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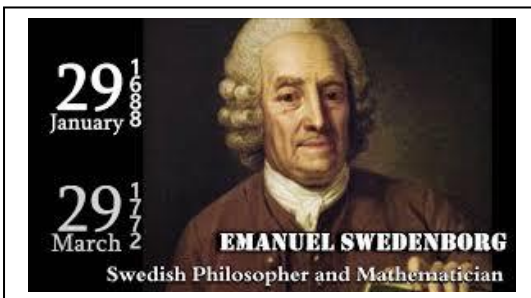
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We celebrate New Church Day in June as it commemorates when the book by Emanuel Swedenborg “True Christian Religion” was published in 1770. The New Church was founded on the many Writings of Swedenborg. New Church people celebrate 19th June, usually the nearest Sunday to that day is a significant day on which to have a shared luncheon after Service and remember the gift that Emanuel gave to the World. Many people the World over have come across his many volumes of work and have significantly benefited from the insights that he gives.



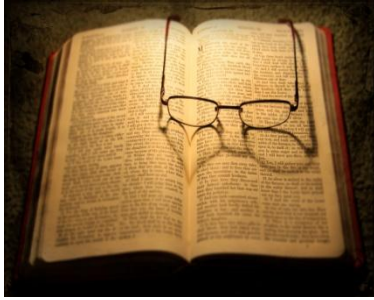
There is a wealth of books available on many topics written for us by Emanuel, who gave many years of his life devoted to deeply understanding the Holy Bible for the Christian Churches and any individual who undertakes reading them. Rather than celebrate his actual birthday – 29th January – it is June 19th that acknowledgment is given to his great contribution to mankind. The Adelaide Church has a Lending Library where, by prior arrangement, books may be borrowed.

New Church Day Luncheon 21st June 2015

On Sunday 21st June, there will be a Traditional Service with Holy Supper included. After the Service we will be holding a shared luncheon to celebrate New Church Day. All welcome to come along and enjoy the day. If you are unsure what to bring along for shared lunch then please phone the office on 8277 1891 and suggestions will then be given. Quite a simple affair so no worries, just a friendly get together really - that is what it is to be.

N.C.I.A. Annual General Meeting

As both Randall Rabone and June Johnson were unavailable for the 24th April 2015 N.C.I.A. Annual General Meeting, it was felt that Adelaide should be represented in person. At Committee level it was decided to send Michael Delbridge in our place. This was advised to the N.C.I.A. at the beginning of April. We were very pleased that Michael was free to attend on behalf of the Adelaide Church and thank him for the time he took to attend on our behalf.



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.

Inspirational Thoughts

“An horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.”

“Psalm 33:17

In general, in a natural way, a horse signifies intelligence. Spiritually, the horse in the Bible signifies one’s affection for knowledge or understanding. Sometimes a good affection is represented, at others a merely selfish one.

When the picture is one of trust in one’s self-derived intelligence, then one’s horse is a vain thing for safety. Although we may be very self-confident in our own understanding of a matter our strength is vain - it cannot save us. The eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him (verse 18).

Prayer:-

O Lord, let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked remove me.

Amen

News of People

It is with heavy hearts and with many happy memories that we have news to share of some people, known to many people both here and overseas, passing into the Spiritual World.

Christine Tayler – nee Brock – a sister to the present day Brock family and daughter of Rev. Charles Brock and his wife. Christine married Rev. Douglas Taylor and their life was in America; but often we have enjoyed their presence at the Adelaide Church.

Joan Bowley, (widow of Bill Bowley) and Mother to Ruth Raguckas and Grandmother to Hannah. For many years Joan and Bill, were quite a prominent presence here in Adelaide. Joan had moved with Ruth to Queensland some years ago, but had recently returned to Adelaide for residential nursing home care. A grand age Joan had reached.

Rev. Chris Skinner in Melbourne – a real lively presence in the Melbourne Church – had become quite ill in recent months. Chris had been an inspiration to many people and will be very missed.

Mrs Delbridge, Michael Delbridge’s Mother passed away at the end of April. A sad time for all the Delbridge family as the Mum was finally hospitalized due to severe illness. Again a grand age she had reached.

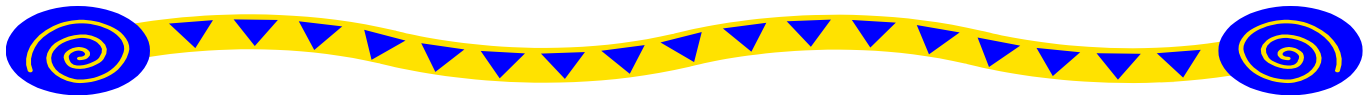
Our prayers and thoughts are with all the families and we wish them many blessings as they remember all the happy times they have shared with their loved ones. May peace and comfort be yours.

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Birthday Celebrations

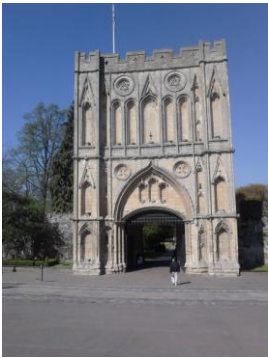
Happy Birthday to Joy Chettle, for an 80th Birthday celebration at the end of March. Joy's family wined and dined with her, some on different days. Birthday greetings to Joy from us all.

Elizabeth & Fred are off to Melbourne soon, to celebrate daughter Tanya's 40th birthday. Tanya lives in Adelaide, but a celebration in Melbourne is 'way to go'. Birthday greetings to Tanya.



Just a little bit of Trivia

While recently in UK (needed to spend time with a very sick relative), it was an opportunity to look around some of the beautiful Churches and Cathedrals; the architecture is so amazing and the craftsmen of centuries ago with their dedication to the service of God is to be admired, so thought to share a little.



The Gatehouse to the ruins of the original Abbey, which is now a park and gardens for everyone to enjoy - and the Cathedral at Bury St. Edmunds is contained within the walls. A church has stood on the site of the cathedral since at least 1065.

St Edmund (814-869) fought to keep Christianity alive in East Anglia – hence the ancient Abbey ruins still there today. St Edmund was killed in 869 when the Vikings invaded England.

A beautiful Church building for the New Church could have ideas.

Here is a lovely verse – given out freely at the Cathedral.

Someone Does Care
 I found God
 In the morning.
 We just sat and talked.
 I kept Him near me
 Everywhere I walked.
 I called on God at noontime
 A heart filled with despair
 I felt His quiet presence
 I knew He was there.
 We met again at sunset,
 The waning of the day.
 I had made him happy
 I had lived His way
 Then when at bedtime I knelt
 Silently in prayer
 Again His gentle presence
 I felt.
 "Someone does care"

Anglo Saxon Church at Lavenham (Britain's finest Medieval Village)



Annual General Meeting was held on 22nd March 2015

The A.G.M. is was held at 12.15pm on 22nd March 2015, after the Service and shared luncheon. The Committee for 2015 is as follows:-

Leader:-	June Johnson	<i>Committee Members:-</i>	
Chairman:-	Randall Rabone		Pauline Merritt
Treasurer:-	Raymond Nicholls		Michael Delbridge
Secretary:-	June Johnson		Heather Wade
	New Age Correspondent:-		Randall Rabone

The Committee is endeavoured to work for you all and for the benefit of the Church.

We would like to say a tremendous thank you to the work done by Yvonne Bell and her husband David, who have spent many hours at the Church undertaking a stock take of all the Library Books and Church chattels -with photographs as well for future reference.

All members of the Adelaide Church give heartfelt thanks to you for all that you have undertaken for us and the Church.

Services for June and July 2015

June

14th June 2015 - Traditional Service
 21st June 2015 - Service & Holy Supper; shared luncheon afterwards
 28th June 2015 - Traditional Musical Service

July

5th July 2015 - Traditional Service
 12th July 2015 - Musical Traditional Service
 19th July 2015 - Service & Holy Supper

Activities 2015

Angel Meditation is due to be held on Thursday 11th June 2015 and Tuesday 7th July 2015. Come along and enjoy a calm meditative time, with refreshments too.

Book Study: - We will soon be choosing a new book to study, please suggest any particular book that you would like to study from Swedenborg's Writings.

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.

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