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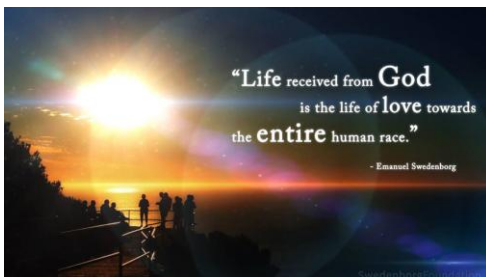
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In Adelaide, it is wintertime and although still sunny and warm during the day, the nights are quite chilly.

Spring is on its way and soon lots of trees and flowers will be blooming again.

Having just recently thought to go to the Almond Blossom Festival at Willunga that is always held at this time of year, it was evident that the almond blossom trees were waiting for warmer weather too. Still plenty of blossom around but not the usual flowering trees. Roll on spring!



Memorial

At the Service on 27th September, we will be giving a Memorial for Joan Bowley, on her passing into the Spiritual world, as she was for many years, a valuable member in our Church; as was her husband Bill.

Joan & Bill are held with affection by the people in the Adelaide Church, who have shared their company for many years.

Pillars of New Church Beliefs

We are compiling a folder that holds all the Pillars of New Church Beliefs. Rev. Julian Duckworth has sent through all the ones so far and is sending the next ones through as they are being written. These Pillars of New Church Beliefs are written by our Ministers here in Australia. It is very good to read of the most important components of Doctrine that are now in every day, easy to read language. The essential message shows through so well. So relevant for today's world and for newcomers to our Church. Quite enlightening.

There is likely to be one of them included in our newsletters from time to time, but for those to whom the folder is available to read in the Church, a favourite one or two that specifically appeals to you, can just be photocopied for you to take home.

Please just ask, when looking through the folder.



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

“And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and everything that creepeth upon the earth after his kind.”

Genesis 1:25

Beasts, cattle and creeping things, have a spiritual significance as well as a natural place on earth. In the Bible where spiritual values are of first importance they correspond to your affections.

The earth where the animals live represents your external life; it is crowded with affections of every kind. Some of them noble, some inferior, and others that as it were, creep about among your lowest appetites. When you read of these things in the Word, try to see their place in the cosmos that is you.

Prayer:-

O Lord, so foolish was I, and ignorant: I was as a beast before Thee. **Amen**

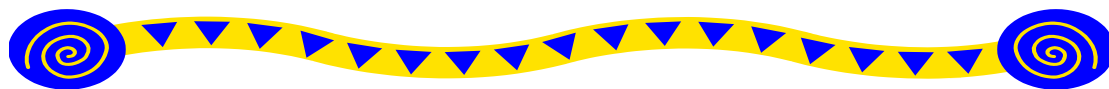
Adelaide Local News

With regard to the last Newsletter Birthday news, an amendment, our Joy Chettle celebrated you 88th birthday (not her 80th). A very active 88 years young Joy is too.

Welcome back to Randall and Pauline, who will be returning back home from their UK trip on 9th August 2015. We look forward to hearing about all their adventures.

Christine Reinders, having just last year, been in hospital for surgery and then rehabilitation, even having a pacemaker put in, has recently suffered another heart attack. Luckily, the hospital have looked after her well and reassessed and adjusting her current heart medication. Christine always remains positive and in good spirits. Back home again after a shorter stay this time and Bernd is taking good care of her too.

Our Dear Frank Hussey, who has been unwell for several months now, is in residential care at a Nursing Home in Hahndorf. Shirley has been bearing up as well as can be expected with all the recent happenings and the whole family are rallying around as well. Frank had become quite frail and unwell for a while and at the beginning of the year was diagnosed with early Parkinson's; the medication he was on affected his gall bladder to the extent he was in hospital around Easter time for surgery. This adversely affected his mobility and his mental faculties to such an extent that his health has deteriorated, requiring full time nursing care. Frank has become very frail. Upon visiting him at Hahndorf, it is evident that only sometimes one is able to have a lucid chat with him. He seems quite content now there. Please give prayers for Shirley and the family coping with all of this. Shirley visits him almost daily as it is not too far for her to travel.



Does God Answers Prayers? ... and Does God still create miracles?

In our current outreach program, we have been working closely together with the Elders of the following communities i.e. the Rawandan, the Brundi and the Liberian. These communities struggle to understand the way the white community functions on a daily basis, with all the new social changes within their communities. Not to mention the language problem already in existence! It is easier for the young school children, as they are learning customs and ways at school, but it is the young adults finding quite a different set of rules and values. They don't feel any longer in charge of their communities or families. Although they even learn to speak the English language, they are unable to understand that within the language, something is being said, i.e. is it something specific they should adhere to, or is it just a statement.

Michael Delbridge is the main one here in our Church, who is doing God's helping work with these people. They are so aware of our Church and the help Michael is giving them, through God. We often pray here at Church for a particular incident that really needs God's help. Then Michael lets them know of this.

These people and with their families have even attended our Church, a few months ago, as it is a long way from their residences; it was when Rev. Ian Arnold gave a service here last September. A friendly group of people they are. Michael even plays soccer on one of their teams with them.

What we have done as a Church, is to reach out to the families and the individuals and help guide them through the difficult processes. This often involves forms and papers dealing with car purchases, registration, signing contracts for residential accommodation - including Bonds etc., job applications, motor vehicle fines, a speeding fine - even car parking fines, of which is quite new to them. In that way, a certain sense of trust develops and more people step forward to have their own problems resolved.

This takes up a lot of time, sometimes officialdom seems to overwhelm them and they are at a loss as to what to do next. Although, back in their original country, they were well able to deal with matters; one of the men was a school teacher and finds it extremely difficult as a breadwinner in the family with a wife and children, to gain suitable employment here - however he is back at College now studying again here.

As the Church, we are reaching out to our brothers and sisters, to help them in any way. To bring some sense of reassurance that the world isn't just collapsing around them. Just one example; one of the young school lads couldn't produce his photo I.D. on the train to the Inspector, and was subsequently fined \$220 Having no money or real income to this fine - and he was quite entitled to travel on the student ticket he had purchased - it was a 'huge' issue for him. This student phoned Michael, crying about it all. Michael went to see him, too photocopies of his student I.D. card and wrote a long letter of explanation to the Transport SA. This was not accepted at first, so Michael took more photocopies and explained this young lad was not trying to do anything illegal, just wasn't quite knowing about these matters. After a few weeks, Transport SA decided they would waive the fine and the young lad was no longer in any trouble over it. Naturally, this young lad now knows to carry his I.D. card with him when travelling, at all times.

The families and the individuals are officially accepted Australian refugee migrants, having lived here for approximately five years, with some perhaps just about 2 - 3 years. Quite a different culture and language for them to confront. With help, most of them have gained employment of some kind.

In the Southern African communities, we have been witness to several miracles for them, some quite life changing. This work, help and friendship is ongoing with them all, with God's help.

“GET IN YOUR LANE!”

Spanning the river near our house is a one-way traffic bridge. On this bridge are three lanes. All traffic on the left-hand lane *must turn left*, which is toward the cemetery. All traffic on the middle lane *must go straight on* - which takes you to the city centre. All traffic on the right-hand lane *must turn right* - which leads to the airport.

If you want to go to the airport, it's useless to be on the left-hand lane; there is no crossing over when you are once on the bridge. From the left-hand lane you will end up in the cemetery, whether you want to or not! Therefore, all travellers are advised to get into the correct lane before they reach the bridge.

Never wait for a crisis situation before deciding how to act, for when you are actually on the bridge it's too late.

GET IN YOUR LANE NOW

A little “Angel Story” by Brian Kingslake from his book

Services for August and September

August

9th August 2015 - Traditional Service

16th August 2015 - Traditional Musical Service

30th August 2015 - Service & Holy Supper; shared luncheon afterwards

September

13th September 2015 - Traditional Service

20th September 2015 - Musical Traditional Service

27th September 2015 - Service & Holy Supper; shared luncheon

Activities 2015

Angel Meditation is due to be held mostly on a Tuesday evening. However, with the chilly winter weather, it is likely to change until the summer months. Please contact for times for this. Come along and enjoy a calm meditative time, with refreshments too.

Book Study: - We will soon be starting “Divine Love & Wisdom” from Swedenborg’s Writings. This will be held once a month.

Bible Study and discussion time. The next session will be on Thursday 20th August and 17th September at 1.00pm - 2.00pm in the Church hall.

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