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Chilly Winter Days



Sending some pretty flower blooms as a reminder Spring is on its way

What crazy chilly and rainy weather has been around all over Australia for this Winter. Just a few sunny warmer days in between, with temps in Adelaide reaching 22 deg. in one day last week. Tricked us to thinking maybe Spring was finally on its way. This week, after a couple of dry days, it has turned back to winter again. Please keep safe and warm everyone

New Name here in Adelaide

The changes to the Church Constitution, voted in at the A.G.M. in March, have now gone through the SA Government's Registration and approved.

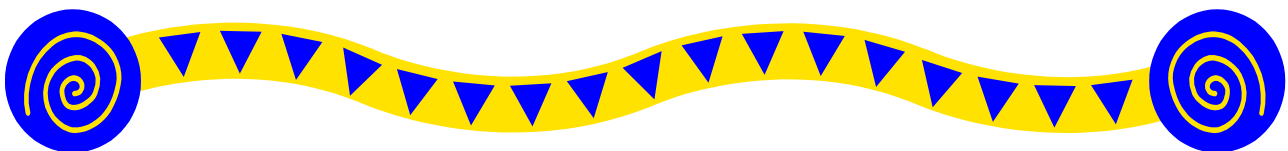
Adelaide Christian New Church is now the official name of the Church here in Adelaide. The Financial year is now in line with the Australian Taxation year. Our Auditors will attend to those details for us and adjust the books accordingly.

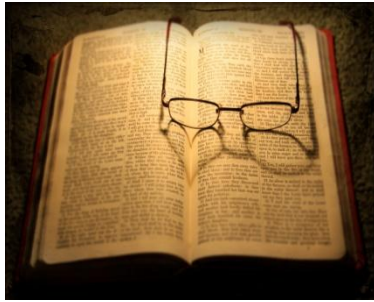
Soon there will be consultation with the Printers, to draft up the adjustments, then there will be a copy of the new print off, given personally or sent out to each member of the Church.

Pillars 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. Read page 3 in this newsletter.





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

“All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even as to them: for this is the law and the prophets.”

Matthew 7 :12

How direct and clear the Lord’s teaching is. What could be better than this? Simply treat others as you would like them to treat you. It is the conduct of heaven brought to the earth. It is the law and the prophets, because it is the truth, leading to the goodness of life.

Within your soul where heaven is, you know it is true and good. You know that if you let this teaching down into your earth life, and make it your law of neighbourly love, then you will be living as the angels do.

Prayer:-

O Lord, Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid Thine hand upon me.
Amen

News of Members

Please give a thought and your prayers to Tanya, Liz Welling’s daughter, who is to undergo yet another operation on your ankle. Tanya has been suffering for quite a few years now with it and has often been only able to work part-time due to this. An operation a while ago, that was hopefully to have solved the problem, has not. Elizabeth is moving into Tanya’s post hospital, to care for her recovery.

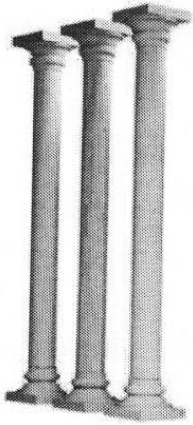
Christine Reinders has suffered with her heart again, and was recently hospitalized with it. This time they have changed her medication and sorted the pacemaker out again. Christine always remains cheerful and positive and is happy to be home again with Bernd.

Ian Brock celebrated another happy birthday on June 30th at Goolwa with the family. Shirley and Ian are going along so well, both being in their 90’s now, even with the natural slowing down that comes with being in one’s 90’s, they are out and about – carefully – in Goolwa.

Computer Awareness Sessions

Over the last 4 – 5 weeks, there has been up to three participants for the computer sessions at one time. Just as well there are 4 computers available. It is interesting to see what particular aspects each person is looking for. Basically, these sessions are to help them along the way. One person came in as a complete beginner, who quickly had to acquire some computer language, such as USB sticks. At that time began by asking how to go onto the internet, as he wanted to buy a computer. Local sites such as Ebay and Gumtree, allowed him to locate one in his area. Then it was up and on the next week. Each participant is asked to provide their own USB to save their work on, ready for home or next time.





Wonderful Coincidences

For our Church Service here in Adelaide on 10th July, I had chosen a Sermon -

“Equilibrium: The Balance of the Worlds”

By Rev. James P Cooper

Upon selecting the prayers, music and hymns to go with this Sermon, lo and behold, in the Newsletter from the Melbourne, Victoria Church. As well, Rev. Julian Duckworth had forwarded this part of the series of The Pillars of New Church Beliefs. We are collecting the series in a folder at our Church.

This particular topic was also read out, along with the Sermon. How fitting and timely that happened.

THE PILLARS OF NEW CHURCH BELIEFS

A series on our beliefs in plain English by Rev. Julian Duckworth (Sydney).

This time we're looking at **EQUILIBRIUM**

I'm sorry about the long word for the heading but it is an important spiritual teaching. Equilibrium is any condition in which all acting influences are cancelled by others resulting in a stable, balanced and unchanging state.

Think of a see-saw with a person at each end. If they're the same weight, the see-saw is level. If not, one person will have to move forward along the plank to keep the equilibrium. Or take a tug-of-war with terrific force in opposite directions, but no movement.

We are told that we are kept in such an equilibrium all the time by the Lord. It's best to talk about heaven and hell because both of these exert an influence on us for good and for evil. We need to be kept in a state of freedom so that we can make the choices that we make, ourselves. That is the main thing, that we are able to do that.

Now, suppose that for whatever reason, you make some personal choices but they are unfortunate ones. You become more critical, or more resentful, or you insist in having things your way. It looks – to you and to others – that your equilibrium has gone and now you're veering in a bad direction.

Not true, according to the Lord. You are allowing yourself to get caught up in these negative things, but behind the scenes, the Lord will unrelentingly keep that equilibrium as it must always be. And the reason is so that you will always have the opportunity to stop being critical, resentful or insistent. Take that away and we would be on a perilous course.

I hope this is clear because it is a key church teaching and a practical one for us personally. With God, all things are possible. With God, some things simply have to be kept in place and never change.

New Brochure in today's language

Rev. David Moffat, N.C.I.A. President recommends the following:-

It's an excellent introduction to Swedenborg. There's an online version at

http://www.swedenborg.com.au/Websites/saa/images/brochures/Introducing_Swedenborg_read_online_leaflet.pdf

It's part of a number of brochures on Swedenborg's insights and books which is located on

<http://www.swedenborg.com.au/learningresources#brochures1>

Swedenborg Association in Sydney

Joe Vandernmeer has just recently taken place as the new Director of the Centre. Joe is well versed in the Writings and brings other skills with him. Joe, his wife Ellie and their son Damian live in Berowra. He has been the President of the Swedenborg Association of Australia for a term of five years and has been a regular contributor to its quarterly journal, Candela.

Welcome Joe to this new position and enquiries can be made direct, regarding books for sale, DVDs, CDs, etc. as well as asking for guidance on good websites to visit.

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Services for August and September 2016**August**

14th August - Traditional Musical Service

21st August - Service & Holy Supper; shared luncheon

September

11th September - Traditional Service

18th September - Traditional Musical Service

25th September - Service & Holy Supper; shared luncheon

Activities August and September 2016

Angel Meditation The next sessions of Angel Meditation will be changed. This is held in the Church Hall, Tea/coffee and biscuits provided. All welcome to this calm relaxing time. Info contact direct - phone 8277 1891.

Book Study: - The next book is about to be decided on and will be held monthly on a Thursday evening at 7.00pm. Anyone is welcome to join in. Please phone 8277 1891 for more details.

Bible Study and discussion time: - This will be held on some Thursday mornings at 12.30pm. It is currently being extended for another area and/or a home study. Please phone Church 8277 1891

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

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Contributions for Newsletters

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