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Welcome 2016

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As with every new starts, 2016 has a new challenge to make plenty of good and happy memories and to move forward in plans that have been made –or sometimes, plans that are hoped for and maybe just don't grow to fruition. But it is still good to have plans to work towards. That really is always a nice way of looking at it.

Motto:- Make the best of the New Year; create happy memories.

May you, each and everyone, have a year fulfilled with good times.

Annual General Meeting

In Adelaide, it is that time of year again, for the Annual General Meeting. This will be held on 20th March 2016 in the Church Hall, after the Service.

There will be light refreshments, i.e. Tea, Coffee, biscuits and cake, then planning for a 12.00pm start for the AGM.

Members who cannot attend, please put in your Proxy Form to Admin prior to the date, a.s.a.p., to enable a smooth running of the meeting.

There will be more information for local members enclosed with this newsletter. Any friends or other Church attendees, most welcome to come to the AGM. See you there!



Peace and Love

N.C.I.A. Conference in May 2016

An N.C.I.A. Conference is being held in Canberra, you may have already had notification from the Secretary of N.C.I.A. last year concerning this. It is being held as there are plenty of items to be discussed, relating to N.C.I.A. Governance and with a view towards the future. It will be quite and interesting and important Conference.

Adelaide Representatives are attending, and anyone else is welcome to go. If you do not have any details regarding this, or have mislaid them somewhere, please contact, either your local Church or contact Kevin Attwater at N.C.I.A. direct.



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

“Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord...he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green.”

Jeremiah 17:7-8

To be blessed is to be happy; and the greatest happiness comes to those who trust in the Lord. They are compared in the Bible to trees planted by waters that in consequence flourish; and the leaves are always green.

To trust in the Lord is to trust all the way; not just or those few steps you can see, but for all the subsequent steps as well. Thus we become trees of the Lord.

Prayer:-

Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me; for my soul trusteth in Thee; yea in the shadow of Thy wings will I make my refuge. **Amen**

Christmas 2015 Donation Gift

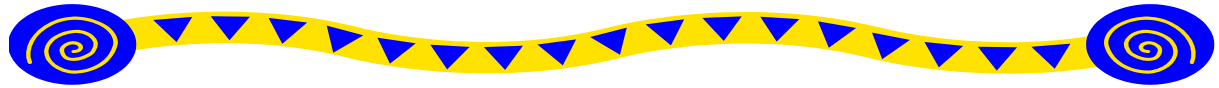
Along with the Church decision, a couple of years ago, to endeavour to support any local or overseas charity or worthwhile causes direct, rather than just donate a cheque to Marion Life Centre, who then collected from many sources and gave out donations from them; it was thought to make direct contact Gifts from our Church, with a letter on Church headed notepaper.

The Christmas just gone, it was decided to donate the Gift to a local Adelaide boy, a 15year old, who was diagnosed suddenly in March 2015 with Leukaemia – Zachery Butler. Zach was a typical school boy and a good team cricketer for the local cricket team near his home when he suddenly took ill.

Zach became a patient at the Adelaide Women & Children’s Hospital. After his initial hospitalization, the next was a course of intensive chemotherapy. This really knocked Zach about, losing all his hair and becoming quite weak, unable to attend school. When chemo was finished, for a short while, he was trying to recover when he became seriously ill again and was back in WCH for about 4 weeks on a drip. The Drs then discussed a bone marrow transplant and possible stem cell treatment. This had to be undertaken at a Specialist Hospital in Sydney – when a bed and donor became available.

The call came early December and Zachery and his Mum were flown to Sydney. It is a 12 week stay in Sydney, requiring the immediate family to find accommodation near the hospital. The first 6 weeks, Zach is in hospital all the time with daily treatment and his Mum with him. The next 6 weeks, they have to live near the hospital and Zach can go and stay with his parents but has to go to hospital every day for follow up treatment and care. They are all still in Sydney and should be able to return home to Adelaide by about the end of March or April, all being well.

Zachery’s Dad gave up work last year for 2 years to be his carer through all of this, and to help him catch up on schooling. Our Church was happy to send a Gift to the family to help out for Zach. They are all in our prayers.



Descendants of Rev. E G Day Visit

Quite an exciting phone call received early in January. The family of Rev. Edward George Day was staying over in Adelaide with family here, for Christmas and New Year. The family had begun to research their Family tree and phoned the Church. Much chatter over the phone resulted in another call later, asking if they could come to visit the Church. This was happily arranged with me for the following morning, before they travelled home interstate.

What a delightful surprise, eight of the “Days” arrived. Much enthusiastic chatter and sharing went on, over cups of tea, coffee and biscuits. I was able to bring out – and carefully warning them to please take great care – the Baptism book that actually had their Ancestor’s entries for them to peruse. With glee they were looking through that. Lots of questions from them and information they gave on their present day families, with name changes naturally through marriage.

Much of the alter furniture and lectern and other items our Church has, is from the Hanson Street Church, which was in the City, and was transferred to our current premises here in Oaklands Road.



This is Margaret and Carolyn, L – R at the Memorial Plaque for Rev. E G Day Below are Margaret and Carolyn sitting on the chairs upon which he sat.



The present day families have only just recently started their genealogy research and had so many questions to ask about the Day family. It was good to be able to show the photos of Rev. Day on our wall – with other Ministers.

Up to this time, they had only been able to find scant information. Carolyn had information on her phone, with a photo clip, of the ship that the Day family had travelled on in 1853, bringing with them five children. Leaving England, it was the Countess of Yarborough.

Carolyn and Margaret are the Gt Gt Grand-daughters of E G Day, through his son Edward Day. They did not know the names of the five children that travelled with them at that time or whether the son Edward was born here or in the UK.

As luck would have it, they came to someone (me) who is reasonably to well versed in tracing genealogy, having traced both my husband’s back to the 1600’s and my family goes further back than that.

The pages from the “History of the New Church in Australia” about their ancestor were photo-copied and 4 copies given to each group of them. Information was given to them about the records in the Mortlock Library, which is a section of the State Library in Adelaide City. ...cont’d pg4

More news of the “Day family is given here. But at the same time, if there is anyone in SA or interstate that has more knowledge of the Day family, please forward it by email to the Adelaide Church - admin@adelaidenewchurch.org.au

So far, I've located the family in the 1841 Census, with just 3 children, Elizabeth, Edward and Alfred. The family lived at New Gloucester St, Shoreditch, London. This is just north of the CBD of London, alongside Islington. The other two children, Edward William, and Amy were all born in Shoreditch too, before sailing for Australia. The family disappeared from the 1851 census, as they departed from London in February 1850. The census is taken usually on 31st March to 2nd April each 10 years, so that follows correctly.



Hartley - the little boy and Darryl De-Anne and Nikki



Edward George Day, in 1850, took over as Leader in the Adelaide Church when Jacob Pitman and his family moved to Victoria. Mr Day was an enthusiastic and valuable person as Leader and then Minister of the Adelaide Church for 34 years, who guided the Church and was instigator in the Church buying land and building a new Church - designed by Mr Strawbridge - in the city of Adelaide.

Contact with the current family is taking place, as is often the case with research; it can be a little confusing. Here in Adelaide, marriages have been tracked down of the son, Edward, and daughter Elizabeth. Much research is continuing now, as details of the other two sons and one daughter have come to hand. Over time, working with the present “Day” descendants, it is hoped to have found more of the records, so that the family today, and the Adelaide Church, can add to the records. Michael Delbridge has pulled a box from Archival, where information that he had previously done, is available to use and help track down more.

Birthday Celebrations

It may be a little belated, but too important not to celebrate. Shirley Brock celebrated her **90th** in December. Shirley is the wife of Ian Brock and for those who may not know – Ian Brock and his brothers and sister, are all children of Rev. Charles Brock, who was a long serving Minister of the Adelaide New Church.



Christine Reinders celebrated her birthday in December too. Due to quite a few health problems, Christine is quite confined to home most of the time, but always keeps up to date with all Church news.

Grieving for Two Young Lives Lost

January 1st. with a week or two of really warm to hot summer weather here in Adelaide, being school holidays, many families took to having long leisurely days at the beaches. Some of the African families, that Michael Delbridge knows and works with quite closely, chose to meet up together and be at Glenelg. Quote write up from the newspaper is given here:-

“Two young boys who drowned at Adelaide's Glenelg Beach were playing on the breakwater before they slipped on the rocks and fell in, a lifesaving official has said.

Surf Life Saving South Australia SA emergency operations manager Andrew Bedford also told of a similar tragedy in the same stretch of water involving a man. Mr Bedford said he would be approaching council about the lack of any signage warning of the dangers in the area of the breakwater. He said one drowning death was "one too many" and that lifesavers had been debriefed after the drownings on Friday of two 11-year-olds.

"We will probably touch base with the local council on Monday regarding any signage that we can put in the area to try and alert people to any dangers that are there," he said. Lifesavers on duty and others training nearby responded to the emergency that involved five children in trouble in the water about 6:00pm on Friday.

Three children were pulled from the water but two boys were reported missing. They were found a short time later. One died at the scene and the other on arrival at the Women's and Children's Hospital.

"They were playing, I believe, on the breakwater and slipped off the rocks into the breakwater," Mr Bedford said. "There is quite a deep channel on the other side of the breakwater there, so very hard to swim with the current that's running through there as well."



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Michael D was called on in the days after, to comfort and help the two families and he was invited to the Funeral. It was a joint one for the two lads, in the Northern suburbs. TV coverage was shown and it was well supported by the African community and the local Council, as well as lots of school friends of the two young boys. The photo here is scanned from the funeral service sheet that Michael has.

Our Church handed Michael a cheque to be shared between the two grieving families, to help them a little with all the expenses of the funerals and to let them know that we care about them and will be praying for the Mothers and Fathers and siblings and friends in this heartfelt tragedy. These two 11 yr olds, were valued members of a Choir and were looking forward to taking part in the Choir Festival in the Northern suburbs, and played for the local football club too. Polite, well mannered and friendly young lads, will be sweetly remembered by so many.

Quote from the book "Helen Keller; My Religion"

A true and inspiring book written by Helen herself. Having lost her sight and hearing after an illness at 2 yrs old, therefore could not pick up speech either. Her triumphs are amazing.

"If you can enjoy the sun and flowers and music where there is nothing except darkness and silence you have proved the Mystic Sense" quoted by Helen Keller herself.

"Cut off from the world of light and sound, her spiritual perceptions are correspondingly acute. She understands Swedenborg's visions of good and evil spirits, for her life is spent on a spiritual plane. The gift of Helen Keller's book is the firm knowledge of the spiritual world, where she lives immune from the distractions of the physical world – and the courage and faith that come as a result of this knowledge."

If by any chance you have not read this book, it is well worth borrowing it from a Library or buying it from a reputable bookshop or the Swedenborg Association in Sydney.

Services for February and March 2016

February

- 7th February - Traditional Service
- 21st February - Traditional Musical Service
- 28th February - Service & Holy Supper; shared luncheon.

March

- 13th March - Traditional Service
- 20th March - Service & Holy Supper; shared luncheon **Annual General Meeting 12.00pm**
- 27th March - Easter Sunday Service

Activities 2016

Angel Meditation Has proven to be quite a successful time, even though small in numbers. It is planned for it to continue in either February or March. Info - phone 8277 1891.

Book Study: - "Divine Love & Wisdom" from Swedenborg's Writings. This is still in progress 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: - There has already been two held in January. This held on most Thursday mornings at 10.30am. Please phone Church 8277 1891.

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

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