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Easter a Special Time

Easter Hope

Why did the Lord suffer and grieve so much in the last week of His life on earth? It was not for Himself, but for us. Understanding what these trials were and what they mean leads us into the hope of the Easter Garden.

Easter is a Special time when we reflect on the last days of our Lord Jesus Christ on earth and his Resurrection. The Risen Lord.

N.C.I.A. Website

It was about a year ago now, when the national New Church website for the N.C.I.A. crashed and could not be retrieved.

For a while there was just a temporary one - newchurch.org.au - website up, that at least showed of its existence. Then last October, after months of work, and collating information from the different Church groups in each State, the N.C.I.A. have a most delightful website up and running now. It can be accessed by the original web address - newchurch.org.au - or its other name - newchurch.net.au - and is a "must look" website.

A lot of this work was undertaken by Chris Kendrick (member of the N.C.I.A. Board), alongside her own fulltime work schedule.

It is refreshing, informative, has links, contains newsletters and information from around Australia. The "New Age" journal of the N.C.I.A. is also on the site, and has previous copies there too. If you have missed one, then just go to the site, and you will find it there in archival material.

Do enjoy 'roaming around' the N.C.I.A. website, for lots of interesting articles to read, really good pictures and visuals, even pictures of the Phillip Island 2015 Family Camp are already up on the webpage to view.

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March & April

"For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." **Revelations 7:17**

Inspirational Thoughts

The Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb, us right in the midst of the throne in heaven. It is He who feeds the people of His flock and He who leads them to the lovely fountains of living waters- the sparkling crystal truths of His love. And to crown all our happiness, He wipes away all our tears. This is what it is like to be in heaven, where all is lovely and beautiful, and where the Lamb is ever in its midst. If we wish, we can begin to be in heaven even now.

Praver:-

Turn us again, O God, and cause Thy face to shine; and we shall be saved. Amen

New Perspectives: The Touch of Jesus

by Rev. Ron Schnarr

One of the most useful tools I have used in prayer is imagining holding the Lord's hand. There is something so powerful in imagining holding the Lord's hand, something that really seems to bring His presence in a powerful way, and more than this in holding His there is a sight of His thoughts full of love.

In a passage from Emanuel Swedenborg's work Spiritual Experiences, it tells us that thought from love or thought from affection is expressed in touch, "It has been made known to me, by living experience, that, in the touch of the hand there is affection together with thought... It is because, by means of the hand, in work, thought is determined to something living. This, also, is why the Lord touched many people" (6094). This is why the Lord touched so many people when He was on earth. He wanted to express His love for people by giving them His thoughts, or at least what they could conceive of His thoughts. From this came much healing, both spiritual and natural.

There is something so powerful in the fact that we worship a visible God. Someone who can be seen with our eyes, heard with our ears, and touched with our hands. The Lord invites us all to reach out to hold His hand and to know His thoughts. So next time you really want to connect with the Lord and invite His thoughts, imagine holding His hand and see what comes to you. You even can try it right now if you like





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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.

Annual General Meeting to be held on 22nd March 2015

The A.G.M. is to be held at 12.15pm on 22nd March 2015, after the Service and shared luncheon. This is, of course, an important date for the Adelaide Church and we look forward to seeing those of you who are able to be there in person.

For members unable to be there on that particular day, we will be sending Proxy Forms out to allow for your input into your Church's affairs. The Agenda has not yet been finalised and any items can be added on. Please write in beforehand if possible, to June at the Church, email (address given below) or phone the Church and it will be noted down.

Changes in Adelaide

In October, a Property Management Company was called in and the handling of our Manse was signed up with them. This is for the future benefit and easier handling of the Manse and all it contains.

Please be informed that David & Mandy Millar, along with Stephen & Luka, have decided to move out of the Manse and have found different accommodation. That happened in December.

The Management Company re-let the property within days and handle all the day to day running of it.

Services for March and April 2015

** Please Note ** To coincide with the A.G.M., the Holy Supper Service will be held on the 4th Sunday, the 22nd March, to accommodate those of you who travel a fair distance.

 22nd March 2015 - Traditional Service, including Holy Supper. There will be the A.G.M. held after the Service at 12.15pm in the Social Room.
29th March 2015 - Palm Sunday, Traditional Service
5th April 2015 - Easter Sunday Service & Holy Supper; shared luncheon afterwards
Advance notice for May Services 10th May - Traditional Service & (in next Newsletter too)
24th May Traditional and Holy Supper

Activities 2015

<u>Angel Meditation</u> is due to be held on Thursday 12th March 2015. Come along and enjoy a calm meditative time, with refreshments too.

Book Study: - is going well. It is a large book and the study is fortnightly. The book is "Love in Marriage" (Conjugial Love). A most interesting explanation of human emotions. **Bible Study** and discussion time. A chance to come along with questions and talk about the inner meaning of a chosen, and perhaps favourite Biblical story. These sessions will be once a month on a Thursday. Contact Church for the next date.

Further Information for any of the above, please phone the Church - 8277 1891

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