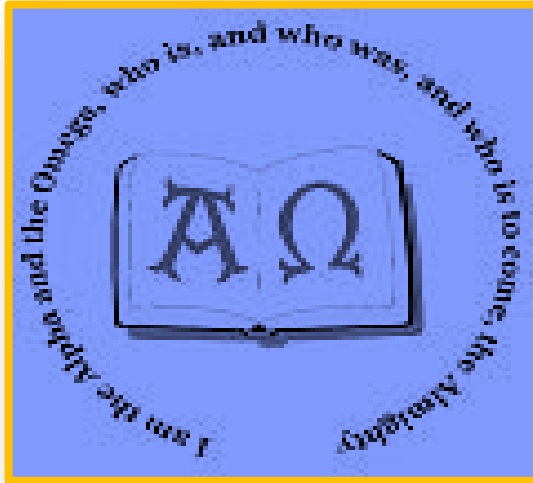


The New Christian Church Newsletter

June-July 2017



The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. Rev:22.17

We send our warmest greetings to you all for New Church Day.

We rejoice that the Lord has made His second coming and is now establishing His new Church on earth amongst all people.

Internet Resources for New Church Ideas

www.swedenborg.com

www.youtube.com/user/offTheLeftEye

www.newchristianbiblestudy.org

www.swedenborg.org.uk/

www.spiritualwisdom.org.uk

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

The Bitter Sweet Story of Two Witnesses

The Lord places two witnesses to His presence in our lives. They are, a belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as the one God of heaven and earth and secondly, a willingness to be guided by the Ten Commandments. These two witness to His loving and wise care of us and also to the way we should love others.

However these beliefs and attitudes challenge our self-centredness and worldliness. They challenge the times we want to excuse our unwillingness, to forgive, be honest, and truthful. They try to prevent us descending into, “poor little me”, “life’s so unfair” or the need to dominate others.

They are represented by the two witnesses in Revelation 11. If you read their story you will find that they are dressed in the sackcloth of mourning. They are mourning because when the Lord is no longer regarded and the commandments ignored love and truth are rejected. It gets even worse for them because they are then killed by the beast. The beast represents the destructive power of using teachings from the Word of God to justify our selfishness and evil tendencies. As a consequence the two witnesses within us get, as it were, trampled to death by our lowest and bodily desires.

Church history shows that this can happen in all denominations because it can happen in ‘Church’ people.

However all is not lost for if you continue reading the chapter you will see that the Lord brings the two witnesses back to life much to the horror of those who prefer the darkness of selfishness. This shows that a belief in the Lord and the Ten Commandments can never be destroyed. The Lord carefully preserves them deep within people waiting for the time when they can return and witness that the Lord God Jesus Christ reigns and his kingdom will be forever.

With every good wish for New Church Day,
John.

‘...once the previous Church has died, a new one is established by the Lord to take its place, and so life is imparted to take the place of death, and morning to take the place of night. And there is the further reason still that with everyone who is being reformed and becoming spiritual, that which has died in him is so to speak buried, and that which is new and made alive rises up, so that instead of the night with him, that is, instead of darkness and cold, morning breaks, bringing its light and warmth. This explains why with angels, who have the Lord's life in them, in place of men's idea of burial of the dead there is the idea of resurrection and of new life. This is indeed so, for some Church always exists on earth, and when the old Church breathes its last and night has fallen, a new one rises up somewhere else, and morning breaks. ‘Heavenly Secrets 2955

PEOPLE NEWS. Our thoughts and prayers go to grand-parents Richard and Gill Keyworth as they grow to accept that their newest grand-child has very limited sight. Richard visited the family while in Australia attending the AGM of the ANC.

Good wishes to Susan Heeps in her new job.

Congratulations to Sophia Longstaff on her great cross country running.

TV STAR? It was interesting watching myself watching John Mellor acting in a recent episode of “I am Innocent”. I found I kept telling myself, “that’s John”.

Church News:- Thanks to Philip and Mary for hosting our first ‘At Home’ spiritual smorgasbord meeting. There was a great variety of spiritual nourishment followed by an ample shared meal.

Our thanks to Sharon, who is cleaning the premises on a voluntary basis.

Looking forward:-

Our planned support for the local Women’s Refuge in the shape of school stationery for children and welcome care packs for women is nearing completion. Thanks to all who have helped.

June 18th New Church Day Celebrations . We will be holding a Family Service followed by a special New Church Day Shared Meal.

Our next ‘At Home’ meeting is at 11am on the **30th July** at John and Jenny’s home ; 59a Balmain Road, Birkenhead. Our theme is **“Seeing the Lord in nature.”** Followed by a shared lunch. You are welcome to stay and walk through the local bush to the beach with us. All welcome.

4th Sundays Richard continues his course on Charity .

Calendar

June

- 4th 10am Worship including the Holy Supper/Sunday School/ Richard Church Committee follows the service.
- 11th 10am. Shared inspiration from The Word. An image from Revelation.
- 18th 10am New Church Day Family Worship/John
All welcome to a Shared Lunch
- 25th 10am. A Course on Charity/Richard

July

- 2nd 10am Morning Worship /Sunday School/ Richard
- 9th 10am. Shared inspiration from The Word. A miracle with meaning.
- 16th 10am. Morning Worship /John
Church Committee follows Worship
- 23rd 10 am A Course on Charity/Richard
- 30th 11am Spiritual Smorgasbord / Lunch at 59A Balmain Road Birkenhead. See note.

August 6th

- 10am Morning Worship incl. Holy Supper/Sunday School/ Richard

Rosters

Date	Greeters	Flowers	Refreshments
June			
4th	Lesley	Jenny S	Lis
11th	John		Jenny K
18th	Kai	Doreen	Jenny S
25th	Richard		
July			
2nd	Jonathan	Sharon	Lis
9th	John		Jenny K
16th	Ray	Jenny K	Jenny S
23rd	Richard		
30th			
August 6th	Lesley	Doreen	Lis

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