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Choices



It is so often we think the events that make us feel unhappy and down in life, and other things that happen in our lives are beyond our control; we pray to our Lord to help us. But as well as having the Lord's merciful love to help us along the way, we must take responsibility for ourselves and be thankful for little things. Make good choices.

Christmas Approaching

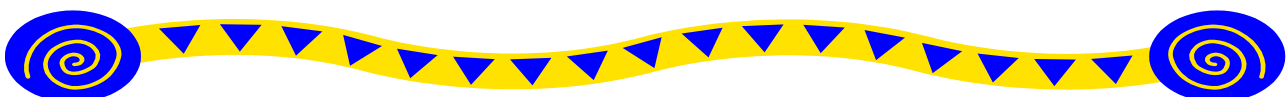
As Christmas is approaching fast, and this year Christmas Day will fall on a Sunday, we are giving advanced notice that the Christmas Carol Service and BBQ to follow, for Christmas breakup time, will be held on Sunday 18th December.

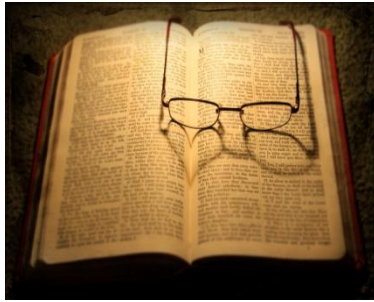
Christmas Advent service will be held on 4th December. In this month, Holy Supper will be held on 4th December, so as to leave the Carol Service and BBQ and salad on the 18th, for celebrating the birth of baby Jesus.

These dates will be given on the last page with the other Service times for October and November. At this time of year, there are many family get togethers and social functions happening with others all around and it is hoped that these planned dates for our December services should not conflict with other family arrangements; or just bring your family and friends along too, to share gladness and joy at this time of year.

School holidays will be starting as well, let alone people rushing around preparing for the Christmas festivities. Not to mention New Year's celebrations as well. This is the one time of year that all people, whether religious or not, can partake in and share with relatives and friends, relaxing and enjoying this unique holiday season, dedicated to the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, came down to earth.

These Christmas dates are given here, as January will be in recess and the next newsletter will be out next year, for January and February.





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 there rose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full”
Mark 4:37

A great storm of wind! It represents the contrary weather we sometimes encounter on the sea of life; particularly when we pass over from an inner state to the things of bodily life.

The waves represent the mounting frustrations that arise from false ideas of life, and merely worldly concerns. And by their filling the ship, pictures our faith being almost swamped by them. Most of us experience storms of trouble like this, when we try to pass over to our outer life, the things we learn of the Lord.

Prayer:-

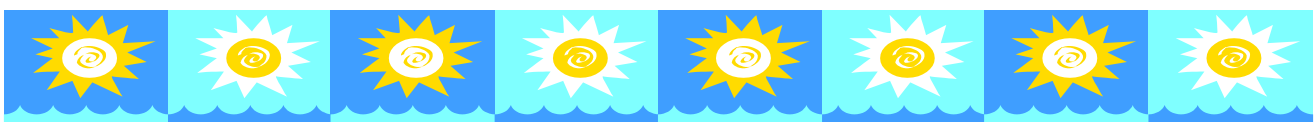
O Lord ,when we cry unto Thee in our trouble, bring us out of our distresses, and make the storm a calm, that the waves thereof be still. **Amen**

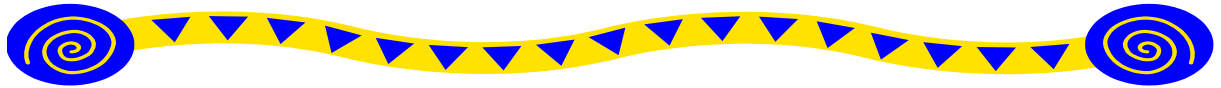
Southern Fleurieu Bible Study Group

We have just recently begun a Bible Study Group South, to accommodate our members who live down there. We thank Randall and Pauline for having us all in their home, and were our host and hostess. Randall lead the group, starting with a prayer, and we all had an insightful and happy time. The good part was that it was the “Joseph” stories, and three of us, travelling down from Adelaide, are in the middle of covering the same topic. Such a long and lovely Bible story. It is good to share thoughts and viewpoints on the issues that arise from rereading.

There were nine of us in attendance there, and the next one will be in October. It is planned to have the Southern Fleurieu Group meeting once a month. A very pretty drive down there with the scenery, and as much as possible, we meet up and travel down in one car. Yes, they even trust my driving – if I really try not to get lost!!; have a TomTom sat nav in the car and my iPad to follow too. So all is well.

The Thursday afternoon Bible Study at the Church is continuing with the Joseph story, but there is also an additional topic, depending on who has been following one or the other stories. These are informal and the relevant Bible Study Notes by Anita S Dole are used.





THE PILLARS OF NEW CHURCH BELIEFS



This one about Joy, was chosen this time, as the week before last at Church, our Sermon was on “Count Your Blessings”, and last Sunday, we continued with a Sermon on “Gratitude”. We should share our Joy and give thanks to the Lord our God.

Continuing a series presenting our beliefs in plain English. This time we’ll deal with **Joy**.

You might well think that ‘joy’ isn’t necessarily a religious teaching, just a human feeling. You hear about a new birth, you see a delicate rosebud. Everybody feels joys like those.

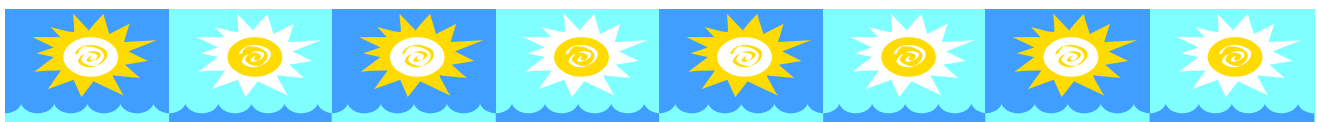
But joy is of God, and God wants us to feel many joys, almost as a constant base beneath life’s worries, lacks, struggles and so on. A kind of platform. But for real, not by telling ourselves we ought to feel joy.

Joy is very different from ‘happy’ which has been so trivialised in our culture that it’s hard to be able to link it with God. Joy is inward, deep, and the Bible suggests that God actually **feels** joy. It might not say so as much but it’s implicit, like when God looked at everything he had made and behold ‘it was very good’. Without making God look too much like a company CEO, you do feel God felt joy about it.

New Church teachings say a lot on joy, but I am going to choose three things. Joy is always bound up with love, and you get the idea it is the sensation of your love, something tangible. I like that. Love can be so deep in us that it’s almost beyond us; feeling joy is a signal of it.

Another. Joy is a spectrum of many things. This is beautifully put as “a simultaneous somewhat” – a blending of personal things like peace, appreciation, trust, contentment and gratitude. It might be triggered by glorious sunshine but that’s ‘out there’, the others are in us.

The third one is the link of joy with being useful, but you are doing it just for its own sake, not for kudos. That is a very subtle kind of joy. It’s just there because it’s just there. And I think that is what we mean when we talk about being a channel or instrument for God to do whatever God wishes to do through us. And that’s joy enough and very okay.



Services for October, November and December 2016

October

9th October - Traditional Musical Service
23rd October - Service & Holy Supper; shared luncheon

<p>Fleurieu Bible Study Group Friday 14th October, 1.30pm</p>
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November

6th November - Traditional Service
20th November - Mobile Church Service at Goolwa

Please note:- due to two extended family Weddings taking place, one on October 15th and one on 12th November, this is why just two services will be held on each of these months.

December

4th December - Advent Service and Holy Supper
18th December - Carol Service and BBQ, salad, etc. in Church Hall afterwards.

Something New

Just recently, we have had the pleasure of live music at our Sunday Services, courtesy of Karl Villani. Karl bring along his guitar and we sit back and enjoy his delightful guitar playing, as he sings one of his own compositions.

Karl has composed many Scriptural songs and Faith musical pieces; of which we are now the happy listeners. Just recently starting to play 'in public', it is so good to hear the vibes of live music and singing in Church. Karl's guitar is an electric/acoustic one and is plugged into our Amp, when he delightfully performs for us.

Maybe some more live musicians might come along to give a performance too.

Activities 2016

Angel Meditation Will begin again after Christmas. Two people have not been well at all lately and need time to rest, recover and refresh; to begin anew in 2017.

Book Study: - A new Swedenborg Book Study will begin in 2017. Participants will choose which book they would like to have. This will be held via Skype, 1 hr duration, therefore distance is not a concern to participate in. Please phone 8277 1891 for more details.

Adelaide Bible Study - and discussion time: - This is held at the Church Hall on Thursday afternoons at 12.30pm, following on from refreshments and coffee/tea etc. at 12.00 o'clock. Please phone Church 8277 1891

Computer Awareness is held on Thursday morning from 10.30am - 12.00pm. Bring your own USB for storage of your work. Internet is on all computers for research and use.

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

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