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## Spring time Walks

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Sunshine and warm days, time to enjoy nature walks to calm the mind and enjoy lovely fresh spring air as well as gentle exercise. Flowers are starting to bloom, shrubs and trees are coming alive again, fresh grass springing up with a delightful hue on the ground. Yet, thanks to garden keepers, pathways are cleared for all to enjoy. The artful display of various shades of green, against a beautiful clear blue sky.

Dust off winter chills and dust to go outside and partake in the pleasures that the world around us has is there for all to enjoy. Give thanks.

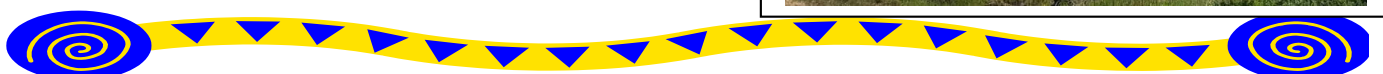
## Timelessness of the Seasons

**Genesis Ch.1; v 9:- And God said, Let the water under the heaven be gathered together to one place, and let the dry land appear; and it was so.**

The photo below, is showing the sea and the dry land. A scene always so beautiful that mankind loves to just spend time on the seashore, basking on the sand, looking out to sea and the endless tranquility that it gives. The seasons are endless. After chilly wild winter, comes blossoming spring. Then follows the lazy hazy days of summer, followed by autumn acclimatising us into wintertime. The seasons are constantly recycling and continually endless. This beautiful earth we have the opportunity to live on is filled with an eternal endlessness that is nothing to do with us, way beyond our control and is one of the constant reminders always, that after storms, clouds and rain, comes calm times, gentle refreshing breezes and just lovely warm sunshine to lighten and brighten our days.

No matter what life throws up in our path, we know, with faith, that the good, sunshine and happiness will return again. Just as the seasons always continue.

Angels are always present to help us through any darker times on our path along the way of life's journey; and the Angels will be walking with us, guiding us to the calm, brighter and happier times. The Lord our God gives us strength to keep our faith and know he understands..





**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**

**“Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, who built his house upon a rock.”**

**Matthew 7:24**

If you hear, and do as Jesus says, He will liken you to a wise man. A wise man who built his house on a rock. The sayings of Jesus are the Wisdom of divine Love.

The house built on a rock represents the character established on the foundations of eternal truth - the Wisdom of God. Our first concern should be to listen to the Lord; and our next, to put what we hear into practice. Then even you and I will be likened to a wise man.

**Prayer:-**

**From the end of the earth will I cry unto Thee, when my heart is overwhelmed; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. Amen**

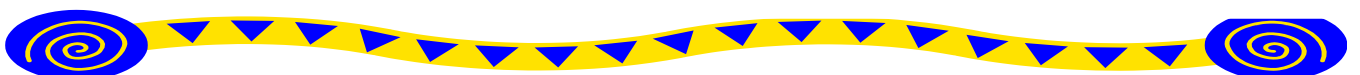
***A Tribute to Glen Nicholls***

Glen Nicholls was a much loved son of Raymond Janice Nicholls and older brother to Trisha. Nephew to June and Ken Johnson and cousin to Kim, Karen and Kay and others in UK.



Glen is sadly missed by his partner Marianne, and his family; Hailey, Chelsea, Blake and Abbey and their partners. Glen was an amazing son, Father and friend to many others.

Taken suddenly ill while on holiday in Thailand, he was in a Thailand Hospital. Marianne, through their travel insurance arranged for Glen to be transferred back to Flinders Medical Centre. This took a few days to arrive back in Flinders MC. Then Flinders conducted its own investigations. Glen was diagnosed with a severe illness. All this was a shock to the family. It was just 8 days after arriving back, that Glen took a sudden turn for the worse and passed. Such a sudden shock and loss to all the family. Glen was a very affable, friendly and kind guy to all who met him. Always giving of his best to whatever he undertook. His optimism and jovial sense of humour was a pleasure to be around. A fun guy to be around. At just 53 yrs of age, Glen passed into the spiritual world, to God’s care.





## *Pillars New Church Beliefs*

### **Divine Providence**

This lovely series by Rev. Julian Duckworth  
Is an enlightening look at ways in which the New Church  
gives an explanation of essential beliefs in an easily  
understood way.

This time we will look at the area of **human nature** and what we can say we are like, realising we are created by God and yet we feel that our life is our own.

A really important word with this topic is ‘**tendencies**’ – important because it means we are **likely** to get things wrong, or **likely** to act selfishly, not **bound to do so** just because we are human. This will help us a lot, and it also helps us to think about whether human nature makes us ‘good’ or ‘bad’ or ‘both good and bad’ or ‘neither good nor bad’. And remember we are thinking about human nature in general, not what so-and-so is like or does but what we are all generally like.

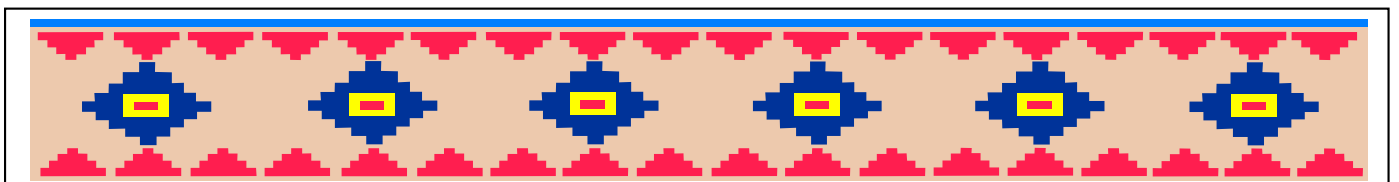
The starting-point has to be with **love**. Love is our life’s energy, but what we love may differ or it may change over time. But we must (by nature) love something. Because it seems to us that our life is ours, we tend (note the word) to love ourselves most of all to begin with. The goal is for that to change more towards loving other people and loving the Lord. How that can happen is for another time.

Another important part of human nature is that we can think things over. We call this being rational. It dovetails with our free will which means that we can choose and determine things for ourselves. Hopefully both reasoning and free will together are pointing in the same direction of wanting to love more than just us.

Lastly – and very neatly – is the idea that we make these choices **as if** we’re making them ourselves but learning more and more that our wish to reach out to others or to do what is good and right is something that comes to us from the Lord. But even so, the Lord still lets us feel it’s all our doing because he loves us.

“I will teach the perfect in the way how far he shall come unto me. I will walk within my house in the perfectness of my heart.” Ps. ci.2

“Blessed are the perfect in the way, who walk in the law of Jehovah” Ps. cxix. 1



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018

This was held at the Church Hall, after the Service on Sunday. The usual procedures followed first, voting was concluded as follows:-

Chairman:- Randall Rabone

Secretary:- June Johnson

Treasurer:- Raymond Nicholls

Deacons:- Michael Delbridge, Randall Rabone (yes we voted in two)

Also Committee Members:- Pauline Merritt, Heather Wade

Your new Committee will be endeavouring to look at any upgrades needed at the Church and more urgently now, planning ahead for Adelaide's New Church 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year. The Church being formed officially in the new Colony of South Australia, by Jacob Pitman, with William Holden, in 1844. These two gentlemen arrived together on the ship HMS Trusty in 1938 with a good collection of books, planning to start the Church here - which they did.

**North Metro Study Group:** We are looking into conducting this via a Skype or Google hangout session. Our host, Dara, is far too unwell and frail to hold meetings at her home any longer. Please contact Deacon Michael Delbridge (ask for phone no.) or 0417 632 207 for any suggestions and details.

## Service for October and November 2018

### October 2018

7<sup>th</sup> - October - Service, Traditional and Musical

21<sup>st</sup> - October - Service, Holy Supper and shared luncheon

### November 2018

11<sup>th</sup> - November - Service,

25<sup>th</sup> - November - AGM Service, Holy Supper, and shared luncheon

## October and November Activities 2018

**Presentations** In the Church Hall. Dates for this will be given out locally.

**Adelaide Bible Study** - and discussion time: - This is being planned as a Skype group meeting, to accommodate those in different suburbs.

**Computer Awareness** held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> September morning from 10.30am - 12.00pm. Just arrive.

**Coffee and Chat time** this also happens on Thursday mornings concurrently with Computer Awareness. Starting at 10.30am till 12.00pm. Children are welcome, as we have facilities for them and a rear garden lawn area and a childproof gate on the driveway, making it a secure play area for young ones.

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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.