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Chelsea Community  
Church of Christ and  
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## “OUR ANCHOR OF HOPE—GOD”

**Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. Romans 12:2**

Our thoughts control our actions and we think these old patterns are hard to change. Many think, that once they have become a Christian, all of that would change.

I don't know if or where you struggle most in your mind. It may not be with how you see yourself. It may be how you see yourself as a parent, sister, brother, son, daughter, relative. You may compare yourself to others and question: “What am I doing wrong? What's wrong with me?”

We judge ourselves harshly, often more than we may judge others.

***God knows all our little quirks and personality traits, but the GLORIOUS TRUTH of the gospel is that Jesus is in love with us right now, even though we may feel crazy and mixed-up. He sees us a BEAUTIFUL.***

We read the slogan—It is okay to feel not okay. And that is true, however we can input a new slogan into our thoughts—It's okay to be okay because Jesus has made us RIGHT with God.

Only an internal transformation will truly change external behaviour. Every battle begins in our minds, not with our behaviour. We can behave a certain way and remain unchanged. If we want to change how we act, we have to change how we think.

There are moments in life when there is nothing you can do to control what's happening, in those times, find your hiding place under the shelter of God's wings.

**Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.**

**New Programs being offered in 2023.**

**“Espresso yourself”. (commencing Thursday January 12th) (see flyer in foyer)**

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**“Craft with Lorna” See flyer in foyer**

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**The Chosen** video series—a small group of us have viewed 4 episodes. We will recommence viewing in February, 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 12noon.

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**Interchurch Carols Event** Sunday 11th December from 6..30 to 8.15pm. All churches will be represented and will share in the stories, songs and fun. Chelsea Concert Band will once again be there, together with St. Chad’s Puppets, Chelsea Baptist Singers and Interchurch Choir. Also, we will be visited by a big man in a red suit carrying a large white bag—can you guess who that would be? No bookings required. Held at L.F.Payne Hall (the old Town Hall in front of the RSL).

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**English—Merry Christmas.**

**Spanish—Feliz Navidad**

**Italian—Buon natale**

**Burmese—pyawshwinsaw hlearahchc amaat**

**Chinese—shengdan jie kuale**

**Greek—kala Christougenna.**

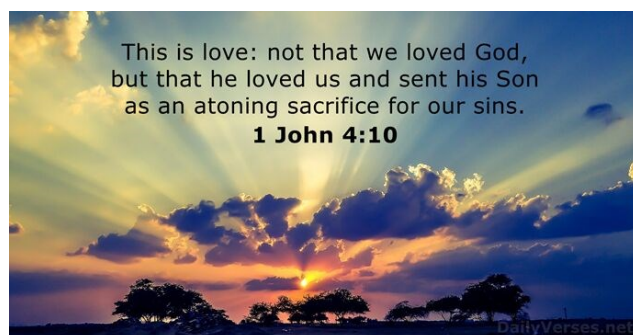
**Mondays:** Pastoral care/prayer support by appointment with Pastor Judi

**Wednesdays: Food Pantry** 7am to 11.30am;

**Big Breakfast** 7am to 10am and

**Orange Sky Laundry** 7am to 8.30am.

**Fridays: Prayer meeting** 10–10:30am



**MEN'S CIRCLE PROGRAM**

**Open to men of ALL ages and ALL walks of life.**

**A safe and private space—no expectations, no judgement, no cost . A great place to chat, have a cuppa and make friends., Bookings required. Phone Anthony 0466 673 706**

**Sermons for Advent**

**27th November—Why did Jesus become a Man?**

**4th December—Why Joseph**

**11th December—Why Mary**

**18th December—Why call Him Saviour?**

**24th December Christmas Eve—DVD showing of “Why the Nativity?”**

**Activities for children and adults. Light supper.**

**Christmas Day—short service.**

**FREE CHRISTMAS LUNCH—St. Josephs Hall, Woodbine Grove, Chelsea. Bookings required. Please see Judi to book in.**