

## "A SMALL CHURCH WITH A BIG HEART"

CHELSEA NEWSLETTER

26 July 2015



### PARABLES OF JESUS

It has been said that a **PARABLE** is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. Jesus used parables most of the time as they were easily remembered and linked into something in the culture's everyday life. Things such as shepherds, sheep, salt, mustard seeds, soil.

Jesus sometimes took His disciples to the side to explain what a parable meant? We may wonder why, when we also search His parables and are left wondering at the meaning Jesus had in mind. We may ask, as the disciples did—Why speak in stories?

Jesus answered them, "You have been given insight into God's kingdom. You know how it works. Not everybody has this gift, this insight; it hasn't been given to them. Whenever someone has a ready heart for this, the insights and understandings flow freely.

But if there is no readiness, any trace of receptivity soon disappears.

So where do you sit? Is your heart open to really hear Jesus' message or has the lure of this world or fear of commitment drawn you away. Are you fully committed to Jesus or are you only paying Him lip service?

Jesus understood that truth is not sweet music to all ears. There are those who have neither interest nor regard in the things of God. To those with a genuine hunger for God, the parable is an effective and wonderful way to convey divine truth. The stories of Jesus included volumes of truth told in words that contained wonderful imagery that is hard to forget.

So, then, the parable will bless you if you have willing ears, but if you allow worldly things to close your hearts and ears then you will lose a life in eternity.

## The Pastor Is In

You can catch me at the Church  
Mondays to Wednesdays and also Fridays from 9.00 to 1pm.  
OR phone my mobile on 0423 375 714



## Latest News

**Prayer Points:** Please pray for God's healing presence upon: Lesley J, Anika and Eva, and others in our congregation who are in need of prayer.

### Updates:

**God certainly works His miracles.** Last week we received a very generous and surprising donation—\$1000.

The person who donated wants to remain anonymous but it brought tears to my eyes. Think now of what we can achieve with this huge amount. We sincerely thank this person for their gift which was given with love for the work of the Church in Chelsea.

**Our new Student Minister begins in August.** Last Sunday Tim Rose was introduced to the congregation and presided over Communion. The congregation had opportunities to ask questions and chat to Tim over a cuppa. Tim will be working 8 hours per week initially with the hope that this may increase down the track. Tim will be assisting with all aspects of Ministry, including our CareWorks programs, where time permits.

**Social Justice.** Do you have a passion on all aspects of Social Justice, Refugees, Poverty and Homelessness? The Interchurch Council is setting up a group to help target some of these issues. If you are interested please let Judi know.

**On the lookout for one or two more volunteers**—do you like working with children and could spare some time during school holidays to help with our KidZone Holiday Programs? Judi is in need of one male and one more female.

# Chelsea Community Church of Christ Services

## CHURCH SERVICES 10 am Sunday

26 July 2015

**Speaker:** Tim Johnson the Church  
Engagement Coordinator  
For TEAR Vic/Tas



2 Aug 2015—Parables

**Speaker:** Judi  
**Scripture:** Mark 4:30-34

9 August 2015

**Special Healing Service.** All are invited as we pray over our hurts and stresses, be they physical, emotional, financial or relational. Special scripture, prayers and songs with the opportunity for one on one prayers. Cuppa afterwards.

## CHILDREN'S SERVICES 10 am Sunday

26 July 2015

Where did Solomon get his wisdom? The children will explore his story and be challenged in finding Bible verses.

2 Aug 2015

Building God's Kingdom—the children will plant a seed to see how it grows



9 August 2015

The children will share in our Special Healing Service today.

## REGULAR WHAT'S ON

<b>MONDAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ladies Morning</li> </ul>	Ladies in the Shed 9.30-12.30pm
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CS Mornington in the Mens Shed</li> <li>Music for Mommies</li> <li>Chat n Chew</li> </ul>	Men's Shed 9-12 noon  9-12noon chapel  10-12noon foyer
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Breakfast</li> <li>Men's Shed</li> </ul>	8-10am—hall  9-2pm—backyard
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Men's Shed</li> <li>AA in the Chapel</li> </ul>	9-2pm—backyard 11am—chapel
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bible Study for Women</li> <li>CS Aust</li> <li>Afternoon Games</li> </ul>	10-11am Annexe  Men's Shed 9-12noon Chapel 12.30-3.30pm
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ladies Morning</li> </ul>	Ladies in the Shed 10am-1pm  .
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worship Service</li> <li>Childrens Program</li> </ul>	10-11am—chapel Followed by cuppa—hall

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