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## Christmas Time

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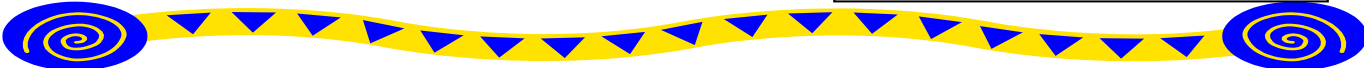
**Matthew Chapter 2:** vs 1,2,5,11  
<sup>1</sup>Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold wise men from the east came to Jerusalem; <sup>2</sup>saying “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw the star when it arose in the east and have come to worship him.”  
<sup>5</sup>They told them, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet.”  
<sup>11</sup>And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. They offered him gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh.

## Goodwill and Tidings of Great Joy

As this is the time of good tidings and great joy, celebrating the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, with our family and friends; let this be a reminder to us all that the birth of Jesus on earth brought great joy, not only to his mother and father – Mary and Joseph (his earthly father) – but to all mankind. Born so humbly In a manger, as there was no room at the Inn, made no difference to the reverence, love and greetings and worship that was bestowed on this little newborn baby Jesus. Shepherds in the fields, saw the star in the sky from afar, and followed it until it rested upon where Jesus lay.

The story of Jesus born 2018 years ago, is still the same beautiful message today, as it was then. If we can learn to follow the way to Jesus and reverently worship him, then tidings of great peace and joy will surely follow, with love extending to all mankind. i.e. this Is God’s gift to each and every one of us.

As we celebrate this special time of Christmas love and happiness with our family and friends from far and wide, May we all enjoy wholeheartedly, the pleasure that is shared. And remember as well, to pray for others who are finding it a little more difficult as they may not be able to be in such close proximity as would be preferable. At the same time, the special Christmas message is the same for everyone across the whole world, bringing and sharing love, peace and happiness all around. May God;s blessings be with you all. Wishing you all a very happy Christmas time.





## *Unto us a Child was Born*

### **Jesus was born in Bethlehem**

In the historical account of the nativity we read that the Lord was conceived of the holy spirit in the womb of a virgin named Mary and by this means born into the world.

Born in a manger, as there was no room at the Inn

God is the Lord, who, in the fullness of time was born into the world. The literal sense of the Word states in numerous places that it was Jehovah Himself that was born into the world and that this manifestation of the Divine is what is called the Son of God. This can be seen from the following...

*The Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name "God with us".* **Is 7:14**

*It shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us; this is Jehovah; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.* **Is 25:9**

*For the glory of Jehovah shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. Behold, the Lord Jehovah will come with a strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him... behold, His reward is with Him.* **Is 40:3, 5, 10, 11.**

Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, God, Hero, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. **Is 9:6-7.**

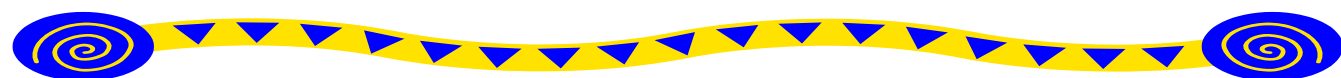
**Reading: Deut 6:4-9; John 14:6-11; TCR 167**

**Deu 6:4-9** *Hear, O Israel, Jehovah our God is one Jehovah. (5) And you shall love Jehovah your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. (6) And these Words which I am commanding you today shall be on your heart. (7) And you shall teach them to your sons, and shall speak of them as you sit in your house, and as you walk in the way, and as you are lying down, and as you are rising up. (8) And you shall bind them for a sign on your hand; and they shall be for frontlets between your eyes. (9) And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house, and on your gates.*

**Joh 14:6-11** *Jesus said to him, I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (7) If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you do know Him, and have seen Him. (8) And Philip said to Him, Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us. (9) Jesus said to him, Am I so long a time with you, and you have not known Me, Philip? The one seeing Me has seen the Father! And how do you say, Show us the Father? (10) Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The Words which I speak to you I do not speak from Myself, but the Father who abides in Me, He does the works. (11) Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me; but if not, believe Me because of the works themselves.*

**True Christian Religion (Chadwick) 167.**

*Everyone acknowledges that those three essentials, namely, soul, body and activity, were and are in the Lord God the Saviour. No one but Antichrist can deny that His soul was from Jehovah His Father; for in the Word, in both testaments, He is called the Son of Jehovah, the Son of the Most High God, the Only-begotten. So the Father's Divine is His first essential, as the soul is in man. It follows from this that the Son born to Mary is the body of that Divine soul, for what grows in the mother's womb is simply the body conceived and derived from the soul. So this is the second essential. Activities make up the third essential, since they are produced by the soul and the body working together; and anything so produced is of the same essence as the productive agents. The three essentials, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, make one in the Lord, as the soul, body and activity do in man. This is plainly demonstrated by the Lord's saying that the Father and He are one, and that the Father is in Him and He is in the Father; likewise that He and the Holy Spirit are one, since the Holy Spirit is the Divine which proceeds out of the Lord from the Father..*



## Inspirational Thoughts



### 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.

**"And the Angel said unto her, Fear not Mary: thou has found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus."**

**Luke 1: 30,31**

"This of course is true history, and full of wonder. But in relation to ourselves represents the coming of Jesus to us. We find favour with God when we receive the faith of Jesus into our lives. The Angel represents a message from heaven telling us of this. To bring forth a son pictures the Lord's truth into our minds. Jesus is the truth. His name is Jesus, because he comes to save us from self-love and its degrading consequences."

**Prayer:-**

**Unto Thee I lift up mine eyes, O Thou that dwelleth in the heavens.**

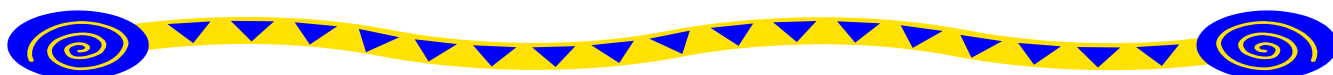
**Amen**

## *The 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Adelaide Church*

2019 is a big year for the Adelaide Church. Although it began in 1938 with the arrival of Jacob Pitman, William Holden, and Stephen Goldsack, all travelling to the new Colony of South Australia on the same ship; armed with books; services began on the ship sailing across. Then continued on arrival in Adelaide. Much history here! In 1844 the New Church became an Incorporated Association with the new SA Government Business Registrations.



From 27<sup>th</sup> April, throughout May, the SA Government holds a History Festival of early settlers, and how things have then progressed through the 1800's, 1900's to now. This Government History Festival was started in 2004 and has become quite an event. This is the first time that our Church is becoming a part of it. Much research is being carried out by Michael Delbridge, who helped with the 150<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary. Also, June is planning and researching too, and we have a descendant Gt Gt Granddaughter of William Holden too, with lots of research. Rev. E.G. Day's descendants are in contact as well. There is a lot of preparation work currently underway. The SA Government are helping with advice, and one of the Organisers Workshop was attended this week by us.





## *Tribute to Dara Goretski*

It is with sadness, to give news that our longstanding Church Member, Dara, passed into the Spiritual world on Friday afternoon, 16<sup>th</sup> November, just last Friday. Her daughter Monika says that Dara looked very peaceful. Our thoughts, condolences and prayers to Monika, her only daughter and child.

It was just on 9<sup>th</sup> November; that Heather Wade and June Johnson visited Dara at the Lambrina Resident Care Home, where Dara had been for only about a week then. Dara had become very frail, happy to chat about several things, but became exhausted quickly and was confined to bed. I was looking forward to further visits.

Dara was the Hostess of the Northern Study Group, held at her home. Well acquainted with the Writings; some years ago Dara had run a W.E.A course at T.A.F.E. on the writings of Emmanuel Swedenborg. Not only that, Dara also held a Diploma of Theology. It was always a pleasure and very interesting, over many years, sharing discussions with Dara's intellectual insights.

Dara had a friendly, happy nature, always welcoming and a pleasure to share time with. A great believer in the afterlife, her renewed life will now be her home.

## Service for December 2018 and January 2019

### December

- 9<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Theme Service
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Carol Service and Christmas BBQ afterwards
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Is maybe, as it is rather too near to busy family gatherings. More news on 16<sup>th</sup>

### January 2019

Due to New Church Retreat at Jindabyne, NSW and holidays, First service will be on 20<sup>th</sup> - Service, Holy Supper. Shared luncheon.

## December 2018 and January 2019 Activities

**Presentations** In the Church Hall will begin in February 2019. Information next Newsletter.

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

**Coffee and Chat time & Computer Awareness** held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> December, and 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 morning from 10.30am - 12.00pm. Just arrive.

Children are welcome, as we have facilities - Apple TV and colouring in 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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