

The New Christian Church

Newsletter December 2016-January 2017



**And Now for the
Good News!**

**“To you is born this
day in the city of
David a Saviour who
is Christ the Lord.”**

That the Lord advanced..... from the Human to the Divine, no one can be in any doubt if they merely consider the fact that He was a small child, and learned to talk as any small child does, and so on. But there was this difference, that the Divine itself dwelt within Him because He had been conceived from Jehovah. Heavenly Secrets 2325

*The Members and Friends of the Auckland New Church wish
you and your family a happy and peace filled Christmas.*

A Christmas Collection for Pakuranga Women's Refuge. If you are able please bring a non-perishable item of Christmas fare by the 18th December.

All because He came on earth.

He came because He loves the whole human race.

His one desire was and is to lead all people, in freedom, to know the joy and peace of truly loving others more than themselves, so saving them from the misery of self-centredness.

He came by putting on the corrupt human from Mary and replacing it with His Divine Human.

He was not a separate person, but was God Himself coming to be present in every part of our life, manifesting Himself in a form so that we can have a personal relationship with Him.

Because He came nothing can separate us from His Love for us.

Because He came He is now present immediately with all the power of His Divine Love and Wisdom on every level of our human mind, from our highest thoughts and feelings to the most mundane and twisted, both in the light and the despairing darkness.

Because He came He offers everyone the wonderful ability to see the difference between revenge and forgiveness, domineering and serving, lust and genuine love.

Because He came we are free to believe in the illusion that we have power from ourselves and are independent of Him.

Because He came He can lift us up daily when we become self-absorbed or feel overwhelmed. If we really go off the rails He is able to lead us away from creating even greater chaos.

Because He came we can find hope in the midst of despair, humility in the midst of condemnation, joy in beauty and innocence.

Because He came our self-centred motives can be changed to create a new person from within. Just as He changes the very

molecules in a chrysalis to form a butterfly so He can do something similar for us.

Because He came, let us rejoice for, 'unto us a child is born, to us a son is given and the government is on his shoulder and his name is Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.'

Throughout Christmas and the New Year may you enjoy the blessings the Lord came on earth to bring us.

John.

Past Events:- At our recent AGM we heard that the Church activities had been maintained during the past year. But we did not seem any further forward in making decisions about our future. Our Church officers and other leaders were thanked for their work over the past year.

The same people were willing to serve on the Church for another year.

Future Events:- We are looking forward to our Christmas Celebrations. They begin on the 18th with a Family Christmas Festival Service followed by a Shared meal and visit from Santa. The following Sunday, Christmas day, will be a half hour service including creating a Christingle candle.

There will then be no services until February.

John Mellor has again kindly invited us to begin our Church New Year at his home in the bush. 2 Harden's Lane, Paremoremo. (413 7954). From 11am on 29th January, including lunch. Please bring a plate.

Australian Camps Good wishes to the Longstaff family on their trip to the Australian New Church Camp.

New Venture for 2017

On our fifth Sundays we have been sharing a spiritual smorgasbord at Church followed by a Take Away meal. In response to an invitation from Mary and Philip we are now proposing to hold these in people's homes. The first one will be held on April 30th at 11am at 26 Imogene Way, Half Moon Bay. We will be having a shared lunch following our spiritual smorgasbord on the theme of "Oh give thanks to the Lord." (e.g. Psalm 92) Invitations for the 5th Sundays in July and October would be welcome. (Contact Lis)

People News.

Congratulations to Tammy for her TV appearance on Sticky TV; also to Ingrid and Sophia on their great swimming performances; and to John and Jenny and Philip and Mary on their Golden wedding anniversaries over the next two months. It is great that Revd Daniel Brunne of Australia has started producing Swedenborg Videos on YouTube.

Thanks to John Mellor for being Mr Fixit around the premises.

Good wishes to Gill Keyworth for her carpal tunnel op and to Denis Keal on his retirement.

Calendar

December

- 4th** 10am Morning Worship //Holy Supper/Richard
11th 10am. Shared inspiration from The Word.
The Inspiration for Christmas
18th 10am Christmas Family Festival Service/Richard
Followed by a shared Christmas Lunch
25th 10-10.30am Christmas Day Service/John/ (Christingle)

January

There will be no services offered during January.

Sun 29th 11am New Year Social at John Mellor's.

Feb 5th 10 am Morning Worship ,Holy Supper/Sunday School. Richard.

February 19th Church Committee

Rosters

Date	Greeters	Flowers	Refreshments
December			
4th	Kai	Doreen	Jenny S
11th	John S		Jenny K
18th	Jonathan	Jenny S	Jenny S
25th	David	Doreen	
February 5th	Lesley	Jenny K	Jenny S

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