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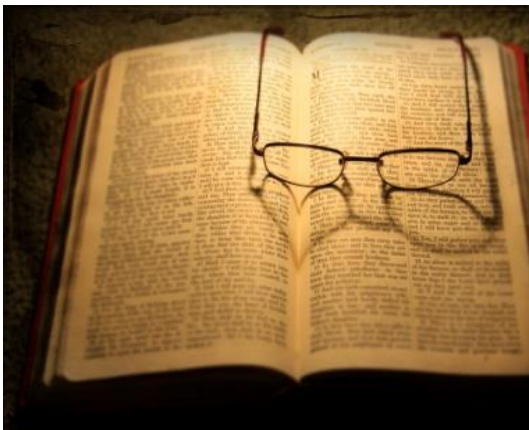
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Tribute and heartfelt thanks to the CFS, MetFS, NswFS, VicFS Defence Force personnel and all those involved in helping,

Much Thanks and praise to all our hero fire firefighters, who toiled bravely and through such dangerous life threatening conditions, to save lives, homes, and the beautiful trees that you see above. Now sadly, with the dreadful bushfires are no longer there. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those who have lost their homes and are needing to rebuild their lives, while struggling with the trauma of what they have they have just been through. We also think of the families left behind, of those killed in this tragedy.



Inspirational Thoughts

“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches: To him that overcometh will I give of the hidden manna.” Revelation 2:17

It is more easy to listen to the sounds of his world than to the voice of the Lord in His Word. .But it is important that we make an effort to hear the Lord’s voice, because we will open the door and He will come in and sup with us. To this end we must overcome the predominant voice of the world. As we do so we shall be blessed with hidden manna; supping with Jesus we shall feed on His love, and be nourished secretly in our souls.

Prayer: O Lord, Thou art my rock and my fortress: therefore for Thy name’s sake, lead me and guide me. **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.

New Church Retreat in Adelaide January 2020

What a lovely week of enjoyment at Nunyara, with people from interstate and overseas; with a diverse range of interesting activities and good Devotional and Plenary times too. It was so lovely catching up with friends and making new ones too. The youngsters and younger children had plenty of activities to hand, as well as those they created themselves. Very innovative they were too!

The country setting at Nunyara was peaceful. The long open veranda setting became quite a good place for sitting, chatting, and enjoying the balmy days. For the brave attendees, who had travelled through and near the dreadful bushfire areas, it must have been a tranquil rest. They certainly were intrepid travellers! Thank you for making it safely through and hope your return journey was safer for you.

Some extremely interesting and thought provoking topics were presented by our varied and illustrious presenters; including times when little groups were formed to think through and – hopefully – come up with viable solutions to some questions. It was the companionable sharing ambience that made it such a pleasure to be part of.

Lunch, dinner and supper times went all too quickly. These were the casual catch up chatty times. But alas, for me, being a day visitor, as soon as the evening activity concluded, it was time for me to head home back to Hallett Cove Beach.



This was the Play – “The Great Change” – written by Walter Reginald Horner; who was the Grandfather of Margaret Heldon. Margaret is Carolyn Heldon’s Mum, and Carolyn had this very interesting play typed up for us to present one evening. Julian and Graham seemed to be “born” actors, with their fun performance.

New Church Retreat in Adelaide January 2020...cont'd



This was a presentation, with children participation, by Rev. Jane Seibert on Helen Keller. I'm hoping that it was recorded and maybe should be up on the www.newchurch.net.au website. Chris Kendrick seemed to be the main one taking videos of the many and varied presentations during Nunyara week.

Chris was also the main photographer for Nunyara Retreat and when pictures and videos are through, Chris will be putting as many as space permits on the website. Do look for them.

In 1948, the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) planned a world tour for Helen Keller and her companion, Polly Watkins, to make the world aware of the achievements and education facilities that can happen for Blind people. This side of the world, Helen's tour included Australia, New Zealand and Japan. When in Adelaide, Helen gave a talk at the Town Hall in King William Street. This was attended by a very large audience. Helen also visited children in schools; and one of her wishes while in South Australia was to visit a Winery. Penfold Winery at Magill planned this for her.

During her time in Australia, Helen and her companion were in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne, as well as Adelaide. Information about Helen Keller's world tour is available on the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) website. In 1948 the Foundation was based in New York – I guess it probably still is. If you have never seen the film "The Miracle Worker" about Helen's life, it is well worth trying to locate it to see.

Helen attributes much of her beliefs on Emanuel Swedenborg and acknowledges him as a great man who influenced her to achieve so much and to "open her eyes".

The two photos shown here, were taken from a Facebook posting, which I downloaded to share here in the newsletter. Please go to the website – address above – to look for any more.

Back to Basics Bible Study

This is a new project from Rev. David Moffat. Being conducted via the internet, or sometimes as a face to face 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.

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 February and March 2020

February 2020

2nd - Musical/Traditional

16th - Traditional Service, Holy Supper; and Shared Luncheon

March 2020

8th - Musical/Traditional

22nd - Traditional Service, Holy Supper; and Shared Luncheon

Activities for February and March 2020

Coffee & Chat: The Church Hall is open on Thursdays between 10.30am – 12.00pm, beginning 30th January 2020.

Angel Meditation **Tuesday 18th February and Thursday 12th March at 11.00am** in the Church Hall. All welcome to join us. We welcome each other first, then with prayer, go into quiet guided meditation. A calming time from this busy world! Coffee and tea and refreshments will be available. By about a duration time of 1.00 – 1.5 hrs, all concluded. Details:- phone 0417632207

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.

Computers are available for use/work or research on Thursdays from 10.30am – 12.00om. Just arrive.

Children are welcome, as we have facilities – Apple TV and colouring in for them and a rear garden lawn area and a childproof gate on the driveway, making it a secure play area for young ones.

Further Information for any of the above, please phone 0417632207

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