



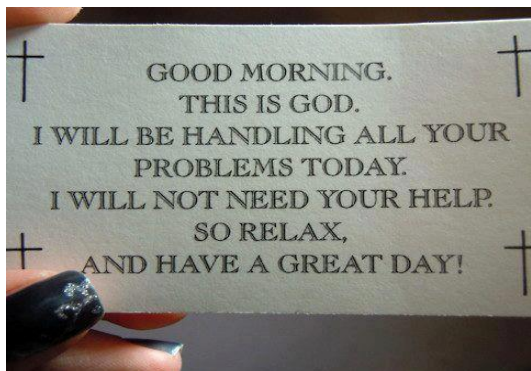
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On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017, after the Service, our AGM will be held. Members and friends are all very Welcome to attend. It will probably be for a reasonably short time, perhaps just an hour - unless there are matters that people would like to bring up to the Committee for action. Please let us have your ideas, thoughts and opinions on what we should be accomplishing. The future is ours for the making.

## Invitation

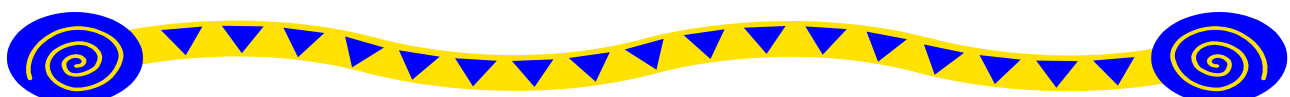
### Reunion on Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017

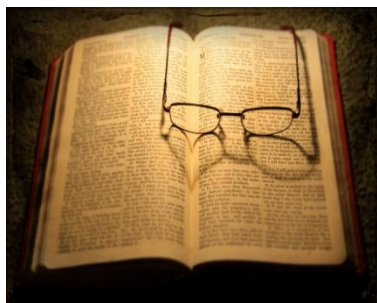
This invitation is extended to all members and interested folk here in Adelaide

Di is a direct descendant and is planning a reunion next year for a few groups of the families. *"I hope you can extend to your members an invitation for our Family reunion to be held on Sunday April 2 2017 at West Parklands Port Rd, Thebarton, (opp Coca Cola). The families include Holden, Darwin, Day, Ireland, and many other early new Church members. I have extensive family history on all of these families and quite happy to share with any of your members that are researching their families. Although not related I have extensive info on Jacob Pitman and family and had close ties with Haidee Pitman who wrote the book of Pitman's in Australia. Please feel free to pass around my contact details. I would love to hear from different families. When the reunion is over I will supply you with the info that may help some of your members if they are researching their family tree."*

This is from phone contact with Di Roberts, and from that, an email was sent giving the details of the family reunion. It seems quite rewarding that these descendants from the Holden, Darwin, Day and Ireland are in contact with each other and happily planning this event. The information that Di has on Jacob Pitman and Haidee Pitman. Quite a historic event this will be. Hopefully some good photos will emerge from it that we may keep in our Church records.

If anyone would like Di's contact details, please phone the Church, June Johnson has them and will pass them across to you. Come and enjoy this event, those who live in Adelaide suburbs particularly.





### 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, an that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green".**

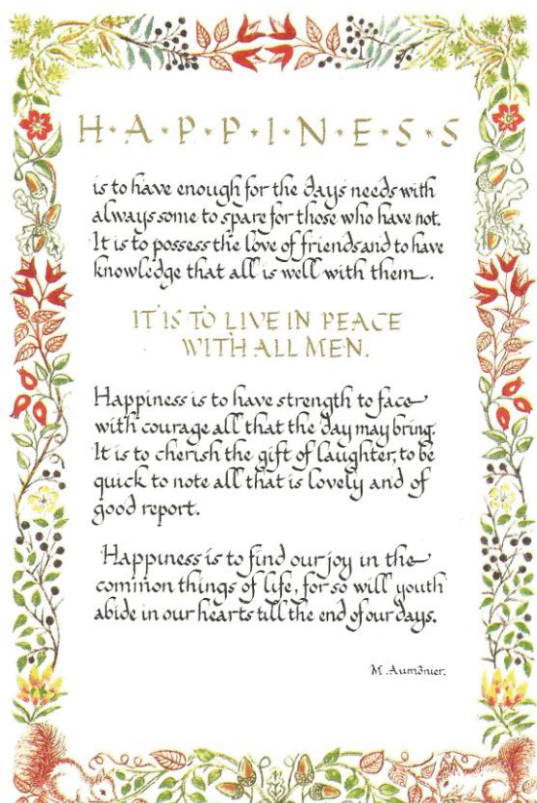
**Jeremiah 17:7,8**

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 for those small 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**



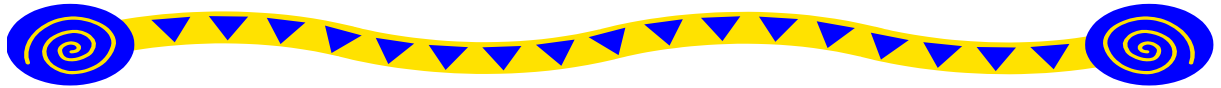
Let us all begin this New Year, with peace, love, happiness, and hope for everything that is dear to your heart. By going forward, in the name of the Lord, much can be achieved.

Let us look for ways to help others, even in small ways, to make their lives better. Let us pray for them.

Let us pray for more peace in the world, there is so much still happening around the world, that is contrary to the Lord's plan for each one of us.

Let us try and make a difference in someone's life, to be of help to them that they may go forward steadfastly in the name of the Lord.

Let us share times with others, times of joy and happiness, and times of quiet and prayer.



## THE PILLARS OF NEW CHURCH BELIEFS



### Love is Life

Swedenborg's description of love begins with a simple supposition; that love is, in fact, life itself, and that without love we would simply cease to exist.

Continuing a series about our beliefs in plain English.  
This time we're looking at **OUR RULING LOVE**

We love very many things and there are some things we might hate. We might love a piece of music or a particular colour or view from a ridge. We might love our family or a very close friend. We might hate injustice or deception. These are not our ruling love - these are specific things which we treasure or spurn.

Our ruling love is the love that prompts all our other loves. It rules and directs them all. And basically, it will be either for what we call heaven or what we call hell. And it is very important to add that we aren't able to say that our ruling love is 'this' or 'that' but by what we turn towards or turn against in our decisions here, our ruling love comes to develop what it is, always under the care of the Lord.

The crucial point is that when our spirit is released from our body, when we 'die', our ruling love, whatever it is, will begin to carry us very much like a current or stream, and we will find ourselves drawn as a matter of course to the basic love that has led us and which we have allowed to lead us here, deep down.

Perhaps that is a strong signal to us that things we leave unexamined or undealt with here doesn't seem to be a good thing.

Another thing about our ruling love after death is that anything which is not part of it just disappears from our perception and as far as we're concerned is no longer around. This happens so that we freely and gladly turn towards what we do love, whatever that is.

Just be aware of this teaching. Don't try and work it out too much. Don't get caught up in worrying what your ruling love might be! If you know what is of God and what makes heaven, then concentrate on that as your life's desire and goal. And that is a healthy thing to do.



### *Aspects of Love*

As natural love can ascend by degrees and become spiritual and celestial, in the same way it can descend by degrees and become sensual and corporal; and it does descend so far as it loves dominion, from no love of use, but solely from love of self.

*Swedenborg DLW 424*

## Services for February 2017

### February

- 5<sup>th</sup> February - Traditional Musical Service  
 19<sup>th</sup> February - Traditional  
 26<sup>th</sup> February - Service & Holy Supper; shared luncheon

### March

- 5<sup>th</sup> March - Traditional  
 12<sup>th</sup> March - Service, Holy Supper, luncheon, Annual General Meeting 12.30pm  
 19<sup>th</sup> March - Traditional Musical Service

## *News of Zachary*

After an arduous time at the Hospital in Sydney, which included a minor seizure, Zachary and the family finally came home, with loads of medications to take 3 times a day. After 16 months off school, in July last year Zachary returned to school and has done well catching up. He has now returned to cricket as well. At the same time Zachary returned to school, his Father (who had become his full time carer during all of this) has returned to work.

Delightfully, a year after the transplant, Zachary had a bone marrow biopsy, and the results were clear. The family is now awaiting the next test in a year's time. Only then will it be considered that he is officially "cured". His Mum, Hazel, says that Zachary seems healthy now and they continue to be positive. For those who may be unaware, it was Christmas 2015 that our Church made a donation to help the family.

### More Interesting News

A lady who lives at Mt. Barker, is a direct descendant of Rev. E.G. Day. From her cousin, this lady has emailed me a scanned copy of a page from Rev. E.G. Day's family bible, in his own handwriting, that gives actual information on his family and children. Makes super reading and clarifies one or two queries.

## Activities 2017

**New Group** We are planning for a Reading Group to begin, North of the city. Details soon.

**Angel Meditation** The attendees to Angel Meditation will be notified by telephone, when the first one is to take place.

**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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### Contributions for Newsletters

Any articles, poems, news or submissions for the Newsletter, please email to us. It would be so nice to have some contributions.