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JESUS UNDERSTANDS *everything* You are going through.

CHRISTIAN TODAY

Seasons Changing

The weather lately has been so balmy in Adelaide, apart from a cooler weekend a couple of weeks ago. Now we see the blossoms changing and the leaves on some trees turning to gold colouring. Soon on those deciduous trees the autumn breezes will blow those dry leaves away, making the trees prepare for the beautiful new buds and fresh green leaves for the next spring, making the gardens and scenery beautiful again.

Such is the Lord's continual creation for us, in this wonderful world He created.

Reunion on Sunday April 2nd 2017



This lovely lady is Dianne Roberts, the Gt. Gt. Granddaughter of William Holden, one of the founding forefathers of the New Church here in Australia, alongside Jacob Pitman. William travelled with Jacob to Adelaide, on the ship "Trusty", leaving England in November 1837 and arriving in Adelaide on May 17th 1838. These two gentlemen had become well acquainted during the long voyage. Jacob had been giving Sunday services on the ship, to which William had been attending. This forged a strong friendship between the two and upon arrival and settlement in the new young colony of South Australia. When Jacob began holding Services at his modest home in Adelaide, William was with him and the rest is history. William travelled to Hope Valley, now a metro suburb of Adelaide, and was Postmaster and a General Store Keeper there. More news on page 3.

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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

"For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." **Revelations 7:17**

The Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb, is right in the midst of the throne in heaven. It is He who feeds the people of His flock, and He who leads them to the lovely fountains of living waters - the sparkling crystal truths of His love. And to crown all our happiness, he wipes away all our tears. This is what it is like to be in heaven, where all is lovely and beautiful, and where the Lamb is ever in the midst. If we wish, we can begin to be in heaven even now.

Prayer:-

Turn us again, O God, and cause Thy face to shine, and we shall be saved. Amen

News of People Roslyn Taylor - has been here from America. First Roslyn stopped off at Sydney, then made her way to Adelaide. Roslyn has a brother, Stephen, here in Adelaide, with this wife Soula; cousins and relatives in SA too. Ken & June drove her down to Goolwa, to spend a day with her Uncle Ian & Auntie Shirley. Then we all went to their son, Gary and his partner on Hindmarsh Island. What a really lovely day it was catching up with them all. Roslyn made it to Tintinara as well, to spend a couple of days with Frank and Claire Brock and her cousins there. In between all this, Roslyn took part in Church activities here in Adelaide, which was very much appreciated. Roslyn came to the Reunion held in Bonython Park too; thankfully Ken drove us there and dropped us off. Then we had to leave early to meet up with her brother and Soula, as she was sharing that afternoon with them, before flying back to Sydney. Staying overnight in Sydney, for her flight back to USA the following morning.

Christine Reinders:- An accident at home for Christine = the bar grip in their bathroom came off the wall as Christine held onto it, and resulted in a nasty fall, breaking her hip. That was at the end of last year. After some time spent in Flinders Hospital, then in a rehabilitation section, which Christine thought was very nice; finally at last, allowed home at the beginning of February. But this not before Social Services has re-assessed the home and further modification had to be made to ensure safety measures were in place. Dear Bernd visited Christine daily, and June had visited her in Flinders too. Christine had always kept her positive nature and her Bible was with her. Best wishes to Christine and may her and Bernd enjoy being home together again.

Joy Chettle celebrated her 90th birthday at the end of March. What a good example Joy gives of living life to the full at these advanced years. Not long ago, it was a cruise to New Zealand with her daughter. Live life to the full.





This day is the result of years of effort from Dianne, to gather all this information. As is usual with family genealogy, surnames have so often changed through marriage, hence so many names now. The folders were well set up on a long trestle table, under the Marquee; each folder named for the current day family. Many branches and cousins are brought together here on this Reunion. It was so good to share in all the chatter. Dianne herself, is descended from George Holden, a son of William Holden. William was born at 28 Chapel St, Chichester, Sussex, UK, on 7th April 1808, to parents John and Jane Holden. He was baptized on 21st August 1808 at St. Peter Church. William was baptized into the New Church by Jacob Pitman, at Adelaide in 1845. It is such news that could be shared with Dianne, as Chichester is a town close to my own home town, Worthing, in Sussex. William himself, was brought up in a religious family. It continues with Dianne.





Services for April and May 2017

April

9th April - Traditional Service 16th April - Easter Sunday Service

May

7th - May - Traditional Musical Service 21st - May - Service, Holy Supper, luncheon

(Please note, as it is Mother's Day on 14th, there will be no service that Sunday)

Inter Faith Group

Last year, our Church became part of a new group starting up here in Adelaide. It is an Inter Faith group with the plan to share and link up, to promote religion in today's modern society. Other Churches involved are the Uniting, Baptists, and an Evangelical Life Church from the southern suburbs. The other

Churches are, of course, part of a much wider span around Adelaide suburbs.

At the first meeting, held in a Uniting Church, there was a Skype link up, live from USA, projected onto a large screen, for us to hear how that Church is – as they call it – reaching out to "unsaved and dechurched" folk around, as well as trying to reach the younger generation.

If people are reluctant or unable to attend a Church service, they promote using small group activities or even open air informal places, wherever it is suitable to meet up.

It is just a delightful coincidence, that from last year, the Book Stud Group was being planned and it is now underway from the beginning of this year. Something to share at the next meeting.

These Inter Faith Group meetings are being held every three months, the next one to be held in May.

Activities 2017

<u>New Book Study Group:</u> This is currently held on Thursday evenings at 7.00pm, at a home group at one of our members home. Please contact for details.

<u>Angel Meditation</u> The attendees to Angel Meditation will be notified by telephone, when the next one is to take place.

<u>Adelaide Bible Study</u> - 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

<u>Computer Awareness</u> 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

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