

# The New Christian Church

## Newsletter

December 2017-January 2018



### *For Unto Us a Child is Born*



#### Future Church Events

- \*Shared Advent Service 3rd Dec. "What Christmas means to me". Bring a hymn, poem, prayer or short article. The service will include the Holy Supper.
- \*Inspiration from the Word of God is, 'A character from the Christmas story you identify with.'
- \*17<sup>th</sup> Christmas Family Festival Service. There will be a pot luck Christmas lunch. Everyone will be looking forward to Christmas treats AND a visit from Santa. We will be collecting toys and non-perishable goods to make a hamper for the Women's Refuge
- \*There will be NO Christmas Eve Service
- \*Christmas Morning Service led by Richard
- \*New Year Social gathering (Jan 21<sup>st</sup> 11am) to be held at One Tree Hill Domain-near children's playground by the Observatory- Bring a picnic lunch. If raining we will meet at the church.

#### **Church services and meetings schedule for 2018**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Lay led/New Church service sourced from internet
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Inspiration from the Word- sharing group
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Worship service led by Richard with Holy Supper bi-monthly.  
Committee meetings after morning tea
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Richard's course on Charity- or David Keyworth when available
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Home Meeting- Shared worship and lunch

## People News.

Gill's knee operation 29<sup>th</sup> November

Susan visited Bill Mc Cabe in Northland. Bill sends his love to us all.

## The AGM - 5<sup>th</sup> of November.

Prior to the meeting, Lis Keal made a presentation of a bonsai tree to John Sutton on behalf of the church members. We wanted John to know how much we appreciated his service to the church in his retirement. We have been fed by John's sermons and kept informed about church matters and events by his newsletters. The bonsai was chosen as John had recently led us in considering how trees meet our needs – he encouraged us to connect with and reflect on their use -practical and spiritual.

John Mellor resigned as President after 3 years in the role. He spoke of the new beginnings and possibilities that were ahead. John looks forward to continuing to be an active member of the church and we know we will continue to benefit from his enthusiasm and his ability to link the teachings to events in the world.

We also acknowledged the many years of service that Doreen Akrigg has given to the church. Doreen has gifted many hours, faithfully and reliably filling many roles, including, ensuring that letters were sent, flowers delivered, morning teas provided for and kitchen needs replenished.

A new committee was elected.

## First meeting of the new committee

The New Church Committee met and the following members chose their portfolios for the year. If you have any suggestions for these different areas of church life please contact the appropriate person.

**Worship and Teaching:-** Richard and Sharon

**Outreach and Evangelisation:-** Ray , Jenny K, Richard and Jenny S

**Pastoral Care :-** John

**Social Events:** TBC

**Internal Maintenance:-** John

**External Maintenance :-** Denis

**Audio Visual and IT:-**Hugh, Denis

## **Internet Resources for New Church Books and Ideas**

[www.swedenborg.com](http://www.swedenborg.com)

[www.youtube.com/user/offTheLeftEye](http://www.youtube.com/user/offTheLeftEye)

[www.newchristianbiblestudy.org](http://www.newchristianbiblestudy.org)

[www.swedenborg.org.uk/](http://www.swedenborg.org.uk/)

[www.spiritualwisdom.org.uk](http://www.spiritualwisdom.org.uk)

<http://www.spiritualwisdompublishing.co.uk/>

[www.swedenborgdigitalibrary.org](http://www.swedenborgdigitalibrary.org)

## **Calendar**

### **December**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am Shared Advent Service including the Holy Supper led by John  
10<sup>th</sup> 10am Shared inspiration from The Word of God. 'A character from the Christmas story you identify with.'  
17<sup>th</sup> 10am Christmas Festival Service for the family followed by a shared Christmas Lunch.  
24<sup>th</sup> **No service** this Sunday.  
25<sup>th</sup> 10am Christmas Morning Service- led by Richard

### **January**

- 21<sup>st</sup> 11 am Church New Year Social Gathering at One Tree Hill Domain.  
Meeting place near the playground adjacent to the Observatory.

### **Rosters**

**Date Greeters Flowers Munchies**

#### **December**

3rd	Lesley	Jenny S	Lis
10th	John		Jenny K
17th	Kai	Jenny K	Jenny S
25th	Jonathan	Lis	

#### **February**

4th	Lesley	Sharon	Jenny S
11th	John		Jenny K
18th	Ray	Lis	Jenny S
25th	Richard		

## **The New Christian Church in New Zealand**

Incorporating the Auckland Society of the New Church and the General Church of the New Jerusalem Circle.

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