

A COMMUNITY CHURCH WITH A BIG HEART

CHELSEA NEWSLETTER

21 Oct 18



Tithing! One subject that is sure to create debate.

Did you know that the Bible does not teach that tithing is the recommended or the required basis of giving for New Testament believers?

Tithing in the Old Testament was NEVER of money and the New Testament never teaches that, as believers, we should tithe.

The first mention of tithing is contained in Genesis 14:11-24 between Abram and his nephew Lot. Abram gave a tithe willingly and freely.

We read that the sons of Levi would receive tithes from the people according to the law, that is, from their brethren.

Tithing consisted of the produce of the land not money earned by people. It was God's commandment under the law that the Levites/Priests would get their share of food and that poor of the nation of Israel would also be fed.

So you may say, okay I won't tithe.

Except we are not under the law, we are under a New Covenant. Tithing is not part of the Apostolic Doctrine, however, we are commanded and taught instead to give with a generous heart, motivated by love and as led by the Spirit.

As a small church we continue to struggle to maintain ministerial wages; upkeep of the church and payment for utilities. Our offerings and income do not meet our outgoings.

This message is to encourage each and everyone to go to the Lord in prayer with this issue; to open up to the power of the Holy Spirit and be guided by the response you receive.

Your contributions are between you and God and we pray that you will continue to give willingly and freely to keep our church operating.

Our Ministry Team ...



The Pastor Is In: Pastor Judi provides pastoral care to all who attend the church and overall site throughout the week. She is able to meet on or off site, depending on your preferences. Best contact 0423 375 714
Fiona is also available at times to offer support. Best contact 9773 0301

Latest News

Community Lunch: All are invited to share together after church on **Sunday 28th October** at 11.30am for our regular lunch. Thoughts for menu are: variety of pizzas from our local pizza shop or chicken and chips if we have enough willing chefs—cook up a casserole or two. Please let Pastor Judi know your preferences and/or if you can assist.

November 11th Remembrance day: we invite all who are attending to bring along any mementos you may have of someone in your life who assisted in the war in whatever capacity. We will have a small display available to showcase your images and items. We will also supply poppies and rosemary as fitting for the occasion.

Community supporting one another: you will be aware that a number of people in our congregation are struggling with various issues. Pastor Judi encourages all to support one another by calling or visiting where you can. This is our love in action as a family of God.

Fiona to continue as a student in 2019: The Board have agreed for Fiona to continue her ministry training for another year at Chelsea. Please continue to support and encourage her in this journey.

Your Pantry: please keep those supplies coming in as they disappear out the door 'quick and fast'. The need in the community continues to grow.

MISSION/OUTREACH PROGRAMS

YOUR PANTRY

Wednesdays 7.00 to 12noon

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 7.00—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.

ORANGE SKY LAUNDRY

Wednesdays 7.00-9am

A free wash and dry laundry service for homeless and anyone struggling to pay power costs to have their clothes washed and dried.

Put your laundry in and enjoy a hot breakfast and friendship while you wait.

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

CHAPEL LOUNGE (just outside the Chapel)

PRAYER MEETING

Fridays 10-10:30am

All welcome to our weekly **Prayer meeting** where we thank God for His wonderful blessings and pray for guidance and support. Individuals are also prayed for.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Fridays 10:30—11:30am

Ladies are invited to our small **Bible study group** where we share God's word with laughter, tears and compassion. Bibles are provided. We do ask that you arrive on time as late comers can be disruptive to the session.

Chelsea Community Church of Christ Services

CHURCH SERVICES 10 am Sunday

Sermon Series

21 October 2018 **Speaker:** Judi

Scripture: Job 38:1-7 and 34-41 Noel; Mark 10:35-45 Leah

28 October 2018 **Speaker:** Judi

Scripture: Job 42:1-6 and 10-17 Bob; Mark 10:46-52 Marg.

4 November 2018 **Speaker:** Judi

Scripture: Ruth 1:1-18 Leah; Mark 12:28-34 Di

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EPHESIANS 1:18

May God enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see the hope that His calling holds for you.