

A SMALL CHURCH WITH A BIG HEART

CHELSEA NEWSLETTER

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Proverbs 12:15 says "the wise listen to others."

Do you position yourself to receive? God says we don't receive because we do not ask. You may say, well I keep asking but nothing seems to eventuate. Perhaps you are not asking in the right way.

We need to say to God – I will take action on what You show me. If you think you already know the answer – you will not learn.

God provides us with opportunities but we need to be in the right position to receive them, otherwise they will pass us by. We often suffer from a 'one-track' mind. We are asking God for red but He is giving us blue; we're thinking 'tomorrow' and God is saying 'now.' We're looking everywhere and the answer is right there – under our nose.

Exploring the Bible is one way we can hear God's direction for our life. Another way is through other people or circumstances. But too often we switch off from God's guidance. We read a passage in the Bible and because it causes us discomfort – we turn away from knowing what the passage is really saying. Someone offers us some guidance and we ignore it because 'we know what to do.'

We may be asked to 'walk through a valley' as a means of character building, but we close our eyes to the Son that is drawing us onward.

Life can be challenging but God always provides when we are positioned right.

Our Ministry Team ...



Rev. Judi is available for Pastoral Care visits please contact her on 0423 375 714 to make a suitable time . If Judi is unavailable our Student Minister is also available, call to make a suitable time with Fiona on 0467 043 441. Our Elders Bob and Val are also available for pastoral visits.

Latest News

Changes to 'The Pastor is In': with an increase in pastoral care requests, Judi has to be more flexible with her times and may not be 'in the office' as often as before. However, please feel free to call her when in need. Fiona, as our student minister is your next contact. We also have our Elders – Bob and Val who are also willing to provide support.

Amber's first sermon: we enjoyed Amber's sermon last week reflecting on 'repentance.' We learnt that everyday we need to let go of our grasp of sin – that which holds us back – and turn once again to God. This is not a 'once only action' but for a lifetime.

Reminder for free flu shots: Monash health will be at the site in May and June to provide these. Please see Rev. Judi for dates and bookings.

Site tidy up: Noel is in the process of arranging for a skip to be placed out the back of the site and is looking for any assistance in placing all items we no longer need or which have broken under the pergola for easy removal. Please speak to Noel in this regard.

Our blank chapel wall: yes we have taken all the pictures off the wall in preparation for Chelsea Rotary who will be painting it for us at the end of this month. We will then seek suggestions on what we may place on the wall – a larger picture; a mural; nothing. So put your thinking caps on.

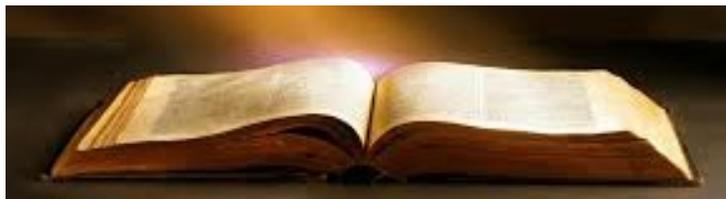
Ladies in the Shed: this was one of our Church Outreach programs however, after 3 years the program has closed. It has been disappointing however there was a lack of interested ladies wanting to attend.

Chelsea Community Church of Christ Services

CHURCH SERVICES 10 am Sunday

Sermon Series for the Month of April and May

29th April	P Judi	R Acts 8:26-40 & 1 John 4:17-21	Noel
6th May	P Amber	R Acts 10:44-48 & 1 John 5:1-6	Val
13th May	P Colin	R Act 1:1-11 & Eph 1:15-23	Bob
20th May	P Judi	R Eze 37:1-14 & Acts 2:1-21	Noel
27th May	P Judi	R Is 6:1-8 & Rom 8:12-17	Jan



Anzac Day Wednesday 25th April

You are Invited to our Special Annexe Day Breakfast: as a means of supporting this Outreach program we invite you to come and enjoy our 3 course menu style breakfast on Wednesday 25th April. It is a special day to remember all those in our Armed Services. We are asking only for a Gold coin donation and also the opportunity for you to share with many of those 'doing it tough' who regularly attend. Breakfast starts at 7.30 to 10am.

WHAT'S ON

MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fit Mums Music with Mums 	2-3pm Hall 9.30-11.30 chapel
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mens Shed Music with Mums Karate Agestrong PRP 	Men's Shed 9-12 noon 9-12noon chapel 6-8pm hall 8-1pm hall 1-4pm hall
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Breakfast Pay It Forward Men's Shed 	7.am—10am hall 7.30-9.30 Chapel Fortnightly 9-2pm—backyard
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's and Ladies Shed combined sessions AA in the Chapel Karate Agestrong PRP 	9-2pm—backyard 11am—chapel 6-8pm hall 8- 1pm hall 1-4pm hall
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prayer Meeting Bible Study for Women Afternoon Games 	10—1030am Annex 1030—1130am Annex 12-3.30pm Chapel
SATURDAY		
SUNDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship Service Childrens Program 	10-11am—chapel Followed by cuppa—hall

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