



ADELAIDE CHRISTIAN NEW CHURCH

Newsletter

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Even though it is supposed to be Springtime starting, we still seem to have a lot of rain everywhere; too much in some parts of our Country. Yet when these lovely blue skies, and sunshine days arrive, it just seems to ask for a calm nice walk along the promenade here along the Adelaide beach. We thank our Lord for the beautiful sea and sky, part of his very creation.

“Genesis Ch.1 “And God said ‘Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters above from the waters below’. And God made the firmament and separated the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament. And it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day. And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appease.” And it was. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together be called Seas. And God saw that it was good.” As we happily walk along our beautiful beaches and land, I so often seem to remember the absolute beauty of God’s Earth.

Let alone, when wandering around beautiful parks, with well cultivated lawns, bush rows neatly trimmed, tall blossoming trees of different varieties; then the most beautiful flowers of so many various colours and types – so often accompanied by colourful birds flying around, as well as unique varieties of walking larger birds not even afraid of us humans. Yes, you may gather that this time I’m talking about wandering in our Adelaide Botanical Gardens, which is another favourite of mine. It is so easy now with the free tram in Adelaide CBD taking us wherever we would like to go. Again I never cease to wonder about God’s creation of this beautiful Earth we inhabit. Such calm and peace bathes me, knowing that our Lord is always there, around us, taking care of us. While we are so fortunate and blessed to be a small part of this world, we are very aware of other parts, that are having to face War, bombings, atrocities. Then at the same time counties are drought stricken, or flooded, somewhere in the world. We should always fervently pray for them and perhaps help in any way we can. Remembering them and praying for them; as well as hoping that things may very soon change and get better for them.

Be ready to help.

At the same time, we should know that Heaven is even more beautiful than earth and there is peace and such goodness there as the Lord has always promised. Let us enjoy our time on this beautiful earth, give blessings and thanks to our Lord. Praise be to our Lord in Heaven.

It will soon be the time of year, when we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, being born as a baby here on Earth. Jesus came to earth to teach us how to live our lives. How to forgive, how to move forward. Most important he showed us how to love, as our Father in Heaven loves us.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

SATURDAY 12TH & SUNDAY 13TH

NOVEMBER 2022

(rescheduled from covid-afflicted Nov '21!)



In 1905 the Hurstville Society of the New Church was founded (some of you may remember that we held a 100th Anniversary celebration in 2005!). In 1921 it purchased a block of land and erected a simple building at 24 Dudley Street. The cornerstone was laid in July 1921, on the 16th anniversary of the Hurstville Society, and on November 27, 1921 the finished church building was dedicated. This is what we are celebrating in November!

Saturday 12th November -
Open House

Afternoon Tea 2-4pm

Open Gardens & Tennis Court 1-5pm

Sunday 13th November, 10-11am
Worship Service & fellowship

Sunday 13th November, 12-2pm
Lunch by invitation

Contact Todd or Jenn for details: Todd 0435 256 993 Jenn 0411 719 754

HURSTVILLE SOCIETY CENTENARY

Although many of us live Interstate, it is worth recognising the Centenary of the Hurstville Society of the New Church celebration in November. It just might happen that some of you could be in Sydney around the time and would like to join in with them.

It is such a celebration that the New Church is expanding in Australia; and perhaps should become more and more well known publicly to others, Christians or not. I'm sure they would all be welcome.

Here in Adelaide, our Annual General Meeting was held on September 25th. This of course, is the October and November Newsletter, so this is just a reminder that it has taken place. The results and any news from the AGM will not be available in this issue.

The next Adelaide newsletter will be December 2022 and January 2023. That means Christmas is on its way again. But thankfully that is still a little way away.



THE END OF AN ERA

This sad event has made world news as it is the end of an Era. The TV stations have all provided very good coverage of all that has been happening in Britain.

Although a sad occasion, the outpouring of grief around the world; and condolences to the Queen's family has been immense.

Now there is a new King, Charles III as the Monarch.

The coverage of that sombre and important ceremony was broadcast live for all to see. Our Australian Prime Minister, along with many, many others, travelled to the UK to be part of the important ceremonies. The abundance of flowers adorning Her Majesty's Palaces and residences was very moving.

The Public Holiday for a day of mourning has just happened on September 22nd here in Australia. For such a sad and momentous time, there has been an amazing display of grand British Pageantry during this significant event. Even then, it has been lovely to watch. Now everyday life will be returning to normal again, with King Charles III attending to his duties. As it seemed as though the world was distracted from lots of daily happenings; I was hoping that maybe the war with Ukraine would cease to be, and that the Russians forced to fight would all be able to go home to their families. As Christians, we just can't help but to always hope for a better world. May our prayers continue to help for all those nations 'doing it tough'.



CHURCH OP-SHOP & GARAGE SALE

The 2nd Church Op-shop and Garage Sale, in Conjunction with the Oaklands Residents Association, was held on Saturday 3rd September 2022. Our main 'organiser', Michael, came on the Thursday before, as our usual Thursday morning.

Michael set up his book table, while I was bringing some boxes in from storage in the garage, to set up on other tables. Unfortunately, Michael said he was not available to be there on the Saturday. We had previously confirmed with Randall and Pauline that they need not come as well. Then it suddenly dawned on me; "What was I to do? – we will just go ahead with it, as it was all advertised beforehand".

Our daughter, Karen was flying home for a week for Father's Day.

We picked her up early evening, then after unpacking at home, I said I'd be at Church early in the morning, for an 8.00 am start. Karen was kind enough to say she would come down with me to help. Just as well, as while we were laying out items on the tables, people started to arrive. They were all so nice, we were selling items as we were laying them out. Within an hour my husband, Ken, followed us (he had to wait for a repair man attending home first).

Well, what a happy morning it turned out to be. There were 12 Garage sales in our small local area and a list of them were handed out to all. They almost seemed like new friends, telling us tales and making us laugh. A few of them remembered our Biruta with her Plant and Jam and Pickles Sales. We mentioned that we missed Biruta and her lovely products too. A few of them came and had a look around, and said they were trying to get to all 12 sales. Some came back and then purchased something they had seen here – glad it was still here. One gentleman was such fun, coming back again with tales to tell, making us laugh. It seemed quite soon when 12.00 noon arrived and it was time to close the doors.

Just as well there were three of us, calling out to each other 'Mum', 'Dad' and 'Karen'. Our visitors loved that it seemed to be a family affair, all helping. There were over 50+ visitors/customers coming in, it sure kept the three of us busy. Trying to work out prices, and diving between the garage trestles and the tables in the Church Hall.

Our visitors were all so friendly and polite; and yes, we gave reduced prices as 'bargaining' started to take place. Our stock answer – "Well, what would you like to pay for it". They offered reasonably and we said "Fine, it's yours". We made some very nice sales that day. We even gave away one or two things – Why?, because we are a Church here to help people. They smiled sweetly and said "Thank you very much", and departed with their 'gift'.

As the doors closed, we put the kettle on to have a hot drink, sit down and relax, then headed home.



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 the servant said, Lord, is it done as though hast commanded, and yet there is room"

Luke 14:22

Space is strange!

There was a man who wanted to die before heaven was full, while there was space or room for him. He did not know that to live in heaven is to live in love – God's love. "If ye keep my commandments ye shall abide in my love," said Jesus.

To abide in His love is to live in heaven.

There is so much spiritual space in God's love that there always room. It is infinite! All who wisely love His commandments, however different they may be, will find a home there.

Prayer

Teach me to do Thy will, O Lord, for thou art my God: Thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness. Amen

SERVICE DATES FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

October, being aware of the Bank Holiday on 3rd October (no Service), dates will be:-

Sunday 16th – Traditional Service

Sunday 30th - Innovative Service and usual shared luncheon in Church Hall.

November

Sunday 13th – Traditional/Musical Service

Sunday 27th – Traditional with Holy Supper, then shared luncheon in Church Hall.

ACTIVITIES AT CHURCH

Apart from our happy Garage/Op Shop sale, it has been fairly quiet. But opportunities always arise. One of the local ladies, was very helpful to us 'inexperienced' Op Shop three. As she lives not far from the Church she has kindly offered to help us when we are going to have another one, as this lady lives just nearby, and she has been a volunteer at such shops and would love to come and help us. Although gave us some more ideas to hold local Activity little groups. Her offer has been gratefully received and we will be calling on her soon.

MEDITATION

An enjoyable small meditation has recently begun again, by request, and more of these will be held.

CHAT AND COFFEE TIMES

This is Thursday morning 10.30am – 12.00pm. Perhaps a small break for the month of October, then back to normal after that. Some planning time is needed to include Craft groups too, as has been requested. Some of these will be Art and some will be needlecraft. We still have the TV's for use by anyone who would like to use them.

Looking forward to the new year too for more suggestions.