



# ADELAIDE CHRISTIAN NEW CHURCH

# Newsletter

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## May / June 2024

As well as having Easter time, with Easter Services, there have been some other different activities in Adelaide. Although naturally, first we had the opportunity to farewell our long time Member, Joy Chettle. There was a lovely Service held at the White Lady Funerals Chapel, then the cavalcade of cars to the Centennial Park on Goodwood Road.

The Final Committal for Joy took place at her graveside. Julie, her daughter was naturally very emotional, but had good supporting help. Andrew, her son, was – as most guys – stoic and not quite able to hide all his emotions. The last two people standing, watching, looking down onto Joy's coffin, were Julie and Andrew. I think that would have made Joy quite happy too. That was on 6th March 2024.

Rather nice that we had time to reminisce and recover, before enjoying Palm Sunday service and then the two continuing Easter Services as well. Then on 24th March, after the Service, starting at 12 o'clock – it was Celebrating party time.

Fred's 90th birthday was delightfully attended by 40 or more people, therefore we needed a car park supervisor to assist with all the car parking – hence Ken became that, with a Hi-Viz top, kindly borrowed from our daughter. The day before the party, Liz came to the Church and Karen and I were there too,



sorting out tables and chairs in the hall for party time. When that was all done, it was time to go home and wait for the 'morrow.



A lovely photo of Fred and Liz with their daughters.

The centre daughter, Patricia, gave a lovely speech about their growing up memories.

Fred and Liz's friend, Paul, gave a Birthday speech on behalf of all those at the party. Some grandchildren were there too, plus some cousins on both sides of the family. Church Members too were enjoying all the celebrations. Guests brought plates of food and nibbles, as well as those we were heating up more delicious goodies in the oven in the kitchen.

Needless to say, some of us were wandering about, heating up food and serving to tables. When it came to the speeches we all managed to find a seat to sit down. After the speeches, it was time for Liz to light the Birthday cake and we all sang of course. One of their guests had her Birthday too, so we sang again for her birthday also.

Everybody enjoyed the 2 hours of partying. Needless to say, Church has seemed rather quiet after all that fun.

# MY FIRST WEDDING (CEREMONY)

The Marriage between these two wonderful people, who have been engaged for just over a year now, took place at Mt. Barker, and I was the Celebrant.

This was a quiet Wedding Service, to cater for the Bride's elderly Grandparents, plus the Bride's Mother who lives in Mt. Barker too. The Groom's Father travelled from Orange in N.S.W. with the Groom's half sister as well.

The couple plan to hold another 'Wedding' in Adelaide, when they can afford it, for all their friends in about a year's time at a venue locally. The Bride and Groom had certainly made it a 'Special Wedding Day' to remember.

They had hired a Limousine for the day to take us from Adelaide to Mt. Barker. Then after the Ceremony, we all went into the Limousine for a day of visiting 4 different Wineries – arranged bookings with a table, nibbles and wine tasting. This trip included first Mt. Barker, then Hahndorf, McClaren Vale, and back to Mt. Barker for Dinner.

After we had all consumed of a lovely meal, we were all back onto the bus, taking each of the Mt. Barker people to their homes, then coming back to Adelaide to the Bride and Groom's home.

The two Witnesses were the Mother and Father of each other, after the Groom and Bride had signed the Wedding Certificate at the conclusion of the Wedding.

All papers were sent, Registered Post to the Attorney General here in SA, during the week following the Wedding. The photos we have of the day are to remain beautifully with us all.

It certainly made a day of memories for all in the Wedding Party.

The Limousine was booked until 5.30pm that day, arriving back at the newly married couple's home.

It was a lovely day, and I certainly felt honoured to be a part of it all.

## June

*I found God in the morning,  
We just sat and talked.  
I kept Him near me  
Everywhere I walked.  
I called on God at noontime  
A heart filled with despair.  
I felt His quiet presence,  
I knew he was there.  
We met again at sunset,  
The waning of the day.  
I had made Him happy,  
I had lived His way.  
Then when at bedtime I knelt  
Silently in prayer,  
Again His gentle presence I felt,  
"Someone does care".*



# FOOTPRINTS

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD.

Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, one belonged to him, and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it; "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

Yes, this is a well known Poem and perhaps quite relevant for some people in their lives, now or at any moment. Let us always remember, that the LORD is always with us, whether we are aware of it or not.

His love is Unconditional, He knows what is happening with each and every one of us and He never leaves our side to help us, guide us, and give us strength to take our next step along the way of our lives.



# SPRING 2024 WOMEN'S WEEKEND: HORNSBY

**Nov 15-17**

We're doing it again! Ladies, mark your diaries: you're cordially invited to join other New Church-minded women across Australia and New Zealand for our spring women's weekend.

We'll be gathering Nov 15-17 at an Airbnb in Hornsby, NSW and via Zoom. There will be a nice combination of fun and inspiring sessions on offer, including a guest speaker chiming in from the U.S. and once again assembling birth kits for disadvantaged women in developing countries – plus down-time to visit with our sisters and explore the area (and go for a dip in the on-site pool!?).

If this interests you and you haven't already signed up, please let Jenn know ([jenn@beiswenger.net](mailto:jenn@beiswenger.net)).

The deadline isn't until October, but the sooner we know who's coming, the sooner we can start planning our weekend, and the sooner we can all get excited!

On the subject of assembling birth kits, we will need to raise \$1000 to pay for the supplies, as in previous years. Since we're planning this well in advance, there's no urgency yet; watch this space for further details!

Thanks in advance for your consideration!

## BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM

As usual this is conducted by Rev. David Moffat, and held fortnightly on a Monday evening.

We have just begun the Chapter of Daniel, that makes it a good time to join in. It is a nice chapter after the conclusion of Ezekiel.

If you would like the details to join into Zoom, please contact June, or David in Melbourne direct.

These 1 hour times are very informative as not only do we read the current chapter, but David presents segments of original Hebrew pertaining to that chapter, which gives a really good understanding of the real way it was written and allows us time to understand it more fully. This is as well as the general discussion with all participants about what it is talking about. The time in SA is 7.30pm and concludes at 8.30pm. David keeps a watchful eye on the time, to keep it for the 1 hour timeslot.



## INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS

“But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.”

John 4:14

When the Lord give us the water, or truth of His Word, it forms wells in our memories; and springs up from these wells into the love of everlasting life. The more we love the truth, the more we are able to receive from the Lord: thus our wells become deeper, and springs up with everlasting delight. Whosoever drinks of the water Jesus gives can never thirst. No one suffers thirst in everlasting life.

Prayer: O Lord, I stretch forth my hand unto Thee; my soul thirsteth after Thee, as a thirsty land, I lift up my soul unto Thee. **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.

## CHURCH SERVICES DATES

The dates for May have been planned to allow for Mother's Day, May 12th, for all Mum's to be at home with family.

**Sunday May 5th – 10.30am.** Traditional, Musical

**Sunday May 19th – 10.30am.** Traditional, Holy Supper, shared luncheon.

**Sunday June 2nd – 10.30am.** Traditional, Musical

**Sunday June 16th – 10.30am.** New Church Day, shared luncheon.

**Sunday June 30th – 10.30am.** Traditional, Musical

July Services are likely to be on the 7th and 21st and our August Services are likely to be 11th and 25th, dates these will be confirmed in the next Newsletter. We will be liaising with Rev. David Moffat to come to Adelaide for his visit as President of the N.C.I.A. We are looking forward to David's visit, as soon as it is confirmed.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

**Thursdays 16th and 30th in May.**

Discussion from YouTube with refreshments and chat. Then for June, it will be 13th and 27th. We will be starting to have some 'Shorts' from our Ministers, and also watching the 'Childs' discussions. These are all very interesting topics to watch.

**Wednesday afternoons in May:- 15th and June:-5th**

There will be some new options for Craft, Chatter and Coffee times. Hoping that may be an afternoon timeslot might work for some people who find that time more suitable for them to come and share in different activities.

## CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NEWSLETTER

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

Simply post us a letter, or send us an email.

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