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New Year Greetings to All



A New Begins and that is a time for looking to begin new things. As well as consolidating things already in place, it is always inspiring to look towards a New Year, thinking that we have a real excuse to think about what we would like the New Year to be like. A new chance, a new opportunity. Make the most of the year that lie ahead and Very Best Wishes for a great 2015.

Carol Service & Christmas Break-Up

Our Carol Service was held on December 21st, and a Christmas shared lunch and mince pies were held afterwards in the Social Room. The Service was full of Carols, interspersed with readings from many people present.

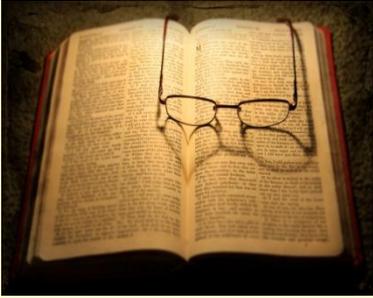
It was a most enjoyable occasion and a chance for all to catch up and share their Christmas cards and news with each other. The new microphone stand came in very handy for those with a quieter voice - but most of the guys had loud and strong voices. Christmas is always a good time of year, remembering the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ as the true meaning of Christmas.

Library News

We are not quite prepared yet, for borrowing, but would like you to know that we have purchased two new books for our Library. Very popular new books. Both have been read by June and Liz & Fred as soon as they have become available and are highly recommended in the New Age. These are:- "Proof of Heaven" and "Map of Heaven" by Eben Alexander. These will be available as soon as they have been processed. The second book covers wide research and real life statements from different people. It gives really good credit to Emmanuel Swedenborg, both as a Scientist and a Mystic. These books will also be available in your Local Council Library as well, which is where June first borrowed them from.

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 borrower's details.

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Inspirational Thoughts

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” Genesis 1:1

You too, in the beginning, are created heaven and earth: a little spiritual universe. Heaven within and earth without: just as Jesus says in the New Testament “The Kingdom of Heaven is within you”.

God creating is the first teaching of the Bible; and the first picture we should have of Him; without Him we can do nothing.

By the beginning is meant the first thing in your creation from which all else follows. First God and Heaven, then earth. You are being created NOW!

Prayer:-

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Amen

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.

New Arrival for Hannah Raguckas and Adam Ryan



baby



Many of you will well remember Peter Raguckas and Ruth Raguckas, staunch members of our Church and Committee for many years, until Peter’s untimely passing several years ago.

Many of us would have watched their daughter, Hannah, grow up, usually seated in the front row at Church before going into Sunday school with the others.

Hannah has certainly grown up now. Hannah and her long term partner, Adam Ryan, became the proud parents of a beautiful daughter on 6th December 2014, weighing in at 7lb 8oz at 9.42am. They have named their daughter, Chloe Gwynneth Ryan. Hannah and Adam Ryan have been together since 2008.

Ruth is a very proud Grandma and Joan Bowley is a very proud Gt. Grandma. Family celebrations all around for them, especially over Christmas as it was baby’s 1st Christmas.

Apologies for not giving any photos of beautiful baby Chloe, but I have not contacted them to ask permission to publish any. If you would like more information, please contact Ruth direct. If anyone does not know Ruth’s direct contact, I will email Ruth and ask her to contact the person who is wanting more news from them.

Mobile Church

On 23rd November last, a really special day was held at Encounter Bay, with our gracious hosts - David & Yvonne Bell.

The funniest start to the day was constant phone calls back and forth, as some people were becoming quite lost on their way to their home. Almost considering sending out search parties for those lost; but amazingly, everyone arrived at David & Yvonne's home. It was quite amazing that we were all able to be seated so comfortably in their lounge. Then afterwards, a most sumptuous BBQ and food served.

Everyone was happily switching around chairs, almost like playing musical chairs, to enjoy the friendly chatter going on around. After some time, thinking the journey back to Adelaide suburbs should be undertaken before it becomes evening, it was time to say farewell.

Very grateful thanks to Yvonne & David for all they did to ensure a wonderful day down at Encounter Bay. Thank you.

Services for January and February 2015

25th January 2015 - Musical & Traditional Service. The first Service for the year.
There will be a Committee Meeting held after the Service at 12.15pm in the Social Room.

8th February 2015 - Holy Supper; shared luncheon afterwards

15th February 2015- Musical & Traditional

22nd February 2015- Traditional

Activities 2015

Angel Meditation is due to begin again in February 2015. The actual date has not yet been decided upon. This will be phoned around to those wishing to attend, when the date has been confirmed.

Book Study: - this is continuing on from last year. Well it is a large book and the study is fortnightly. The book is "Love in Marriage"(Conjugal Love).

Bible Study and discussion time. During our holiday break time, there has been an enquiry and request for this to happen again, from a previous participant at this group from some years ago. A most enjoyable chat time was had in our Library corner with books being borrowed as well, and these sessions will be starting up again on a Thursday, from February onwards.

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