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## Christmas Greetings

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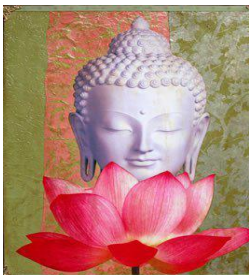


A favourite time of year, especially to focus on the birth of our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ; and to reflect on the gift he brought into the world.

It is for each of us, a time for family and friends to get together and to catch up with those we may not have had the pleasure of being with during the year. A happy reunion for most of us with celebrations all round.

Please think of those people that are perhaps on their own or housebound, perhaps a visit or a phone call would be welcomed, as well as the Christmas greeting cards.

Offer up prayers for the many people just struggling to find a safe place to live; and pray for peace in the World.



## Peace and Love

### Mobile Church

A really good Mobile Church was held on 18<sup>th</sup> October, at McCracken, just near Goolwa and Victor Harbor. Our hosts were Randall and Pauline at their home.

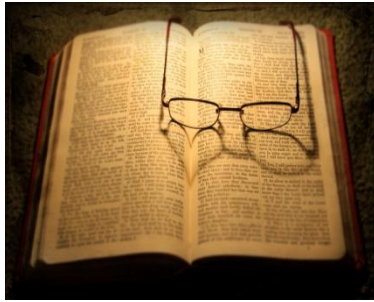
We thank them for their hospitality on that Sunday. It was just a rewarding time, catching up with people that reside down south, and the weather was good.

After the Service, we shared a BBQ lunch and chat time under the verandah; we look forward to when the next mobile Church will be.

## Happy New Year 2016

A Very Happy New Year for 2016 is wished to you all. May your year be filled with happiness, good health and good times.

May the New Year bring new opportunities and fresh beginnings for you all. May Love and Peace be with you at all times.



## Inspirational Thoughts

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be on his shoulders.”

Isaiah 9: 6

This was written long before Jesus came, even hundreds of years. And yet, it is in the present tense. You see, it refers to us all: to the people of long ago, and to you and me today. Jesus was born into the world; and *is* born into the world of our minds, just as the prophecy says. He came to seek and save the lost, and He comes to your own personal world, and mine, for the same reason. He is the truth given to us from Heaven, to take over the government of our minds. .

Prayer:-

O Lord, Your hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.

**Amen**

### ADELAIDE CHURCH MOTTO

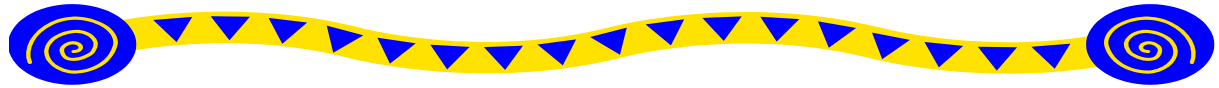
*“The Law of the Lord is perfect”*

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

### *Little Snippets*



In today’s busy world, with people rushing about and mobile phones and fast transit trains and buses that one is trying to catch; let alone driving and looking for parking places - let us all stop and think, we are all people with feelings. Be thoughtful please.



*“Providence and Free Will in Human Actions”*

*Excerpt from the book by Rev. Daniel W Goodenough*

In General, believers in God prefer to think of the course of life as being directed by Providence, such that good always results, nothing really unfair happens, and man’s evil is always somehow over-ruled for good. On the other hand, we feel free in many things, and we want to believe we are free – free to choose good or evil, and therefore responsible for what happens to us and within our spheres of use. It is important to realize that we cannot have it completely both ways, because in the degree that Providence *alone* determines and causes something, man’s freedom and responsibility regarding it are eliminated. Man is not responsible for, nor free in regard to, what the Divine alone determines.

Creation of the world, for example, is a completely Divine work, and man is not responsible for how the Lord created the universe. And so Divine creation is altogether good. Where man is free and responsible, however, Providence cannot be the sole cause of something, and the result will not be pure, unmixed good. For instance, Providence permits hell because some men will evil. Providence is not the only cause of hell. Although the laws of Providence constitute one of the reasons that hell exists, another causative factor, without which hell would not exist, is that some men choose to will evil. It is true that it is only from the laws of Providence that man is able to will evil, but that does not mean that Providence is the only cause of hell. Man is one of the causes of hell, and man and his free will must be studied, in addition to the nature of God, before we can understand why the hells exist. Where both Providence and free will cause something, we will find neither unmitigated evil –which Providence cannot allow – nor unmitigated good – which those who are free sometime choose evil.

Just thought to quote from this book, as many people are wondering about events in the world today.

Pray and trust in the Lord



*To Love Others*

It is essential of love  
 Not to love self  
 But to love others  
 And to be conjoined  
 With others by love.  
 The essence of all love  
 Consists in conjunction;  
 This is its life.

DLW.47



“When they saw the star,  
they rejoiced with  
exceeding great joy”  
Matthew 2:10

“When he arose, he took  
the young child and his  
mother by night, and  
departed into Egypt”  
Matthew 2:14

## Services for December 2015 and January 2016

### December

13<sup>th</sup> December 2015 - Traditional Musical Service

20<sup>th</sup> December 2015 - Christmas Carol Service with BBQ and shared lunch in the Social Hall at Church afterwards. All Welcome to come and join us.

### January 2016

Church is in recess, due to Church Camp in NSW and holidays in early January

24<sup>th</sup> January 2016 - Service & Holy Supper; shared luncheon

## Activities 2015/16

**Angel Meditation** Has proven to be quite a successful time, even though small in numbers. Beneficial to all who attended. We will be letting those know when it will be resuming again in 2016; not scheduled for December - too close to Christmas activities.

**Book Study:** - “Divine Love & Wisdom” from Swedenborg’s Writings. This has already started and is held fortnightly on a Wednesday evening at 7.00pm. Anyone is welcome to join in. Please phone 8277 1891 for more details.

**Bible Study** and discussion time: - Will resume in the last week of January. Please phone Church 8277 1891.

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