN'S CIRCLE PROGRAM**

**Open to men of ALL ages and ALL walks of life.**

**A safe and private space—no expectations, no judgement, no cost . A great place to chat, have a cuppa and make friends., Bookings required. Phone Anthony 0466 673 706**



**A DREAM** written down with a date becomes a **GOAL**.

**A GOAL** broken down into steps becomes a **PLAN**.

**A PLAN** backed by action becomes **REALITY**.

**I HOPE ALL YOUR DREAMS BECOME A REALITY.**

#### **Sermons for January**

**1st Jan** The Holy Name of Jesus

**8th Jan** The Baptism of the Lord

**15th Jan** Aboriginal Sunday service

**22nd Jan** The Ministry of God begins

**29th Jan** The Lamb of God

**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.