



# ADELAIDE CHRISTIAN NEW CHURCH

# Newsletter

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## AUTUMN DAYS NOW



Then we have the lovely evergreen trees and shrubs. The picture is of a Pine tree forest not too far south from Adelaide metro area. There are plenty of evergreen trees around in parks and playgrounds.

The constant beauty of nature never ceases to amaze me. In our world, created for us by God, we have so many natural things to look forward to.

At the same time, with much gratitude to our Research Scientists, Doctors, Nurses, Paramedics, and Police, in this time of a world Epidemic of Covid-19; we must remember that they are people too, trying their very best to help us all.

Prayers and faith is what we have to rely on, and do so diligently in this time of need to so many people and families. Particularly those countries overseas; that may not have the same resources to cope so much. Please always remember in your prayers, all these people.

Keep Faith that a brighter world is on the horizon. Let's look forward to a better world. Meanwhile, look after each other and keep safe and healthy.  
With Love to All.

The beautiful seasons roll by continuously. Our summer days are sometime, still around to enjoy. At the same time, interstate from SA, we have on the news, the torrential rain that is falling on the Eastern coast. If only, methinks, that the rain could be directed to exactly where it is needed most; the farmers and the dry lands where rain is really needed. But alas, it falls wherever.

Usually in autumn days, the trees begin to turn a tanned gold colour, before falling to the ground. Probably creating natural fertilizer for the regrowth in springtime! That is for a resurgence of beauty. These deciduous trees, we look forward to blooming again in spring.



As sure as night turns into day, flowers will bloom again. Trust in Our Lord Jesus.





# THE PILLARS OF NEW CHURCH BELIEFS

A series presenting our beliefs in plain English.

**Written by Rev J Duckworth**

This time we're going to have a think about Jesus being God.

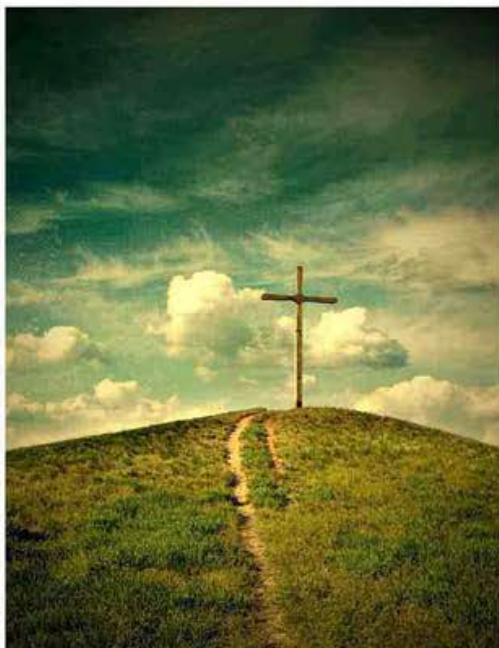
Christianity is based on Jesus, but there are so many ideas about who Jesus was. You'll know some – that he was God's Son who offered to come here to sacrifice himself to bring God and people back together...or that he was a man who was so good he became Divine...or that he was always just a man...or that he could never have been tempted or sinned because he was pure, and so on.

Our view on Jesus starts and ends with God, with Jesus actually being God. Don't think about who was running the universe if God was here as Jesus, because if you shine a torch, you've got the full idea very well; you see the torch-light and it doesn't lessen or change when its beam hits the wall. The torch is God – the light on the wall is Jesus.

God had to come as a person and go through what a person usually goes through – struggles, doubts, feeling fear, feeling alone, being criticised, and keeping on going in spite of all this. God had to do this basically to overcome a growing darkness in peoples' minds that was building up.

And God had to do this by taking on a normal human nature which could be got at and could give in or give up if it came to it. And because he was also God he was got at by evil spirits in his head far more than we ever are, because they knew the stakes. This Jesus could take their power away.

So that's the reason for Jesus. But there are two really key things to know: Jesus could not simply snap his fingers at temptations because he was God. It was never automatic or inevitable that he won. He had to do that as a man with human limitations every time he made a decision. And the other thing is that he had to win every time, without fail, including the crucifixion, or else it would all be for nothing. What a combination on him – to be a man and to act as God. And what was really at stake was our freedom and ability to choose between good and evil. He knew that and it filled his heart.



Verses from Hymn v.1,4,

“There is a green hill far away  
outside a city wall  
where our dear Lord was crucified,  
who died to save us all.  
Lord Jesus, dearly you have loved  
and we must love you too,  
And trust in your redeeming truth  
And try your works to do.”



# PALM SUNDAY THIS YEAR IS ON 28TH MARCH 2021

**Palm Sunday** recalls an event in the Christian Scripture (The New Testament) of Jesus entering into Jerusalem and being greeted by the people waving palm branches.

For Christians, it is a reminder of the welcoming of Jesus into our hearts and of our willingness to follow him. During Holy Week, Christians recall the events leading up to Jesus' death by crucifixion and, according to their faith, his Resurrection. The week includes five days of special significance. The first is Palm Sunday, which commemorates Jesus' humble entry (on a donkey) into Jerusalem to observe Passover.

## **What is the meaning of Hosanna in the highest?**

The word hosanna comes from a Hebrew word meaning "save now" or "save us, we pray." The first word of Psalm 118:25 is (hosannah), translated "Save us!" and the crowd's use of this word at the triumphal entry was significant—especially as they waved palm branches (Psalm 118 was associated with the Feast of Tabernacles)

## CHURCH SERVICE DATES FOR APRIL / MAY

### **April**

Sunday 4th April; Easter Sunday Service, Refreshments in the Hall follows

Sunday 18th April; Traditional Musical Service.

As Anzac Day is 26th hence a long weekend, therefore no Service on 25th.

### **May**

Sunday 2nd May; Traditional Musical Service

Sunday 18th May; Traditional and Holy Supper

## ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL / MAY

**Thursdays** – 10.30am to 12.00pm Coffee and Chat time, all welcome

- at the same time our Computers are available for general use

Small Group Discussions and Chat are in the planning – watch this space.

### **Book Study Groups**

Small group studies, are being planned, either in one's home or via Zoom with day and time arranged between participants. The book studied, to be decided upon by the participants in each group. The topics can be chosen from our Church Library or a new one chosen by one of the participants. Ask in advance if the book is available, or it can be obtained from the Swedenborg Association from the Koorong Book Shop in the city. The Church is signed up with Koorong Books and should you like to buy a book/s from there, please contact June on 0417632207 for planning and questions.

### **Back to Basics Bible Study**

This is on a Monday evening via Zoom, covering 1 Chapter at a time, preferably pre-read by individuals and then an interesting and enjoyable open discussion time for all. Question raised bring new understanding.

This study group is run by our N.C.I.A. President, Rev. David Moffat, Minister of the Melbourne Church now.

Please contact Rev. David Moffat for further information and times and dates for Zoom.

Then David will email you the information and details.





## INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS

“What sign though shewest unto us, seeing that though doeth these things.  
Jesus answered and said unto them, destroy this Temple and in three days I will raise it up.”  
The Jews wanted a sign and Jesus gave them one; but in strange words. They did not understand them.  
“Destroy this Temple. He said, “and in three days I will raise it up. Then the Jews said, the Temple took forty-six years to build. But in the following verse we read, that Jesus was speaking of the temple of His body. His body represented Divine truth, as Jesus said “I am the truth”. Divine truth is the temple of Divine Love. The Jews destroyed this temple, but in three days Jesus raised it again.

Prayer: “My soul waiteth for Thee, Lord, more than they that watch for the morning.” **Amen**

## 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.

## QR CODE FOR CHURCH

The Registered Covid Marshall for our Church is Randall Rabone. The Church and Hall, including the Foyer, have recently measured, helpfully by Randall and Michael. Randall calculated according to SA Government Regulations and we now have our QR Code for signing in. There is one displayed on the glass entrance at the front of the Church and one on the rear door for those parking at the rear.  
There is also a small sign in table in the foyer, with a QR Code on it and a sign in form for those who may not have a mobile phone with the SA Govt. App.

Happy, Healthy Church for the safety of all.

## ‘TANGLE ART’ CLASSES WITH JENN

It may not be realised by those in South Australia, that Jenn Beiswenger holds a Zoom ‘JennTangle’ class every Tuesday morning.

A good relaxing time of one hour duration, hosted by a very creative and talented lady.  
Many patterns are taught via Zoom and can be made into greeting cards, note cards, or as added embellishments for anything you would like to use them for.

If you would like to ‘have a go’ at Tangle Art, please message June for her email address, on 0417632207 to contact her directly.



## CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NEWSLETTER

If you have any news, articles, poems or submissions we would love to hear from you.  
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