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DAY	TIME	FACILITATOR	DESCRIPTION
MONDAY	7.30 pm- 9.00 pm	Marcia Parkes	Meditation/Development
TUESDAY	10.30 am - Noon	Carmel & Bill John	Meditation/Healing
	Committee Meeting Bendy yoga with Jim	**7pm** Jim Geddes	11th April 6pm every other Tuesday
WEDNESDAY	11am-2.30pm	Yvonne Warren & Joanne	Meditation/development
	7.30pm	Albert Kohl	Closed Circle
THURSDAY	Readings \$25	Entry Side door.	8.30am-1pm
FRIDAY	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Jenny Havebond	Meditation/Development
SATURDAY	Coffee Club	2pm-4pm	22nd April Note date. change
	Bendy Yoga with Jim	8.30am	Each Saturday
SUNDAY	Weekly Services 3pm 7pm Service only 9th & 23rd	Various Mediums & Speakers	Each Sunday

Greetings to all,

Do you have webbed feet ? This necessary rain is a nuisance

Rain is a nuisance, but no rain, no rainbows !

Happy to report all Circles and The Thursday readings are going well, thanks to the dedicated facilitators and readers. We are blessed with such caring members giving their time, to maintain our Church programme.

Sandi's visit was well supported, and those members who attended her Workshops were delighted. Paul Jacobs is back in Australia in June, but is only doing one workshop, a residential one near Canberra. Check his Facebook page.

A number of electrical items has been purchased, including a light vacuum cleaner for use in the kitchen. Feel free to use it, after our cuppas, to help tidy up. Remember, OUR Church is the responsibility of all.

Reminder, please check all windows are closed before leaving, to guard against break-ins. Just takes a minute.

A number of our Members battling ill-health at the moment, and as always, support them with your prayers and Circles. It is heartening to know others know and care when we have problems, we should never feel alone.

As usual, the air conditioner will be adjusted when daylight saving ends

Charles Freeman

President

Our philosophy is based on seven principles

(With liberty of interpretation)

- 1. The Fatherhood of God.*
- 2. The Brotherhood of Man.*
- 3. The immortality of the soul and its personal characteristics*
- 4. The proven facts of communication between departed human spirits and mortals*
- 5. Personal responsibility.*
- 6. Compensation and retribution hereafter for all good and evil deeds done here*
- 7. A path of Eternal Progress open to every human soul who wills to tread it by the path of eternal good.*

PROGRAMME FOR APRIL 2017

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKERS</u>	<u>CHAIR</u>
<u>2nd April</u> 3pm 7pm	Susanna Steel No service tonight	Jenny Havebond
<u>9th April</u> 3pm 7pm	Rebecca Ashnden Sherynne Smith	Marcia Parkes Charles Freeman
<u>16th April</u> 3pm 7pm	Rosie Connor No service tonight	Janelle Anderson
<u>22nd April</u>	Coffee Club 2pm-4pm	Discussion on "Signs" Note change of date.
<u>23rd April</u> 3pm 7pm	Susan Glynn Kerrie Heffernan	Marcia Parkes Marcia Parkes
<u>30th April</u> 3pm	Shirley Darby	Anita Unicomb
<u>7th May</u> 3pm	Rosie Connor	Janelle Anderson

Once again an amazing group of Speakers, giving freely of their time. Susanna is popular local Medium, who regularly contributes to our Services. Happy to welcome Rebecca Ashnden from Grafton. Rebecca is well known Medium This is her first visit with us. Sherynne Smith returns. This popular lady works in many modalities. Rosie is popular Medium, running Mediumship class, & active Church member. Popular Susan Glynn returns Susan works with Healing Kerrie Heffernan who works with Reiki Shirley Darby needs no introduction. , Astrologer, author, and Colour Therapist

Albert Kohl Psychic and Spiritual Consultant

Albert Kohl is taking enrolments for Beginners' Seminar covering Spiritual Healing and Self Development Ten week course, Cost \$100 50% deposit to be paid before first session., Albert's initial course has been well received and he is now taking enrolments for a second course.

Albert is now also offering a more advanced course, open only to those who have participated in the original Ten week course Advanced course cost \$100 50% deposit to be paid before first session The teachings will be based on lectures, demonstrations, exercises, and visual Meditation training. No written material will be provided but participants are free to use voice recorders

Both new courses start Wednesday 19th April.

Check notice on Church Board for full details.

Contact Albert direct at 02 4969 3813 mobile 0409 703 883

The Fatherhood of God.

The core belief of the religious philosophy of Spiritualism is the acceptance of a Divine Energy. This force, whatever name given to it, has created all there is and sustains all its creation. The 'Spirit of God' exists within and around everything. It is within all of us: we are all children of God so are part of one family. We acknowledge God as our Father.

The Brotherhood of Man.

We are all part of the universal creative force and therefore one family in God. The operation of true Brotherhood throughout the world would create betterment to the lives of many, bringing equality, security and peace. Spiritualists try to understand the needs of others and help all people regardless of race, colour or creed.

The Communion of Spirits and the Ministry of Angels.

Communion with divine energy is a natural and essential part of existence. Communication between Spirit itself and its creations is an inbuilt ability. Spiritualists use this ability for communication directly, or via a medium, between those in the spirit world and ourselves. This is not supernatural; it is normal activity. The main purpose of communication with the spirit world is to provide the evidence which supports our philosophy. The Ministry of Angels brings enhanced wisdom to enlighten the individual, society and the world in which we live. This includes those who are dedicated to the welfare and service of mankind bringing inspiration, guidance and healing.

The Continuous Existence of the Human Soul.

Spirit is part of the 'Creative Force' and thus indestructible. Energy cannot be destroyed; it can only change its form. After death the physical body is left behind whilst the soul continues to exist in a different dimension that we call the spirit world. The individual personality continues unchanged by the event we call 'death'.

Personal Responsibility

In His wisdom, God has given us enormous potential; we can use that potential to improve our own lives and the lives of others. We have the ability to make decisions throughout our lives as we see fit. What each of us makes of our life is our Personal Responsibility no one can replace or override that right. No other person or influence can put right our wrong doings.

Compensation and Retribution Hereafter for all the Good and Evil Deeds done on Earth.

This Principle expresses the natural law of 'cause and effect'. This law operates now, on earth, as well as in the spirit world. As we move through life making choices, the outcome of those choices affects our soul growth. When we leave this earthly life there will be no divine judgement. We will have the opportunity to reassess, take stock and decide what might have been done differently.

Eternal Progress open to every Human Soul.

Eternity does not begin at death; Progress is open to all now! Any action, or intent to change, to promote soul growth and progression, creates a positive reaction. There will always be the opportunity to develop and move forward, no one is ever deprived of the all embracing love of God.

How were the Seven Principles received and by whom?

Emma Hardinge Britten was born in 1823 in the East End of London. She is one of the most renowned and respected advocates of Spiritualism working in the early Modern Spiritualism. In 1856 Emma held a table séance that spelt out a message from a friend who had died on the ship 'Pacific'. At that time the ship had just sunk so no one was aware of it. From then on she became well known as a medium and practised along with Miss Kate Fox who was one of the famous 'Fox' sisters from Hydesville.

It was in 1848 when Modern Spiritualism first came to the attention of the public.

In 1871, by which time Emma Hardinge Britten was one of the founders of the SNU, she received a message through mediumship from Robert Owen who was a well known Welsh philanthropist, social reformer and one of the founders of socialism and the co-operative movement in the UK and America. Robert Owen had passed to spirit in 1858; his message was given to Emma some years later, and contained 5 Principles of Spiritualism.

It was the SNU who revised them for better understanding into the Seven Principles we have now. Emma Hardinge Britten died in 1899; most historians agree that, as a propagandist for Spiritualism, she was unequalled in her zeal, commitment and enthusiasm.

Her dream of establishing a proper and formal 'School of Prophets' training school for mediums was realised in 1900, with the founding of the Britten Memorial Institute and Library, in Manchester. Sadly Emma was not a citizen of this world when this happened,

This Institute is still in operation, can be easily found on Google.

1879 Emma Hardinge Britten toured Australia and New Zealand promoting Spiritualism

BITS AND PIECES

As I finish this newsletter Mackay is awaiting the full onslaught of Cyclone Debbie, and once again I feel gratitude that we live in such a special place, Newcastle. Having spent my whole existence here, find it impossible to imagine life elsewhere. Having the opportunity to travel, seen a lot of beautiful places, but nothing gives the great feeling of returning home, here to Newcastle. Right, back to the job!

Thanks to all those who quietly maintain things. Be it helping set up chairs, shopping to keep our larder full, tidying up after Services, the list is endless. With no paid staff, run entirely with volunteers, think we all deserve a pat on the back. As our President says, "If you see something that needs doing, do it."

Without our facilitators, speakers, readers, committee, and many more, there would be no Church. Thanks to each and every one who gives their time and energy to keeping this great place thriving.

Please take time to forward any items you would like to see in the newsletter. It belongs to all, but please don't leave it to the end of the month, earlier is better.

Two important things At present Church phone number has been cut off by Telstra to allow change to NBN. Not sure when it will be connected.

Secondly, it is important that each of us ensure that any windows (including in toilets) be CLOSED when we leave. Dead locked door is great, but not if windows are open

Take the time in your meditations and prayers to remember those members and friends who are living through difficult times. Extend a friendly ear to those who feel isolated. They need not need to speak of their problems, just to know that someone cares

From an article in Psychic News Magazine A little of Spiritualism history in Australia

The two interconnected triangles in the VSU emblem represent the relationship between incarnate and discarnate spirits, this world and the next. The two interconnected triangles represent the relationship between incarnate and discarnate spirits, this world and the next.

The gold triangle represents spirit shining light into the darker astral and our world, whilst the blue triangle represents the progress and spiritual growth that we can make with the knowledge that comes with this light from the higher spheres. The torch represents its motto Lux Fiat, which means "Let there be light".



The VSU began in 1870 as The Victorian Association of Progressive Spiritualists, founded by William Terry, a prominent Melbourne bookshop and health store owner who was also a respected healer and editor of the Harbinger of Light. It began with 25 members and quickly became Spiritualism's hub in the south-east Australian state, attracting many prominent people. Alfred Deakin was its president for many years before taking on full-time political commitments: he served three terms as Australia's prime minister between 1903 and 1910. The association merged with the Melbourne Progressive Spiritualistic Lyceum in 1930 to become the Victorian Spiritualists' Union. Work on its new property at 135-137 Boundary Road is finalised and, says Lorraine Lee Tet, the sale of the A'Beckett Street property and the purchase of a building in a less expensive part of the city has provided VSU with funds for various activities that were not possible before.

That seems to be it for another month, as always, all errors are mine. Send me an article for next month or suggestions on subjects you would like to know more of, *ALVA*

Now Is the Time for You To Know the Truth about the End of the World

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Hi Everyone,

In a recent letter, a reader wrote us, "I, for one, would love to hear what Spirit has to say about these times we are living in."

Read today's post here:

<https://www.greatwesternpublishing.org/end-of-world/>

Love, John Calli

So without further ado, here is Spirit.

Spirit

Humans have been predicting and dreading the destruction of life on earth, the end of your world, for centuries.

Guess what? The world really is ending. But not the way you think.

You're all aware, often painfully aware, of the chaos and trauma and turmoil so many are experiencing on a personal and global scale. But it's all good.

As crazy as that sounds, it's true.

None of you came to your planet in this lifetime with any illusions. You knew ahead of time what you were getting yourselves into. It was only when you got here you started creating illusions. There are too many of those illusions to include them all here. But here are a few:

You do not remember you came from God. Therefore, you believe you are alone and separate from each other and from God.

You do not remember who you are—God in human form. Therefore, you act as if you are weak, powerless victims of fate.

You imagined a physical world that seems real to you. But it's only a dream. Dreams always end, as this one will.

When this dream ends you will emerge back into the light you truly never left. Then you will recognize that nothing physical you perceived in this life, including your own bodies, was real.

You are all far greater and wiser than you believe. How could it be otherwise?

You have come here to play a game, the game of life. You thought it might be fun. After all, games are supposed to be fun.

Your world, despite the appearances of chaos and destruction and divisiveness, is not lost. You are not lost. our world of illusion will end.

But you will not. You go on forever. You are eternal.

You will all return home. All paths lead home, to the Home you never left.

All is well. It's time to return to the only reality there is—the world within you.

What appears to be "out there" is not real. It's an illusion, albeit a convincing one.

Find that place, that wisdom, that joy, that love within your own hearts and souls.

There is where you will find God. S/he has never left you, for you are one and the same.

Truly food for thought. John has been working as a Channel for many year, and issues a weekly column which I have permission to use in our newsletter. Must admit I am still working on this one.

If you have a computer available, google his site and background, it is worth a read.

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Quote of the Day: "Strong minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, weak minds discuss people." Socrates - Philosopher (469 - 399 BC)

COFFEE CLUB REPORT March 2017

Well only a small number attended on Saturday to discuss FAITH. We welcomed a new visitor Constantine and hope he enjoyed this session and comes back for more. We love seeing our visitors return.

It was a wonderful afternoon that brought many thoughts on FAITH. Until one goes searching it is amazing how much FAITH is in everyone's life. Each interpretation was different and sharing these thoughts with each other was very inspiring. The different types of faith and the different interpretations of FAITH and how FAITH interacts with our daily lives and how Divine Interaction reacts with FAITH.

From our FAITH topic a few of the group mentioned how they had visits from Lizards, birds and frogs and feathers that appeared, came from the FAITH discussion. So for next COFFEE CLUB discussion the topic is SIGNS.

This will be a very exciting topic as there are many SIGNS that come our way and influence our experience and evidence of what may be in store for us or others around us.

From the bible (one of the references to the Sign of Jonah)

The sign of Jonah referred to in Matthew 16 is more than just the sign given for religious skeptics in the first century. It is a sign that will be given to religious skeptics in the twenty-first century as well. The sign is resurrection.

It was a powerfully effective sign when Jesus arose and will be again when those after his kind arise in a glorified body to testify of the Lord of life. When the Bridegroom steals the Bride out of her Father's house, the owners of the house will take note of the Sign of Jonah!

Signs of animals, signs of birds, feathers, material objects do they have a meaning and can they be interpreted as a sign that may predict something.

Another example as reported by ABC Tasmania. Rice Eaves

Driving home to Wynyard after a night shift, Paul Wheeler saw the sweeping beam of Table Cape Lighthouse reaching out to the sailors of Bass Strait.

The former postal worker has long been fascinated by lighthouses and that night he felt like he had been signalled.

"I had a premonition; I saw that light and I thought, 'I wonder when they're going to start doing those my lighthouse tours again, I'd like to do something like that,'" Mr Wheeler said. "I opened my iPad when I got home to check the local paper and the first thing I saw was council calling for expressions of interest to do the lighthouse tours!"

My wife and I began Table Cape Lighthouse Tours more than a year after the last tour guide, Karl Rowbottom, retired. Both have worked as exhibiting artists and in other jobs where talking with tourists was something they both enjoyed.

Mr Wheeler said he can never travel anywhere without finding his way to the local lighthouse for a look. They've always fascinated me, I'm not even sure I know why, but you do long to look inside and that's what is special about this one," he said.

The Table Cape Lighthouse was built in 1888 and is the last on Mainland Tasmania that members of the public are able to have a look through.

The lighthouse converted to vaporised kerosene from an oil burner in 1913 and was automated in 1923 with the lighthouse keeper position withdrawn.

So, do you have a similar experience then come along and share with the group your experience.

COFFEE CLUB falls on Easter Saturday in April so will put it back to Saturday April 22 at 2pm. Donation \$6 for afternoon tea which goes to John Hunter Kids Club.

Love to see you all. Krys

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You're old enough to know your way around,
you're not going anywhere.

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CUP OF TEA

Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses.

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The irony of life is that, by the time  
You're old enough to know your way around,  
you're not going anywhere.

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God made man before woman so as to give him
time to think of an answer for her first question.

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I was always taught to respect my elders,  
But it keeps getting harder to find one.

The world is filled with people who, no matter what you do, no matter what you try, will simply not like you. Don't waste your finite time and heart trying to convince the people who aren't your people that you have value. They will miss it completely. They won't buy what you're selling. Don't try to convince them to walk your path with you because you will only waste your time and your emotional good health. You are not for them and they are not for you. You are not their cup of tea, and they are not yours. Politely wave them along and move away as well. Seek to share your path with those who recognize and appreciate your gifts, who you are. **Be who you are**  
**You are not everyone's cup of tea, and that's OK**