

**AUGUST**

*Services on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays only*

**Sun 3rd**      **1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE and Holy Supper** at 10.30 a.m. Children's Classes and a light lunch together afterwards.  
6th in series, Seven Practices of Peace (See p.3)  
(Darren to talk his vision thru with parents)

**Sun 10th**      No Service

**Sun 17th**      **Service of Worship**, 10.30 a.m.(Ian)

**Sun 24th**      No Service

**SEPTEMBER**

*Services 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays only*

Fri 5th      Mt Tamborine Discussion meeting at Sanctuary Cove

**Sun 7th**      **1st SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE**, including the **HOLY SUPPER**, at 10.30 a.m. Children's classes and a light lunch together afterwards.  
Seven Practices of Peace (7<sup>th</sup>)

Sun 14th      No Service

**Sun 21st**      **Service of Worship** Committee meeting proposed, but *possibly* after Family Service (7<sup>th</sup>)

Sun 25th      No Service

# Breaking Bread



**Newsletter** – The New Jerusalem Church,  
Brisbane and south-east Queensland  
**August and September 2014**



**New Minister, Rev Darren Brunne, during his ordination Service conducted by Rev Julian Duckworth, President of The New Church in Australia on Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> 2014**

## **Here is Darren's Declaration of Faith which he read immediately prior to his actual ordination**

I firstly would like to thank and publicly honour those who have offered tremendous support and encouragement towards my journey of preparation for ordination and for the call to serve 'this' Church as its new Pastor. In addition to my wife and six children, I would especially like to thank Rev. Ian Arnold, Rev Glenn Alden, Rev David Millar who is the Director of Spiritual Training for The New Church Bible College, and Rev Julian Duckworth who is the President of the New Church in Australia. They each in their own special ways have shown tender kindness, wisdom and guidance and immeasurable effort above the call of duty to nurture and guide me, to bring me to this point. I also wish to thank the Brisbane Society for their openness and warmth in embracing us into this community and for their faithfulness regarding the call to service. It is our hope that we can go on enriching each other as we journey together towards Eternity.

It is with clarity of mind and with conviction of heart that I wish to declare my belief in the Sacred Scriptures as the Word of God, now opened up as to their deeper spiritual meaning by the Lord. These deeper spiritual teachings make up The Heavenly Doctrines of The New Jerusalem which I whole heartedly embrace and this is the same New Jerusalem as mentioned in the 21st and 22<sup>nd</sup> Chapters of the book of Revelation.

I also believe that, rightly understood, the Word holds up to us that the Lord Jesus Christ in His glorified Humanity is the one God of heaven and earth and that in Him is the divine Trinity of Father, Son and holy Spirit.

How do we come to salvation?

It is by faith in him and by a life lived according to His commandments. With love and passion for His Word, I dedicate my life, my love and my service to Him.

I believe in Church, and in Church communities, and in people called to leadership. I believe each one of us is called to support each other on the journey which is called 'Spiritual Rebirth'.

I believe we are in a new spiritual Period, and a new form of Christianity wherein the Lord is manifesting His universal Church, a Bride without 'spot or wrinkle' (Ephesians 5:27) full of the Wisdom and heavenly teachings from Jerusalem above, a Church that lives and loves the teachings and commandments of the Lord in their deepest forms. These Heavenly Teachings when faithfully lived, fulfil the Lord's words in Matthew 17:11 that 'Elias truly shall come first, and restore all things'; and again in John 16:12, 'I have much to say to you, but you are not able to grasp it now.'

I believe in the second coming of the Lord. I believe the second coming is primarily a spiritual event not a natural event. The 'parousia' is manifesting in the hearts and minds of believers as they faithfully look to the Lord for His Coming.

This is the fervent prayer of my heart, that I not only teach and preach and give leadership, witnessing to the Lord's work amongst us and in our lives, but that I, with the Lord's help, embody these teachings and that I also regulate my life and conversation according to these great truths of the everlasting Gospel, as is fitting to His faithful minister and servant, which I will strive to be.

Let me read to you Colossians 3: 12-15

*'Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tender-hearted mercy, kindness, gentleness, and patience.*

*Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.*

*Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace.*

*And always be thankful.*

Thank you to everyone for being here to share in this event.

And finally I wish to thank the Lord, for without Him my life would lack all meaning and purpose.

Amen.



**The new newly ordained Darren  
With wife Renee, and children Jordan, Josiah, Grace, Evana,  
Elijah and Melody**

**As – now – on the New Church in Australia web site,  
under “Brisbane”.**

Meet the Pastor

Our minister is Darren Brunne. He is married to Renee and they have 6 children and one on the way. You can't miss them at the Church: just look for a large crowd of children. Darren has completed a Diploma of Ministry and is ordained with The New Church in Australia. Darren has always had an interest in spiritual things which led him to leave home and live in an ashram (temple) at fifteen years of age. At 19 he had an encounter with Christ that convinced him to leave his then current spiritual path and follow the Christian faith. Darren then spent many years ministering in worship and children's church. At the age of 28 Darren began travelling internationally and around Australia as an itinerant minister. His love for the Word of God and its deeper spiritual meaning led him to discover the works of Emanuel Swedenborg. This brought him into contact with our Brisbane New Church community and after studying at The New Church in Australia Bible College he now serves as our Minister.

Darren has spent over a decade working with young children who suffer from post-traumatic stress and difficult behaviours. These children, due to exposure to violence and abuse have been removed from their families by The Department of Child Safety. This work has helped ground Darren in the reality of everyday struggles, losses and joys of life.

Darren believes that the Lord Jesus Christ is the one true God of Heaven and earth and when we have a real relationship with Him we can find healing for the brokenness and hardship often endured by life on earth and day to day relationships.  
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He also believes that while we have spiritual leaders, we each must take responsibility for our own spiritual growth and that Christianity when truly practiced is a positive and life giving spiritual path.

### **Diane Thompson's Report of the Ordination Service and associated events**

*As published in The New Church in Australia journal, "The New Age", Winter 2014*

On Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> the Brisbane Society celebrated three joyous occasions. Firstly, before more than eighty adults and children, the Reverend Julian Duckworth officiated at the ordination of Darren Brunne into the ministry of the New Church. Following the very moving Ordination Ceremony and address including New Church Day remembrance, the Brisbane Society welcomed the Reverend Darren Brunne as its new Minister during lunch by Dr Ken Barns.

Our third celebration although touched with a tinge of sadness was after some two plus years we farewelled Reverend Glenn and Mary Alden who leave us for their new home in Washington (State) on July 15<sup>th</sup>. During their two years with us in Brisbane their energy, dedication, love and wisdom for the Lord's work in South East Queensland has truly been inspirational. President Ken Thompson on behalf of the Brisbane Society presented Glenn and Mary with an Aboriginal oil painting depicting an Australian outback scene together with another Aboriginal outback print. We all wish them a safe trip home and look forward to welcoming them back should the occasion arise in the future.

### **Four important meetings**

New Minister, Darren, is to talk with the parents about **his vision** over lunch after the Family Service on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. (childcare arranged)

**A Committee meeting** in September (date to be confirmed a.s.a.p)

**Annual General Meeting** after the Family Service on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Parents to meet to discuss and map out **2015 Sunday School programme** over lunch after the Family Service on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Darren's Message for this August & September Newsletter**

In life we pass through many stages and states. Basically, we start life self focussed with strong instincts of self preservation and survival. With the passage of time we discover happiness lies outside of self focus and self seeking. Happiness comes from those around us, our loved ones and our community. Finding real happiness is definitely a journey. The Lord in His mercy has designed for us seven broad stages, seven times or seasons; so that we can pass through the 'valley of the shadow of death' into life and not get shipwrecked on the rocky shores of 'self'.

We can read about this in the story of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon. One night, he was plagued with a terrific dream when he saw a great tree that reached up into the sky. All the beasts of the earth could rest under this tree and all the birds of the air found nests in its branches. The fruits were so abundant that all could be fed. Then messengers from Heaven descended and cut the tree down. The king asked Daniel the prophet to interpret the dream:-

Daniel 4:19-23

*Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was astounded for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spake and said, Belteshazzar, let not the dream or the interpretation thereof, trouble thee. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, the dream be to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine enemies. The tree that thou sawest, which grew and was strong, whose height reached unto the heaven, and the sight there of to all the earth; whose leaves were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon those branches the fowls of the heaven had their habitation: it is thou, O king, that are grown and become strong: for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the earth. And whereas*

*the king saw a watcher and an holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew the tree down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the roots thereof in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him.*

In the deeper spiritual meaning of the story, the king, Nebuchadnezzar, is our proprium or false ego that wants to take credit for the great things in our life. Daniel is the Word of the Lord and the watchers from heaven are goods and truths coming down into our minds and hearts. The Lord in His mercy does not allow selfishness to stay King of our inner world. Instead He causes the seven times of blessings to pass over us and brings us to the place of the heavenly man that looks to the Lord and trusts in the Lord for all the goodness and illumination that comes from life.

*Lord, may we always look to You and acknowledge You for all the wonderful truths and goodness we discover in and around our lives.*

*Amen*

### **And a “Thank You” for used stamps collected:**

Dear Ian and all members

Many thanks for those wonderful stamps that you sent down to me for the Leprosy Mission – it is very much appreciated and will help those less fortunate than ourselves. All the stamps are sorted and bagged up into packs and sold to individuals or stamp dealers and all proceeds are then sent to the Mission. So what some people think is rubbish is another person’s opportunity.

So thank you to all who have diligently saved the stamps. Your efforts are appreciated no end.

Love from  
Margaret (Skinner)



**Glenn and Mary Alden waving to us outside their new home in Washington State, in in the north west of the USA, and at the commencement of retirement living there.**

Their actual address is  
2260 Brown Road,  
Ferndale,  
WA 98248

Mary’s cell phone number is the USA is  
1 (360) 223-8181

Their email addresses remain the same.

## JANAURY 2015 CAMP

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.December**

We now know of some 70 (plus) firm bookings for the Camp. At the same time it is by no means too late for further bookings to be made.

The Camp is being held at Philip Island Adventure Resort which has all kinds of fun – and challenging! – Outdoor activities.

And of course there will be the usual talks, Workshops, Worship, talent night and local sightseeing.

### News round up

**Glenn and Mary** safely and happily got away on their flight to the USA, (stop off in Hawaii and destination Seattle) on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Their trepidation about the airport checking in of all their luggage (128kgs) proved unfounded being exactly on their allowed limit for Hawaiian Airways.

The **picnic** held a Calendar month earlier, on June 15<sup>th</sup>, “A Day Out in The Park” (as Daisy Hill Koala Sanctuary) was very well supported and enjoyed by almost 40 of us. Great weather, time to chat and fellowship, fun games and visits to see the sleepy koalas.

And whilst disappointed that a 3 day Seminar organised by the Australian New Church College, to have been held July 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> here in Brisbane didn't go ahead, 12 of us gathered for a much appreciated ‘**mini**’ Seminar in the Church Hall on Sunday morning, into the early afternoon, on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Darren, new Pastor, led the Seminar and in addition to himself, Glenn and Ian gave presentations.

### Birthdays

*To all our friends celebrating birthdays in the next two months we wish you birthday greetings and blessings.*



#### In August

**Mrs. Julie Barns (2<sup>nd</sup>); Elijah Brunne (3<sup>rd</sup>); Mrs Jenny Lee (6<sup>th</sup>); Mrs Joyce Robinson (18<sup>th</sup>); Mrs Frances Fitzgerald (23<sup>rd</sup>); Sam Field (24<sup>th</sup>); Mrs Edna Irwin (25<sup>th</sup>); Alex Field (26<sup>th</sup>); Josiah Brunne (28<sup>th</sup>).**

#### In September

**Harrison Glenn (3<sup>rd</sup>); Mrs. Diane Thompson (5<sup>th</sup>); Kimberly Chambers (16<sup>th</sup>); Ian (18<sup>th</sup>); Grace Brunne (21<sup>st</sup>) Isabella Lee (23<sup>rd</sup>).**

### CHURCH CONTACT DETAILS

The Church is at 21 Agars Street, Rosalie, just up from Baroona Road. **Presently, Services are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays.** Always check the Calendar, on page 12, overleaf.

**For activities on the Gold Coast/Mt Tamborine** contact Mrs Gaye Heldon on 5577 8772 33,

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