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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 John	Meditation/Healing
	Committee Meeting	**7pm**	14th August
WEDNESDAY	11.00am-2.30pm	Yvonne Warren	Meditation/Development
	7.30pm-9pm	Jo Burgess	Meditation/Development
THURSDAY	8.30am-1pm	Entry second side door	Reading
FRIDAY	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Carmel Colquhoun and Toni Sarr	Meditation/Development
SUNDAY	3.00 pm & 7.00 pm	Various	Services All welcome
SATURDAY			

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.*

Dear friends.

So much has happen since I last wrote to you. Happily, I am slowly regaining my health, and will gradually resume my duties at Church. In the meantime I wish to thank you for the wonderful flowers and cards, and the way people have stepped forward to assist.



The present cold weather has brought with it colds and flu, with many members being ill.. Each day Spring moves a little closer, bringing with it, we hope, clear warm days and soon all our minor ills will be gone, trees will burst out in blossom, and we have a new, fresh start. Spring would have to be the most anticipated season of all, it brings such delight and hope. Roll on Spring.

Our AGM will be held 6th October this year, and I urge you to attend, and to give thought to the election of our new committee. Each year, current committee members stand down, positions are declared vacant, and elections are held. This is the time to consider who you wish to be on committee, or perhaps to stand for election yourself. The meetings are held monthly, in the evenings, usually running about an hour and a half. Such an important part of our Church, and I do ask you to give it thought.

Who would you like to see representing you in the coming year.?

Robyn had a great idea, wouldn't it be great if each Circle nominated at least one member, giving a much broader range of ideas. What do you think of this idea?

Hoping to see you in Church, soon

Carmel Colquhoun

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PROGRAMME FOR AUGUST 2012

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>CHAIRPERSON</u>
<u>5th August</u>		
3pm	Anona Unicombe	Ivo
7pm	Leanne O'Neal	Charles Freeman
<u>12th August</u>		
3pm	Maya	
7pm	SueRose	Charles Freeman
<u>19th August</u>		
3pm	Bill John with Tuesday Group	
7pm	Adam Price	Yvonne Gibson
<u>26th August</u>		
3pm	Rosie Connor	Krystyna Johnson
7pm	David Rivers	Yvonne Gibson
<u>2nd September</u>		
3pm	Rev. Meg Faber	Arvids
7pm	Rev. Meg Faber	Arvids

Once again a great mix of speakers, some old favourites, some new faces. Anona is always well received, very popular speaker.

Leanne O'Neal returns, a well known medium visiting from Queensland. Maya has recently joined our Church, she works as a "psychicpalmist", with overseas experience. Her article outlining her work was included in previous newsletter.

Adam Price, (our favourite country singer) returns. Adam has the ability to be both a gifted speaker and singer.

Rosie Connor another newer Church member who works as a medium providing proof of survival.

David Rivers a popular author and spiritual speaker returns.

Rev Meg is again with us in September

If you wish to be a Speaker, or are prepared to chair a Service, please contact Robyn, there are always vacancies; if you think you see a lot of some members, on the platform, it is because they are always prepared to come forward when dates need to be filled, even to speak at short notice. Please consider this a personal invite to all members to step forward.

August 3rd to 5th Health Harmony and Soul is being held at Newcastle Entertainment Centre, opened 10am to 6pm daily.

This will feature a wide range of interests, and many exhibiting have been speakers at our Church. Wonderful opportunity to catch up with them.

September 23rd. Forum for Women Newcastle City Hall 10am to 4pm

Mark this in your diaries, check out Facebook at women for women.

Entry free. Will remind you next month.

The Lord's Prayer

O Thou, the Breath, the light of All,
Let this Light create a heart-shrine within.
And your Counsel rule 'til Oneness guides all.
Your One Desire then acts with ours, as in all light, so in all forms.
Grant what we need, each day, in bread and insight.
Loose the cords of mistakes bidding us, as we
Release the strands we hold of other's faults.
Don't let surface things delude us.
But keep us from unripe acts.
To you belongs the ruling mind,
The life that can act and do,
The song that beautifies all,
From age to age it renews.
In faith, I will be true.

This is a translation of the Lord's Prayer from Syriac Aramaic, which is possibly the closest existing version to the prayer that Jesus spoke. The translator, Neil Douglas-Klotz, has attempted to maintain some of the Aramaic rhythms and nuances of meaning (from Pat Eyre)

Love this quote from Steve Jobs,
"Your time is limited, so **don't waste it living someone else's life.**
Don't be trapped by dogma – which is living with the results of other people's thinking.
Don't let the noise of other's opinions drown out your own inner voice.
And most important, **have the courage to follow your heart and intuition.**
They somehow already know what you truly want to become.
Everything else is secondary."
"Do one thing every day that scares you."
"Get to know your parents, you never know when they'll be gone."
"Don't feel guilty if you don't know what to do with your life."

We make a living by what we get,
But we make a life by what we give.

LOVE

I keep hearing about LOVE from my Spiritual friends, and from my dis-encharmed friends (who had been madly in love).

Just what is this thing called LOVE? Why does it give some of my friends and family contentment and happiness and some of my friends and family such stress and disappointment?



Relating it to the Chakras, there is the Red/physical/all about me Chakra. The Orange, relationship, what can I do for you? How can I make YOU happy? Chakra. Opposite to the Red is the Green the peace and healing Chakra and opposite the Orange is the Blue, the devotion, communication and self expression Chakra.

When we FALL in love, we are seeing in the other person abilities and talents that we have within us but think that the other person has them.

We are really falling in love with parts of ourselves that we have not been able to access. When a soft, insecure female sees strength and confidence in a male she will 'fall in love' with these abilities. He in turn may see softness and empathy in her that he needs. If she learns and develops her abilities because of her close relationship with him she could find that, because of the confidence she has developed she no longer needs it from him. This naturally causes conflict and she feels that she does not 'love' him any more. In this type of relationship she is using the Red/physical Chakra and the Orange/need to merge Chakra.

My Spiritual friends who use the word 'love' hand out hugs and healing to as many people as they can. Their 'love' is going OUT to people instead of 'love' that is

satisfying our insecurities. This is using the Green/Heart Chakra. They are also using their Blue/self-expression Chakra. Being happy as they are and knowing that they are being cared for by Angelic beings.

The English language has only one word for LOVE. Most other languages have several words indicating the different ways we can use this wonderful ability. It seems that LOVE that focusses on personal needs has more chance of causing distress and that LOVE that focusses on going out to others in a loving/caring and healing manner without the need for reward can help one to feel LOVE.

Thanks Shirley, check out more interesting items on Rainbow Bridge
shirleyldarby.blogspot.com.au

*I do the best I know how, the very best I am: and I mean to keep on doing it to the end.
If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me will not amount to anything.
If the end brings me out all wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no
Difference*

Abraham Lincoln.

You give but little when you give of your possessions.

It is when you give of yourself that you truly givr.....Gibran

Bits and Pieces

I couldn't resist this cartoon, there is so much "stuff" everywhere about the end of the Mayan calendar, and I will admit, personally I believe this cartoon is closer than a lot of it.

My personal opinion only.!

This last month has been busy, and our night with medium Susanna Steel was great. Sad that not many were able to attend,, it was a miserable night out. Susanna has agreed to come along as guest speaker, so you'll have another chance.

Once again must thank those sending me emails for newsletter. Some of the jokes are hilarious, but perhaps not suitable. The story of Billy and the firemen really just brings a tear to the eye, more so because it's true. There really are so many great people in our world, it is a pity that we usually only publicize the disasters, I did find a website that only printed good news, really enjoyed it. Have forgotten where it is, will let you know should I find it again.

The new closed Circle has begun, and I believe names are being taken for the next one, in 10 weeks time. So many members are looking to learn more, and trained teachers are not readily available. Rose Mayhew's group is still meeting also.

*Have you heard the joke about when Pavrotti died.....
The Pope gave him a note to give to St. Peter at the gate
It read "here's the tenor I owed you."*

Our Facebook page is a learning experience, I knew absolutely nothing about it when we started. An amazing number of Spiritualist Churches have hit our site, mostly from UK. It is interesting to read just what their programmes are and one Church is finding it necessary to have an entry fee of 2pounds at services to cover costs. Check it out on our site. Happy to see some former members checking us out.

Remember those members struggling with ill-health, operations, and family problems, in your Circles and prayers, it is amazing just how much it can hearten to know others care. During a recent family illness, just knowing that members of church were working with prayer and healing on our behalf was a fantastic comfort. With fantastic result too!

No retreat at Stroud will be held this October, for a number of reasons. I was surprised to hear of all the cooking problems they experience last year. Really they were problems with lack of kitchen facilities, the food was great. So not this year!

The Dalai Lama walks up to a vendor who is selling hamburgers and says, "I want one with everything."

The vendor hands him one and says, "Four bucks."

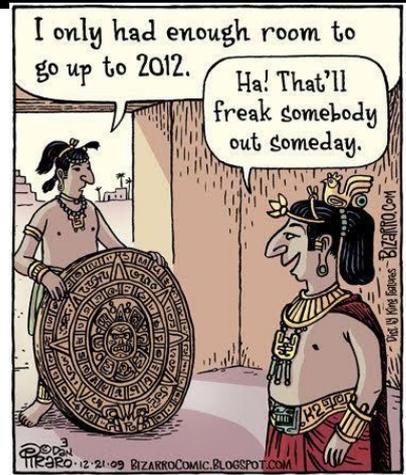
The Dalai Lama gives him a \$5 bill, and waits to receive his change -- but the vendor ignores him.

The Dalai Lama finally asks, "Where's my change?"

The burger vendor replies, "Change only comes from within."

Have tried to include everything, will close with two reminders, we have no paid staff, we are a co-operative, run by volunteers. If you see something that needs doing, do it, or get help from another to make sure it is done. Our church is not just for calling in, it only works if we all participate in its life. Not one of us is perfect, (yet) The other is a reminder to check out our advertisers, they support us each month, let's support them.

Let's notice the things people do well, not just their mistakes.



Alva

In Calgary , Alberta a 26-year-old mother stared down at her 6 year old son, who was dying of terminal leukemia. Although her heart was filled with sadness, she also had a strong feeling of determination.

Like any parent, she wanted her son to grow up & fulfil all his dreams. Now that was no longer possible..

The leukaemia would see to that. But she still wanted her son's dream to come true. She took her son' s hand and asked, 'Billy, did you ever think about what you wanted to be once you grew up?

Did you ever dream and wish what you would do with your life?'

Mommy, 'I always wanted to be a fireman when I grew up.'

Mom smiled back and said, 'Let's see if we can make your wish come true.'

Later that day she went to her local fire Department in Calgary , where she met Fireman Bob, who had a heart as big as Alberta She explained her son's final wish and asked if it might be possible to give her 6 year-old son a ride around the block on a fire engine.

Fireman Bob said, 'Look, we can do Better than that. If you'll have your son ready at seven o'clock Wednesday morning, we'll make Him an honorary Fireman for the whole day.

He can come down to the fire station, eat with us, go out on all the fire calls, the whole nine yards!

And if you'll give us his sizes, we'll get a real fire uniform

For him, with a real fire hat - not a toy - one-with the emblem of the Calgary Fire Department on it, and a yellow slicker like we wear and rubber boots.'

'They're all manufactured right here in Calgary , so we can get them fast.'

Three days later Fireman Bob picked up Billy, dressed him in his uniform and escorted him from his hospital bed to the waiting hook and ladder truck.

Billy got to sit on the back of the truck and help steer it back to the fire station.

He was in heaven. There were three fire calls in Calgary that day and Billy got to go out on all three calls. He rode in the different fire engines ,the Paramedic's' van, and even the fire chief's car.

He was also videotaped for the Local news program.

Having his dream come true,

With all the love and attention that was lavished upon him, so deeply touched Billy, that he lived three months longer than any doctor thought possible.

One night all of his vital signs began to drop dramatically and the head nurse, who believed in the hospice concept - that no one should die alone, began to call the family members to the hospital..

Then she remembered the day Billy had spent as a Fireman, so she called the Fire Chief and asked if it would be possible to send a fireman in uniform to the hospital to be with Billy as he made his transition. The chief replied, 'We can do better than that.

We'll be there in five minutes.. Will you please do me a favour? When you hear the sirens screaming and see the lights flashing, will you announce over the PA system that there is not a fire? It's the department coming to see one of its finest members one more time. And will you open the window to his room?'

About five minutes later a Hook and ladder truck arrived at the hospital and extended its ladder up to Billy's third floor open window-----16 fire-fighters climbed up the ladder into Billy's room

With his mother's permission, they hugged him and held him and told him how much they LOVED him.

With His dying breath, Billy looked up at the fire chief and said, 'Chief, am I really a fireman now?'

'Billy, you are, and The Head Chief, Jesus, is holding your hand,' the chief said

With those words, Billy smiled and said , 'I know, He's Been holding my hand all day, and The angels have been Singing..' He closed his eyes one last time.



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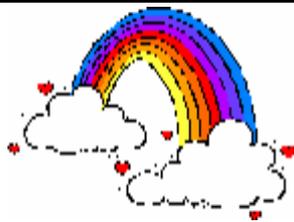
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