



ADELAIDE CHRISTIAN NEW CHURCH

Newsletter

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SPRING TIME IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Be positive and look forward to better and safer times ahead. Flowers will bloom, trees will blossom and warmer sunny days are ahead.

This year is chugging along quite quickly and times – they are a changing!

In this very worrying and difficult time for so many people in Australia and around the world, we can offer prayers to those around us, and ourselves continually, by adhering to strict current regulations, to be Covid-19 Safe.



Let us look forward with faith and hope that this worldwide pandemic will soon be over.

Meanwhile, medical researchers are doing their best to find a cure and make people safe.

Such thanks are gratefully extended to all the wonderful Nurses, Doctors, Paramedics and essential health workers giving their very best to keep everyone safe.

IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Places, shops and businesses are slowly beginning to open, but with very strict guidelines and limited number of people allowed in any place at one time. Social distancing is very strict everywhere.

We are becoming used to having Doctor's appointments over the phone, unless it is deemed necessary to actually go into see one. Tests are conducted immediately upon entering the waiting room; that is almost empty of chairs; just a very few strategically placed very far apart. No magazines to read and no toys out at all. But this is all very fine.

The care that is being taken is very much appreciated. Supermarket shopping can take a very long time at the checkouts; as red lines and markers on the floor spaced out widely, indicate where one stands until the next available space ahead becomes vacant.

All staff stay well protected behind their new Perspex screens. Hand sanitisers as one enters the store and trolley wipes are there to disinfect the trolley you are about to use; even if you are wearing protective gloves, still wise to do so.

For a while, many of us had online orders, and then delivered to our door, all contactless, as paid beforehand. The supermarkets did very well in supplying all items ordered. If that item was not available, they chose the best substitute one.

Local chemists have been delivering orders to us for any of our medication scripts and vitamins or any other pharmaceutical supplies. It has all been very helpful during Home Stay. Browsing the internet for stores that may be closed, has become quite a normal thing to do. Then paying online and awaiting delivery from Australia Post; has worked well.

It may have made us feel a bit lazy too.

All these shop assistances have been doing so well under difficult circumstances.



NEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH BELIEFS

LET US ALL BE CAREFUL AND WATCHFUL. A REAL TIME OF NEED – TO “LOOK AFTER OUR NEIGHBOURS”.

The first thing we might think about is Jesus saying, ‘Love your neighbour’ or ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

In the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus asked those who were listening, ‘Who was neighbour to the man who got hurt?’ Obviously, it was the one who helped him. Do you get the point? Neighbour is best seen as being active and doing something to help someone else.

You and I probably deal with quite a number of different people any day of the week. Some will be fun to be with, some easy company, some not so easy perhaps, and some will just be hard going. All of these are our ‘neighbours’ or nearby (nigh) people.

We can all imagine we could do helpful things to people on the other side of town because that’s all theory. ‘I would be friendly/pleasant/kind etc. But it’s different with the actual people we’re involved with because we are then in a relationship. We have to take their moods and wishes into consideration and they might not care much for ours!

In our church we sometimes say that it is really the Lord who is the neighbour. That might sound really peculiar! But it helps us when we are dealing with nearby other people who are not the same as us. These people are our neighbour of course, but if we just go in blind, who knows what might happen and someone might get hurt.

So in dealing with people (neighbours) we need to keep the Lord in mind too – after all He is with every one of us, trying to lead us. If someone snaps at us, we probably feel like defending ourselves and snapping back or licking our wounds. Appreciating that the Lord is the neighbour in that other person is going to help us avoid either of those, and we may be able to say something that helps them handle it better.

In the end the neighbour is the good that can be brought out in someone.



I'm so confused by this sentiment that wearing a mask is "living in fear."

If you wear your seatbelt, are you living in fear?

If you wear sunscreen, are you living in fear?

If you wear a bicycle helmet, are you living in fear?

Smart living is NOT living in fear.

#COVID19

BACK TO BASICS BIBLE STUDY

This is a new project from Rev. David Moffat. Being conducted via the internet, via Zoom meeting, it is considered to be quite important that we really take a look at our Bible again, to glean what is written therein. Messages from the Lord our God are often hidden between the literal senses; and by group collaboration and discussion, there should be some new insights coming through. It is also a "question and answer" methodology, with any particular topic that one would like to talk about, ask about, or discuss – quite simply you are invited to put your topic in. email:- David Moffat <d_a_moffat@yahoo.com.au>

It sounds very good in this day and age, as all religions are based on the Bible; and in such a busy world that today has become, it is well worth going "back to basics", as sometimes the literal text is inclined to be a bit confusing at times. This is due to the fact that most of it was written so many, many, years ago by different people – and in a language that has been complex. First parts of it were written in ancient Hebrew, then some parts in Aramaic Hebrew, then some parts in Greek Hebrew. After that it was all put together, translated into English, French, German, and so many other languages – too numerous to mention here. But, nevertheless, this one Holy Bible is still is and always will be the Word of God. Let us all, and every nation in the world, enjoy it and hear the Word. The Ten Commandments are, and always will be, the same as when God gave them to Moses all those thousands and thousands of years ago. It is the basic standard of guidelines for living a happy and fulfilling life, learning to love and care for, being kind to each other always. It is the standard that the world relies on for Love, Hope, Peace, and life everlasting.



SERVICE DATES FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2020

August

2nd August - Traditional Musical
16th August - Traditional – maybe possible Holy Supper; shared luncheon
31st August - Traditional Musical

September

13th September - Traditional Musical
27th September - Traditional – maybe possible Holy Supper; shared luncheon; Annual General Meeting

ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2020

THURSDAY MORNING:- COFFEE AND CHAT ARE BACK AGAIN

COMPUTERS AVAILABLE AGAIN:- ALL 4 NOW HAVE WINDOWS 10 INSTALLED
THANKS TO RAYMOND NICHOLLS

BACK TO BASICS BIBLE STUDY:- THIS IS BEING PLANNED BY REV. DAVID MOFFAT VIA INTERNET AS A GROUP MEETING. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY PICKED UP THE MESSAGE FROM THE NEW CHURCH GOOGLE GROUPS, PLEASE CONTACT JUNE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

FURTHER INFORMATION FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE, PLEASE PHONE 0417632207



INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS

“ And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes.”

Mark 5:1

The other side of the sea! The side bordering on the wilderness, opposite to the Promised Land.

Can you see this geography in your own person? The Promised Land is the heaven within. The other side, is your lower worldly life represented by the country of the Gadarenes.

Jesus and the disciples crossing over, is a picture of how Jesus comes with your affection for Him, from your inner mind, down into the common activities of your outer life. And this crossing over is in order that the things of your merely natural life may be brought into order and correspondence with spiritual principles.

Prayer

“Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord. Hear the voice of my supplications. 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.

“GET IN YOUR LANE”

Spanning the river near our house is a one-way traffic bridge. On the bridge are three lanes. All traffic on the left-hand lane, must turn left, which is toward the cemetery. All traffic on the middle lane must to straight ahead – which takes you to the city centre. All traffic on the right-hand lane must turn right – which leads to the airport.

If you want to go to the airport, it's useless to be on the left-hand lane; there is no crossing over when you are once on the bridge. From the left-hand lane you will end up in the cemetery, whether you want to or not! Therefore, all travellers are advised to get into the correct lane before they reach the bridge.

From an article by Brian Kingslake – “Angel Stories”.

The title “Angel Stories” is derived from the teachings of Emanuel Swedenborg, who tells us that the language of the angels is full of symbolism, and that there is usually an inner level of spiritual truth behind the actual words employed.



CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NEWSLETTER

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