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Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. Psalm 1:1-3

.... like a tree, a person who is being born again begins from a seed, which is why in the Word (Bible) 'seed' means truth obtained from good. Also, like a tree, he brings forth leaves, then blossom, and finally fruit; for he brings forth the kind of things that belong to intelligence, which again in the Word are meant by 'leaves', then the kind of things that belong to wisdom, which are meant by 'blossoms', and finally the kind of things that are matters of life, namely forms of the good of love and charity expressed in action, which in the Word are meant by 'fruits'. AC 5115.2

*Because Jenny and I will be away for a month I have had to prepare this newsletter a month in advance.
John.*

like them

It all begins with a seed

For gardeners it is again a time of sowing in hope. Seeds, some of which are like dust, are sown in the hope that they will grow. The gumboot patrol are also finding that there are thousands of unseen weed seeds in the soil which are now growing into plants. I am amazed at the tenacity of these tiny forms of life. They can grow in very inhospitable places, such as cracks in concrete and in the bark of trees. Despite this they survive and even crack concrete and the tree becomes a host. For me they are a wonderful testament to the resilience of the Lord's life, for each seed is a vessel of His life. The passage on the front cover takes my thoughts further and gives me hope that the Lord's truth can lie hidden in the most unlikely places of human hearts and minds and yet show the same resilience as a seed. Like seeds, those truths can be so small as to remain unnoticed within us, until the time is ripe for the Lord to flow into them and bring them to our awareness. As with the innumerable seeds in any patch of soil, so there must be innumerable ideas of truth in any person and society waiting for the right conditions to grow. I remember driving past the remains of bombed out buildings after the war and seeing them come alive with all kinds of so called weeds.

I take hope from these plant seeds that in all lives there are wonderfully resilient seeds of truth which the Lord has placed there which can change peoples' lives for the good.

As in the story of the sower, seeds of truth can grow for all kinds of reasons; self-interest (I need to be accepted), short term enthusiasm for them, etc. The Lord uses these reasons to eventually, with our permission, lead us to love these truths because of the unselfish, honesty and life of integrity they bring us.

The Lord's Church's role is to help Him plant His seeds in peoples' lives and encourage them to grow into beautiful and fruitful human beings. With every good wish. *John.*

as you would

Past Events:- Rvd. David Keyworth gave a talk on Psychotherapy and Swedenborg in July. He based it on his previous training as a minister and present training as a psychotherapist. His easy style of presentation led into an interesting discussion. Thank you David. His father, Rvd. Richard Keyworth began his course on Charity during August and continues in the coming months. During the past weeks we have enjoyed having Eva, Jens, and Robert join us on several Sunday mornings.

Diary dates

October 30th, 5pm: Spiritual Smorgasbord . People are invited to bring a short spiritual dish on the theme of "Seeing". Followed by a shared take away meal (approx. \$5).

Auckland Society of the New Church AGM 6th Nov. 11.30am

General Church Circle AGM 6th Nov 12.30pm

People News:- We send our good wishes to Gill Keyworth as she recovers from her knee surgery. We hope that soon she will be able to keep up with the children again.

**Can you find the rest of the seeds
and see what lovely idea the Lord
gave us?**



Jesus
said,

Useful Websites:-

www.swedenborg.com

www.youtube.com/user/offTheLeftEye

www.newchristianbiblestudy.org

www.swedenborg.org.uk/

www.spiritualwisdom.org.uk

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

Poverty:- Our country is being challenged by the effects of poverty on so many people. If you want to read a fascinating study of the causes of poverty in the UK go to the Joseph Rowntree Foundation website. It is independent. Their conclusions about the causes apply here as much as there and so do their suggested solutions.

Apart from the terrible human cost, they have calculated that poverty is costing 1,200 pounds/year for every person in the UK and that it was the cause of Brexit. Something for us to ponder on with our local elections looming.

Calendar

October

- 2nd 10am Morning Worship / /Holy Supper/Richard
9th 10am. Shared inspiration from The Word
16th 10am Morning Worship /Sunday School/ John Church Committee
23rd 10am A course on Charity /Richard
30th 5pm Shared Worship-A spiritual smorgasbord on the theme of, " Seeing." Followed by a shared takeaway meal.

November

- 6th 10am Morning Worship /Sunday School/ John
The AGM of the Auckland Society of the New Church 11.30 a.m.
The AGM of the General Church Circle 12.30 p.m.
13th 10am. Shared inspiration from The Book of Revelation/John
20th 10am. Morning Worship / Sunday School/ Richard Church Committee
25th 10 am A course on Charity /Richard

December 4th 10am Morning Worship incl. Holy Supper/ John.

Date	Greeters	Rosters Flowers	Refreshments
October			
2nd	Kai	Jenny K	Lis
9th	Hugh		Jenny K
16th	Jonathan	Doreen	Jenny S
23rd	Richard		
30th	John		
November			
6th	Lesley	Sharon	Jenny S
13th	John		Jenny K
20th	Ray	Jenny S	Lis
27th	Richard		
Dec 4th	Kai	Doreen	Jenny S

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