

A COMMUNITY CHURCH WITH A BIG HEART

CHELSEA NEWSLETTER

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WHAT IS A SMALL CHURCH?

Over the past month or so I have heard comments suggesting that we are JUST a small Church with FEW members so how can we be influential in the Community?

And yes, we may have a low number of members attending on a Sunday but look what Jesus accomplished with just 12 men who had never been in ministry before.

A small church is not limited by its resources—it's set free.

A small church is nimble and quick. With less red-tape and fewer processes, small churches can accomplish things that no megachurch is able to try.

When we adjust the perspective, we can see that small churches have everything to gain.

Our church has successfully conducted a range of long-term Outreach programs but we should not become prideful as other churches also are reaching out in the community.

Yet we shouldn't become complacent and rest on our laurels. We must continue to follow the command of Jesus to share the Gospel and reach out to others.

This year we have implemented a new 'after service' community lunch and it is my wish that we expand our invites to our own family and friends as well as persons we serve on a Wednesday.

During Spring it is my hope that we can hold a 'good old-fashioned' Church picnic at nearby Braeside Park.

We need to ensure we are both visible and active within the surrounding Community as we witness for Christ.

Our Ministry Team ...



The Pastor Is In: Pastor Judi is just a phone call away should you need someone to talk to, whether it be your faith direction; personal issues or just to have a cuppa with. She is usually at the Church Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays so you can make a time to see her in her room or she can visit you.

Latest News

FIONA IS 'OUR RADIO STAR'

On Monday 9th Fiona was invited to speak on the morning show of Southern Community Radio. Fiona spoke of the work that the church is doing, focusing mainly on our Mission and Outreach programs.

She was such a hit that she has been invited to do this on a monthly basis. This is very exciting for all of us.

HOMELESSNESS MONTH—August.

Fiona and Judi met with Local MP Tim Richardson as once again we will work together to raise funds and donations to keep our pantry going. Tim is ramping it up this year and already has a number of local schools on board. Judi and Tim will jointly visit a few of the schools during the first week of August.

Pastor Judi is taking 2 weeks leave. Judi will be away from 16th to 27th July warming her bones in Darwin.

Monthly 'after service' lunch. Sunday 29th is our next lunch. Please let Fiona know if you are able to help with the catering. Please extend an invitation to your family/friends.

MISSION/OUTREACH PROGRAMS

YOUR PANTRY

Mondays 9-12.30pm and **Wednesdays** 7.00 to 1pm

This service provides free non-perishable foods and toiletries to anyone who may be struggling or just short of funds in between pensions.

Each guest is provided with a 10 minute slot to provide opportunities to talk over their situations should they desire to and/or to be referred to other community support agencies.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Wednesdays 7.30—10am

This service provides a 3 course hot breakfast to anyone who is finding it tough. A healthy breakfast can be enjoyed amongst others with the hope that new friends may be found.

FREE WASH AND DRY LAUNDRY

Wednesdays 7-9am

Orange Sky Laundry provide this free service to anyone, whether homeless or not. It is always great to have clean and dry clothes.

LOUNGE (just outside the Chapel)

Time for Prayer prior to each Sunday morning service from 9.30-9.50am. All are welcome.

FRIDAYS

10-10:30am Prayer meeting in the Lounge—all welcome.

10.30-11.30am Women's Bible Study in the Lounge.

Any guest accessing either of the above can make a time for Pastoral Care/support with Pastor Judi

Chelsea Community Church of Christ Services

CHURCH SERVICES 10 am Sunday

July 15th P: Rev Judi

S: 2 Sam 6:1-5 & 12-19 (Noel) & Eph 1:3-14 (Terry)

July 22nd P: Fiona

S: 2 Sam 7:1-14 (Bob) & Eph 2:11-12 (Val)

July 29th P: Rev Judi

S: 2 Sam 11:1-15 (Jan) & Eph 3:14-21 (Ethel)

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ROMANS 12:12

Rejoice in hope, be patient in affliction, be persistent in prayer.