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Christmas Blessings to All



As Christmas Season is approaching, the Adelaide New Church would like to wish all of our friends and colleagues, very best wishes for a very happy Christmas, sharing with loved ones and enjoying remembering the purpose of why we have Christmas to celebrate every year. The birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Visit by Rev. Ian Arnold

A wonderful Service on 14th September happened and was well supported with the Church just about full. Lovely to see 5 children as well. The luncheon afterwards was in full swing - the gate was closed to allow the children to play freely without venturing onto the road. Rev. Ian was welcomed by all.

An interesting Presentation Talk on the Saturday afternoon was well attended; giving the opportunity for questions and answers too.

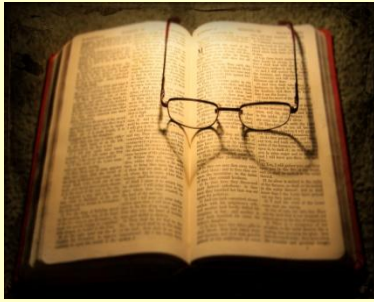
Birthday cake was shared for Ian Brock's 90th and included Ian Arnold's birthday too. A lovely day time for everyone to remember.

Library & Books Update

We very much thank Yvonne & David Bell, who have spent hours at the Church, checking off all the books in our Library so we know which ones belong to SAA and then which books belong to the Adelaide Church, because we have many books that our Church owns too. Those that do not yet have a library borrowing slip in, will soon have one. Yvonne is compiling this list on a spreadsheet and then a permanent record will always be available of the stock.

New and interesting books and articles that become available will be made known and listed.

There are so many precious books on our premises, it is important to keep track of them all. A database of borrowers details will be created as well, so that anyone borrowing books will give their name and contact details, then books they borrow will be entered in. The existing exercise book used as the library record will be perused and any current books out will be entered into the new system with the borrowers details.



Inspirational Thoughts

“A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this shall all men know that you are my disciples.”
John 13: 34,35.

A new commandment, but it comprises all the others. It is so simple, yet so profound. Just that we love one another even as Jesus loves us. And He loves us always, and in all circumstances; especially seeking us when we are broken and lost.

ADELAIDE CHURCH MOTTO

“The Law of the Lord is perfect”

This motto was created at the time the New Church began here in Adelaide in 1844. As relevant today as it was then.

Even when He rebukes and chastens us it is that we may be brought from misery into happiness. Receiving such wonderful love ourselves, we are to pass it on to others. It is the sign that we really are disciples of Jesus.

Prayer:-

Great are Your tender mercies, O Lord; quicken me according to Your judgements. Amen

New Initiatives



The computers for the Computer Awareness programme have been purchased, we were able to obtain a really good deal with four good computers - reconditioned office ones - at a good price with buying four of them. These include keyboards and monitors as well and we also added in 4 internet Wi-Fi dongles, as it is intended for these computers to be able to be used for looking up books and information and researching for our members as well as the computers being used on the programme. They first need to be set up in place for use; this is currently in the planning process.



There is a local programme run by the SA Government to assist Seniors with computer knowledge and use, and June has linked up with the local MP for the Marion area already. There are forms to be filled in for this, which will be activated soon. Then our “centre” will be listed in their office as well. These days, with the Federal Government and Centrelink wanting to conduct all their communications via computer, it is hoping this will be a worthwhile way in which to help people in our local area.

June is a qualified, currently registered and qualified School Teacher and TAFE Lecturer, so anyone taking up the opportunity to utilise the resources we offer will be okay. The local MP’s office have already photocopied all qualifications and Police Clearance certificates, so all is well.

Garden Project

This is our garden project; palm trees at the front of the Church have been growing well, but rather rampant, so at last a tree/gardening guy was found to come and attend to them for us with his special equipment. Here are the photos of the before and after attention.



The Committee decided, at our last meeting, to continue improvements to the garden and grounds we have. It may make passers by notice us a bit more. Hope the gracious palm trees we now have can be on 'show' for everyone to enjoy.

What a difference it makes when these palms are attended too and looked after. The contact details for this company will be kept on our file for future reference. It makes such a good entrance for the Church.



There is more planned for the garden project, but it will take some time to locate and contact the tradesmen that will be able to carry out what it is being planned. Just a work in progress, updates in a much later newsletter.

Stock Take Starting

Courtesy of David and Yvonne Bell, the Church is - at last - starting to undergo a Stock Take of the many belongings the Church owns. This is long overdue. As well as the Library & Books Update, other items all around will be listed too.

At the time of going to press, the kitchen and refreshments cupboard have undergone a "spring clean" and items listed. This is a valuable accomplishment, as needed for insurance purposes too. Michael Delbridge has offered his help too. Any more volunteers??

Summer Camp 2015 – Phillip Island, Vic.

Monday, December 29 2014 at 2:00pm to Sunday 4th January 2015

[Phillip Island Adventure Resort](#) in [Cowes, Victoria](#)

The Church Summer Camp is being held on Phillip Island, Victoria

Deposit payments should now be in. Please make sure that you write CAMP and your name on any deposits sent through by Direct Deposit. Please send your booking forms through to Matthew Arnold at 13 Rochester Road, Canterbury, Vic, 3126. Camp is filling up so make sure your spot is confirmed. If you have paid a deposit online and haven't received a notification receipt please contact Matthew or Chris Skinner. Or, send a message through to N.C.I.A.

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Dates for Activities

- 5th November, Wednesday 7.00 to 8.30pm - Swedenborg Book Discussion "Love in Marriage" (Conjugal Love)
 19th November, Wednesday 7.00 to 8.30pm - Swedenborg Book Discussion "Love in Marriage" (Conjugal Love)
 23rd November, Tuesday 7.15 to 8.30 - Angel Meditation
 27th November, Thursday 12.00 to 1.00pm - Bible Study
 3rd December, Wednesday 7.00 to 8.30pm - Swedenborg Book Discussion "Love in Marriage" (Conjugal Love)
 At this socially active time of year for all, please note that Activities are 'winding down' and will restart 2015.

Services for November & December 2014

- 9th November - Holy supper
 23rd November - **Special Service & Luncheon at Encounter Bay, at Yvonne & David Bell's home**
 30th November - Musical & Traditional Service
 14th December - Holy Supper
 19th October - Carol Service, Shared luncheon and Mince Pies after in Social Room

Mobile Church

As the Church held a Mobile service last year at Goolwa, and a lunch out for members living in that region, it was requested to have this happen again. So this year we are meeting at the home of Yvonne and David Bell, at Encounter Bay. A luncheon will be laid on at their home for us all, and we are very thankful to Yvonne and David for opening their home for us.

This day should be a really 'fun' and relaxing day for us all to get together and we look forward to sharing time there with each other. Any transport needs, or a shared car, please contact others well in advance to arrange.

For Adelaide folk travelling down to Encounter Bay, the Service time will be 11.00am to allow for driving and the scenery is lovely all around there, quite peaceful. Please convey any special dietary needs in advance, to either David & Yvonne, or June to pass on, thus ensuring all are catered for. Many thanks.



Christmas Carol Service

The Christmas Carol Service will be held on 19th December. As this date is very near to Christmas, it will be the last service in December. Mince pies will be available afterwards and a shared luncheon in the Social Room.

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