



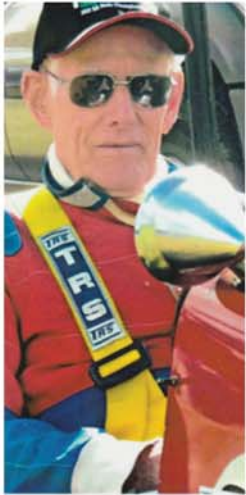
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IAN BROCK, A MAN OF MANY TALENTS



IAN
CHARLES IAN
BROCK

"Brocky"

30.6.1924

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13.9.2019

Ian lived to the grand age of 95 years and we were all sad to say farewell to this lovely, kind, talented gentleman. Our regards and hearts go out to Shirley, his widow, his son Gary, Brooke, Ryan and all the family. Ian's relatives and in-laws travelled from around South Australia to be there too. Ian's Memorial Service was held at Fleurieu Function Centre on Friday 20th September. Ian and Shirley married in 1947 and paramount in his life was his wife and family.

From the Adelaide Christian New Church, this was attended by June and Ken Johnson, Randall Rabone and Pauline Merritt also Rev. Richard Keyworth from Auckland, New Zealand and Rev. David Millar, to pay our respects to this wonderful man and to be there for his family. Yet we were small in number, compared to the many other facets of Ian's life that he had always been involved in. The tributes and Memorials were plenty and fascinating to hear.

Having known Ian (and Shirley) since 1970, always an active part of the Church here. Our current Church building here in Marion was designed by their son, Jeffrey (deceased) an architect, alongside Ian and Rev. Ian Arnold. As well as being Treasurer for many years, Ian always a "fixer", from electrical wiring for floodlights and bells, as well as making sign boards.

His main trade was car engines and transmission. This was his business he created and had here in Adelaide. His love of cars was part of his life. We always knew Ian was also a Car Rally Driver, travelling even overseas, with shipping his car over too. We worried too, along with his family.

But hearing of his time with the Forces in WW2 from the RSL was so interesting. He served with the RAAF and over time even acquired his Pilot's licence. It was quite moving when the RSL played the "Last Post" As well as always being a part of the Boy Scout movement. Leaving with us, wisdom and knowledge, we will all miss and remember Ian fondly.

May Ian now rest in peace and love, knowing he had a good time here.

As his son put it "His Batteries finally ran out.."



THE PILLARS OF NEW CHURCH BELIEFS



Presenting our beliefs in plain English, this time it is about the area of what we call **Divine Providence**.

Providence is the way the Lord manages and deals with everything he creates, including ourselves. The word Providence points out that God provides.

Of all beliefs, this is the one that people find the hardest to work out or see happening because we see so much human suffering, often unwarranted, frequently inexplicable.

We'll probably always need to take another careful look at it.

One starting point is to look at the kind of world God has made. It is very beautiful of course, but it is not a cocoon and we don't live in cotton wool. We can get hurt and feel pain; we can be killed in an accident. We can make war; people can die from famine and disease.

There is the positive side of this too. Many people feel moved to work to make peoples' lives better, to alleviate, heal and provide. Modern research finds ways and means to develop this. More people are increasingly aware and determined to improve the world.

Both of these show us the reality of Providence. God gives us a world in which we are free to make choices, a world in which we see so much order yet so much disorder, where we can become cynical or concerned for others. God also stirs us to good activities for the sake of others.

The goal of Providence is to care for our spirit and to give it every opportunity to choose what we call heaven. It keeps us in the best balance possible, providing us with good experiences but also allowing us to meet hard knocks and big questions so that we think about life carefully and do not take anything for granted. In that way it is quite accurate to say that Providence is always leading us.

Indeed, a truth about Providence is that it is involved in everything that happens, not just those moments when we say, 'That must have been providential!' Maybe it was, but so is everything else.

This is quite apt, because Divine Providence is our book study at the current time. Although study times happen to be few and far between, due to appointments for the new study lady, Ruth, who will also be vacationing to the UK during November, we will be continuing next year, when we can. Ruth is a regular newcomer to Church and a previous book we began was not quite right for her. This time around, Divine Providence seems just right. Anyone else who would like to join in, just contact June and it can easily be arranged.

SERVICE DATES FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, PLUS EXTRA ONE ON DECEMBER 1ST

October 2019

- 13th - Service, Holy Supper and shared luncheon
- 27th - Musical Traditional Service

November 2019

- 10th - Home Service will be held at Goolwa –BBQ shared luncheon. Musical Traditional Service
- 24th d - Musical Traditional Service. Church as usual.

December 2019

- 1st Service at Church, shared luncheon.
- The Carol Service and other December & January Services will be in next newsletter.

NEW CHURCH RETREAT JANUARY 2020



NUNYARA FAMILY RETREAT

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

MONDAY JAN 6 TO SUNDAY JAN 12, 2020

THIS IS BEING HELD IN ADELAIDE AT THE NUNYARA CONFERENCE CENTRE AT BELAIR.

THERE ARE NO PAPER BOOKING FORMS THIS YEAR TO FILL IN,
ALL ATTENDEES SHOULD GO ONLINE AT WWW.NEWCHURCH.NET.AU

HOSTED BY THE NEW CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA, THIS WEEK LONG RETREAT IS OPEN TO ALL AGES AND WALKS OF LIFE.

THE MORNING CLASSES EXPAND THE SPIRITUAL MIND AND IN THE AFTERNOON THERE ARE OPTIONAL CLASSES, ACTIVITIES & OUTINGS.

FULLY CATERED, ACCOMMODATION IS A COMBINATION OF TWIN OR SHARED ROOMS WITH SHARED FACILITIES.

BOOK ONLINE.

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2019 ACTIVITIES

Coffee & Chat The Church Hall is open on Thursdays October 17th & 31st between 10.30am – 12.00pm

Angel Meditation is now due to begin again in November 18th in the Church Hall on Monday 7.00pm then in December 9th at 7.00pm. All are invited to this calm meditation time.

Reading/Study - and discussion time: -Divine Providence currently. This is being planned as a Skype group meeting, to accommodate those in different suburbs.

Computers are available for use/work or research on Thursdays 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.

Further Information for any of the above, please phone 0417632207

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INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

Matthew 6:33

“It is one thing to be first in time, and another to be first in importance. The kingdom of God is of first importance. It should be the first purpose in all that we do. We should seek it in all our propositions and activities; for it is the kingdom of divine Wisdom and divine Love. When we git it first place and make it our end in life, then all the other things we need fall into place are added unto us. Anything less than the Lord’s Kingdom in the first place is of inferior value, and a continuing loss to us.”

Prayer:

O Lord, Thou has prepared Thy throne in the heavens; and Thy kingdom ruleth over all.
Amen

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.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Sunday 22nd September, the AGM took place after Church Service. The Audited Financial Report was given out and this year it was from the new Auditors, needing to be found rather quickly as our regular Auditors, Glyn Morris Pty Ltd at Strathalbyn, no longer have a qualified Auditor within their company, as Heather Doolan had moved interstate. This was the 171st AGM since the Church’s official Association Incorporated.

You Committee from the AGM is as follows:-

Chairman:- Randall Rabone

Treasurer:- Raymond Nicholls

Secretary:- June Johnson

Committee Members:- Pauline Merritt, Heather Wade, Michael Delbridge

New Age Correspondent:- Randall Rabone

Deacons Appointed:- Randall Rabone, Michael Delbridge

Minutes of the AGM and Audited Financial Reports, along with the Treasurer’s Report and Leader/Secretary’s Reports are available. Minutes will be very soon.



CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NEWSLETTER

If you have any news, articles, poems or submissions we would love to hear from you.
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