

A COMMUNITY CHURCH WITH A BIG HEART

CHELSEA NEWSLETTER

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THE HEBREW MONTH OF NISAN

In the Hebrew Scriptures the word for winter is **setav**. Setav means the season of hiding or the time of darkness. Winter is the season of darkness, barrenness and death. But each year, the winter ends with the coming of the month of Nisan—**Spring**

Nisan is the month when the earth again bears fruit and the flowers again begin to blossom. It is the month of new life. It means the beginning—when the sacred Hebrew year begins anew.

According to Hebrew life Jesus chose to bring redemption in the month of Nisan. He entered Jerusalem, died on the cross and rose victorious during this time.

When Jesus returns it will be in Nisan—the time of new beginnings; the season of new life and new birth.

It is almost spring in Melbourne. Already you can see some blossoms breaking out on the trees; smell the wattle in the wind; witness birds foraging for nesting material; sun shining longer; brighter mornings; all seems fresh and new.

So let's get ready to 'break out into spring' - gather together your 'spring' wardrobe; break out of winter and out of its darkness and bear the fruit your life was to bear.

Of course we need every season in our life to appreciate the gifts that each one brings.

So today, seek the guidance of God for what He has planned for you this Spring season.

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. Please feel free to call Judi to make a mutually convenient time to catch up.

Latest News

Prayers needed for the following: Adrian and Val; Jean; Carol; Leah; Ethel; Judy O; Syd and Lesley.

Your Pantry Supplies: this is a call out to all to assist with items for our food pantry. Even if everyone bought one extra item each week this would be great for us to keep the cupboards stocked.

AGM results: Although we only had a small quorum of members all Board members were voted in again, however we are still seeking someone to step into the role of **Secretary**.

Change to Evening Services: due to having our Community lunch after church every 4th Sunday, the evening services are to be changed to the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

Mark Dreyfus Grant: Pastor Judi is seeking a partial grant for \$2600 to be matched by \$2600 (**we hope**) with funds from CareWorks or the Church. Working in the Annexe is becoming a Health issue. As an old house it has neither adequate heating nor cooling and using small fans and fan heaters uses a lot of power. We have a quote to install 3 small split system air conditioners which will address this issue. We have been informed that they will use less power provided we use them wisely.

Homelessness Month August: We have had another successful campaign with food coming in from the local schools. Airlie, a 10 year old from Edithvale P.S. raised \$1400 from baking and selling her delicious cupcakes

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

26 August Preaching: Fay sharing her experience from Russia and the Jewish people living there.

2 September Preaching: Judi **Special Service for Father's Day** We will be exploring some of the Dads in the Bible that we often miss.

2 September evening service: The Book of James 6-7pm

9th September Preaching: Colin **Readings:** Psalm 125 and James 2:1-17

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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.