

## Adelaide Christian New Church

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## Pray Always



With such busy lives today for most people, including those families that have young children and/or teenagers, it is still important to stop and think; then pray to the Lord. Pray for help and guidance, pray for health and wellbeing for family and friends. Pray for harmony and peace. The Lord is always there for each and every one of us.

# N.C.J.A. Assembly in Canberra

The Assembly in Canberra was a very welcome one, for the Churches around Australasia to gather together and unite in friendship and discussion.

Highlight at the beginning of the Assembly, was the N.C.I.A. AGM, and then it was the inauguration of Rev. David Moffat as President of the Board. The Ceremony took place with Rev. Julian Duckworth stepping across to become Vice-President. Then Rev. Julian Duckworth conducted the ceremony. It was quite a moving occasion, as Rev. Trevor Moffat' – a previous President - watched on as his son took on the role of President. The Churches are in full support of David and we welcome his as President.

## Fillars of New Church Beliefs

This collection of easy to understand and explanatory format, is being gathered in a folder at the Church. If anyone would like to have a copy of any or a few of them, they can be photocopied at the Church. An index of the subjects covered will be compiled to make it easier to choose a topic.

These could be used as well, for a small group chat and coffee time, even in your own home. Please contact if you would like further information on any of these.





#### 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 the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pear; and the street of the city was pure gold."

Revelation 21:21

The figure twelve represents something full and complete: thus the city had twelve foundations. Gates represent knowledge of the Lord that introduce, and pearls signify their precious qualities. The street inside was pure gold, showing us that the ways of the city are the ways of golden love.

Your knowledge from the Word of Jesus are your twelve precious gates of pearl. Each picture of Him that you treasure is a precious pearl. These are your own particular gates to the Holy City.

#### Prayer:-

O Lord, open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and will praise Thee, for Thou art become my salvation.

Amen

### News of Zachary

A letter of thanks to the Adelaide Church has been received from Zachary's parents. They give their gratitude for the donation that helped them through. For a while in Sydney, it was touch and go for Zachary.

During chemo and stem cell treatment, he suffered two small strokes; thanks to the great care received in Sydney, he has pulled though. Remaining positive back at home in Adelaide, Zachary still has to remain housebound, due to his low immune system. His daily medication has now been lowered and regular check ups at the hospital here in Adelaide continue.

Therefore he cannot return to High school, but continues studies at home. Nowthat he has turned 16 years of age, Zachary is planning to learn to drive, with his two older brothers eager to help him.

### Deacon - Michael Delbridge

Due to all the outreach work that Michael continues to give his time and effort to, and his help in matters of the Church, when and where they are needed. This attests to his many efforts of help in the past too. Our Constitution – Item 16 - states that there can be one or two Deacons elected. It now seems quite appropriate to elect Michael as a Deacon, helping to serve our Church. It will also serve our Church to have a male person to contact as well. Michael is a Committee Member.

Michael can always be contacted on his mobile No. 0405 962 233





### Michael Delbridge -the Soccer Team

Michael is the First Aid Officer and O.H.& S. person for the Team. The resettled families are doing very well at Soccer. It is quite important for these young lads to have a good team spirit and enjoyable part to play in the teamwork involved. Plenty of practice guarantees them a place in the Tables for matches and they are doing very well. There are now three teams that compete in the games around Adelaide suburbs.



These families are very supportive of each other.
Recently, due to a family bereavement in Africa, relatives here in Adelaide flew back to be with and to be a support to the relatives back there.

Unfortunately, while driving over there, they were involved in a car accident and needed hospitalisation. The family communities here in Australia, joined together to raise funds for the medical treatment and hospital expenses over there. We wish them all well and a speedy recovery.

The families of these players usually attend the weekend matches, even the young children. Out in the open air and making friends in the community is so worthwhile. Often after matches, the organisers hold a BBQ at the Oval, wherever they are at the time.

Due to the excellent progress these teams are making, the South Australian Government gives them a Sports Grant to help with all the fees required and to help with their uniforms.

The excitement and enthusiasm of these players is very good. As yet, just relayed to us by Michael, particularly when they reach the semi-finals, or finals. But maybe one day, it might be good to go and watch them play. A lot of the time the Oval that they play in is near Adelaide Airport. The families travel from mostly, the Northern suburbs to practice and play.

Some of the parents, in their own country, were teachers and nurses, but find the language and credentials are different here. This hinders iob prospects. But retraining at T.A.F.E. has proved beneficial. for them.

### New Brochure in today's language

Rev. David Moffat in Canberra has a new brochure was composed and printed in readiness for handing out at the Melbourne Afterlife Conference which I attended at the end of January this year.

It's an excellent introduction to Swedenborg. There's an online version at <a href="http://www.swedenborg.com.au/Websites/saa/images/brochures/Introducing\_Swedenborg\_read\_online\_leaflet.pdf">http://www.swedenborg.com.au/Websites/saa/images/brochures/Introducing\_Swedenborg\_read\_online\_leaflet.pdf</a>

It's part of a number of brochures on Swedenborg's insights and books which is located on <a href="http://www.swedenborg.com.au/learningresources#brochures1">http://www.swedenborg.com.au/learningresources#brochures1</a>

This is a very good brochure and well worth reading. Adelaide Church will be obtaining

### Services for June and July 2016

#### June

5<sup>th</sup> June - Traditional Musical Service

19<sup>th</sup> June - New Church Day Service & Holy Supper; shared luncheon

#### July

10<sup>th</sup> July - Traditional Service

17<sup>th</sup> July - Traditional Musical Service

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

#### **Activities 2016**

<u>Angel Meditation</u> The next sessions of Angel Meditation will be Thursday June 16th at 10.30am; then Thursday July 28th at 10.30am. This is held in the Church Hall, Tea/coffee and biscuits provided. All welcome to this calm relaxing time. Info - phone 8277 1891.

<u>Book Study</u>: - "Divine Love & Wisdom" from Swedenborg's Writings. This is still in progress and is held fortnightly on a Thursday evening at 7.00pm. Anyone is welcome to join in. This book is just about to finish. It will soon be time to begin another book. Please phone 8277 1891 for more details.

<u>Bible Study</u> and discussion time: - This will be held on some Thursday mornings at 10.30am. Please phone Church 8277 1891. It could be arranged for another time or even a home study. Pillars of New Church Beliefs are available as well.

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#### Contributions for Newsletters

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