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The Power of Prayer

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This wonderful country that we live in, perhaps we should give a thought about the struggles many people face in many war torn countries. Refugees are homeless and walking for miles and miles to a safer place. Many are little children and babes too.

Others try and take perilous boat journeys to reach a safe place to live in. On the TV news and in the papers we hear and read about events that are happening.

In our safe place, it is impossible for us to reach out and help them. Many tragedies happen that are beyond our control. Let us pray and pray for them. En masse, that is what we can do hope for good outcomes for them.



New Year Blessings 2018



It is always good to have a New Year (every year that is), because it means we all have the chance to look at what our last year has been and as we say farewell to it, then we have a whole new one to begin anew with.

Let's herald in the New Year with real hope in our hearts. New plans can be made, new beginnings can be looked at for things to accomplish during this new year. So long as the expectations are not set too high, it is up to us to try and accomplish goals set out to achieve. Think of every new year rather like springtime; new blooms can take place, new plantings arranged to make things fresh and new - or revived as it didn't quite work out last year.

May God bless you in your endeavours.







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 she took for him an ark of bulrushes, daubed it with asphalt and pitch, put the child in it, and laid it in the reeds by the river's bank."

Exodus 2:3

The child in the ark is Moses. Moses represents the law of the Lord. Pharoah was afraid of the children of Israel and arranged that all baby boys should be drowned. But the Divine Providence over-ruled evil and provided a means of escape for Moses, who later led Israel out of bondage.

The ark is a picture of something good provided by love. If you have a little love for the Lord's teaching, it will lift you above the evil river and eventually lead you to heaven.

Prayer:-

O Lord, attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low. O Lord deliver me from my persecutors.

Amen

Something Trendy and New



There has been a comparatively small flat screen TV at the Church, which was purchased about 3 years ago. It has its own cabinet to wheel it around. Not really being used much at all. The original intention was to play DVD's on. Now the availability of DVD's that we would like to show, has seemed to dwindle.

This year the TV is being put to good use. There are so many items on U-tube that could be viewed for general outreach groups, such as Curtis Childs for a start. Although this could be viewed on the few computers in the Church, it would be an individual viewing. This would not enable shared viewing and discussion.

An Apple TV has just been purchased. This has now been connected to broadband internet ready to go.

Not only will we have the advantage of viewing the vast store of Curtis Child topics, it opens wide the chance to share in and view the links that Rev. David Moffat has sent to us. The TV will easily move from the Church to the Social room, electric plugs in reach. As well as that, it will prove to be a valuable use for Outreach and giving any newcomers valuable insight and discussion topics that they may choose too. Comfy seating as well.



















The Pillars of New Church Beliefs



At this time of year, it is heading towards Easter; one of the great fundamentals of the Christian faith. That being so, it is appropriate that we take a look at what our faith in God is all about. Each and every one of us is here on this earth - courtesy of God our Creator.

Here we have one of the series of Pillars of New Church Beliefs, written by Rev. Julian Duckworth. You may like to keep this page aside as a

Let's start out then with the basic idea of God, so far as we can know about God...
The best way to think of God is to say that God is. This sort of says it all and it takes us away from ideas about space and time which can become a real problem when we think about God. God is ... is everywhere, all the time, completely.

Yes, but what is God? The best way to think about that is to say that God is being. Try to understand this. God is not \underline{a} being! We are beings, because we've been made. God isn't, because that would put him somewhere, which is impossible.

But God is not simply an idea. He isn't abstract. He is incredibly real. We can say that God is personal because he is and has perfect love. Notice that it is <u>perfect</u> love. We love, but our love is always less than perfect. God's infinite love wants everything to be well and be as it should be.

Now we must mention something else, that God is infinite wisdom. This means he always knows how to direct his infinite love and he will always do so perfectly. God is everywhere and God knows everything. We cannot ever be apart from God's love and wisdom.

The last thing we need to include is that God's infinite love and wisdom is always towards everything being useful. In a way, that is all that God is about, in the sense that everything created is there to be an integral part of existence. And of course that includes each of us in it.

Shining Forms

In the Spiritual Heaven,
There are magnificent palaces
In which all things within
Shine with precious stones
And decorations
In such forms
As cannot be equaled
By any painting in the world
Nor expressed in words
From that Heaven
Many arts in the world
Derive their laws and harmonies
From which come
Their forms of beauty



Service for February and March 2018

Visitor

We have a visitor from USA coming in February for 9/10 days, flying into Adelaide at 5.30pm on 19th February and flying out on 28th February. This is Roslyn, from Huntingdon Valley. Her brother Stephen and his wife will be meeting Roslyn at the airport, but she will not be staying with them.

On Thursday 22nd February, Roslyn will be at the activities in the Church; and likewise on 25th February Roslyn will be at the service. We are currently working out what will be taking place on that Sunday, but there will be a shared luncheon after the service, so please come and make Roslyn welcome while she is in Adelaide.

February 2018

18th - February - Service,

25th - February - Service and shared luncheon

March 2018

11th - March - Service,

25th - March - Service, Holy Supper, and shared luncheon

Good Friday 30th March

For Easter this year, there will be the Easter Sunday Service on April 1st at 10.30pm. Please celebrate Good Friday privately and remember the importance of what happened to Jesus many years ago.

Activities 2018

North Metro Study Group: This is currently held on Thursday evenings at 7.00pm, at one of our member's home, just North of the CBD. Please contact 0417 632 207 for details.

Angel Meditation We are hoping this will begin again soon, now that Church is ready.

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

<u>Computer Awareness</u> held on Thursday morning from 10.30am - 12.00pm, should be starting up again in the New Year.

<u>Coffee and Chat time</u> this also happens on Thursday mornings concurrently with other activities.

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