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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	13th December In recess
WEDNESDAY	11am-2.30pm	Yvonne Warren & Joanne	Meditation/development
THURSDAY	Readings \$25	In recess from 25th Nov.	8.30am-1pm
FRIDAY	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Jenny Havebond	Meditation/Development
SATURDAY	Coffee Club Bendy Yoga	2pm-4pm 8.30am	15th January Each Saturday
SUNDAY	Services 3pm & 7pm	Various Mediums & Speakers	Each Sunday

*Greetings,*

*Another fabulous year with great things happening here at Swan Street.*

*With interesting Speakers, strong Circles and the Coffee Club growing in strength, we can look forward to another busy year, with lots already organised and lined up. 2017 will be a wonderful time for us all. Sadly, one change will be to the 7pm Services. Due to the falling patronage of evening Services, these will now be held only two evening a month., starting in January, actual dates of evening services will be clearly set out in January newsletter.*

*Our new committee is working well, as a team, and due to the assistance freely given by our members, speakers, Circle leaders, helpers, volunteers all, our Church continues to thrive. Thank you to all who contribute..*

*A number of our members is battling ill health, and as always, I ask they are remembered in your Circles and groups. Also offer comfort to those who have recently had someone close pass over. Friends are invaluable.*

*Once again thanks to all who have made this such a successful year.*

*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 DECEMBER 2016**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>SPEAKERS</u></b>	<b><u>CHAIR</u></b>
<b><u>4th Dec.</u> 3pm 7pm</b>	<b>Jenny Cotman Charles Freeman</b>	<b>Anona Unicomb Marcia Parkes</b>
<b><u>11th Dec.</u> 3pm 7pm</b>	<b>Paul White Sherynne Smith</b>	<b>Marcia Parkes Charles Freeman</b>
<b><u>18th Dec.</u> 3pm</b>	<b>Service with Committee,</b>	<b>No 7pm Service this evening.</b>

**18th December**  
**Christmas party after 3pm Service. No 7pm Service .**

**All welcome at Party. Bring along plate to share.**

**25th Dec, No Service In recess till 8th January.**

As usual, our Circles go into recess over Christmas break, as listed below  
*Keep this table handy, so you can be reminded of changes.*

**Monday Circle with Marcia 12th December—9th January**

**Tuesday Circle with Carmel and Bill 20th December—3rd January**

**Wednesday Circle with Yvonne & Joanne 14th December—18th January**

**Reading Day goes into recess from 24th November till February**

**Friday Circle with Jenny 16th December—6th January**

**Coffee Club resumes 21st January**

**Saturday Yoga with Jim Geddes Break from 24th Dec. till 7th January.**

**“You’re given the chance to make things better time after time, but you missed out or didn’t care. Now you need to get your act together because time is running out.”**

**Ivo Van Emmerik**

## THE IMPORTANCE OF DIFFERENCE.

Many years ago I went to Tasmania to visit my son and his family. Mark's wife told my grand children that Nanna was coming to visit them. As they only knew her mother they asked "is grandma Smith coming to visit us?" No, she said, this is a different Nanna. From then on my grand children have called me 'different Nanna', I still get Birthday and Christmas cards with that name. My children and grand children have accepted me as a 'person' who just happens to be a mother and grand mother and I am very happy that they can do this.



Over the years in all the classes I have run, the talks I have done and the books I have written I have tried to show people how important it is to recognize that each person they meet has their OWN life to work through, their own Astrological and Numerological pattern and their own life experiences that have affected them.

Each lifetime is a series of lessons that we chose to learn when we re-entered this School of Life that we are now working through. These lessons that we chose to learn are to help us to be the very best person we can be. There is no way that our own lessons are the same as others. There is no way that we can really understand why a person does not think like us or behave like us. There is no way another person can walk in our shoes or feel things the same way we do.

Whenever one of my students was worried about 'doing the right thing' I would always ask them "who told you what the 'right' thing was?" The 'right thing is different in all levels of society and in all countries. It is important to feel that 'the right thing' is something you can feel 'right' with.

Our major Spiritual lesson is Unconditional love. It is very hard to do if there is judgment involved. Therefore the most important thing we can do is to accept each person we know for who they are, even if we disagree with them. They have reasons for being who they are and how they think, just as we do. We do not have to 'like' how they think or how they behave but it is impossible to put your values into another. About the best thing you can do is to stay kind and supportive and that may help them to learn one of the lessons they came here to learn.

When I had my School of Life Path Studies where I taught Astrology, Numerology, and Graphology. I was concerned about the fact that in many Schools the student can only express the views of the teacher if they want to get a Certificate. I wanted students to absorb the basics but to express their views and understanding in their own style. So rather than have tests to get their Certificate I had them do an Astrology/Numerology chart for a person and explain it to me in their own way. As each person sees things through their own Astrological personality and interests I was able to award them their Certificate for their own understanding and help for the client.

I have found that my knowledge of Astrology and Numerology has helped me greatly to accept the way other people think and act. It has helped my with my children and grand children and in turn I can help them with understanding of their particular problem.

It all comes back to the Golden Rule.

**DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU.**

Thank you Shirley for sharing you insights and experience with us, over another year.

## **BITS AND PIECES**

### **COFFEE CLUB REPORT**

*This is our last coffee club session for the year. So unbelievable that the time has flown so quickly. Our wonderful hosts for our Christmas get together Alva and Laurie and family who provided us with a wonderful Christmas gathering. We certainly enjoyed ourselves and later drummed, rang bells and chiming noises with the help of the healing music bowl and guitar we made quite a racket as well as try and do the African trill.... I believe with all the laughter, dancing around and energy we certainly raised some vibrations.*

*Wonderful way to end our year with a bang.*

*I would like to wish and send blessing to all our wonderful visitors who visited us throughout the year to taste what the Coffee Club group had to offer. We hope you received something from our group and get the chance to come back and visit and perhaps drop us a line on what you may like to have the Coffee Club discuss. I wish all our group and visitors a wonderful, happy, safe Christmas and New Year and hope to see you at our Christmas Service before the end of the year. We are so grateful to have a beautiful sanctuary in the Church to be able to hold our sessions, make friends, enjoy tasty bites made by the group, donate to the Kids Club and then talk about topics that we really enjoy over refreshment and make fabulous friends.*

*I also wish you and all our members who have had a tougher year this year with health, may you be blessed with healing energy from the universe and spirit and come back stronger in mind, body and soul.*

*Our Coffee Club will recommence in January, no December meeting. Third Saturday in January 15, 2017 at 2pm.*

*Luv Krys*

*.....*  
*Thanks to Helga for the following. Christmas is always a good time to discuss money matters.*

*Paddy bought a donkey from a farmer for \$100 The farmer agreed to deliver the donkey the next day. In the morning he drove up and said "sorry son, but I have some bad news. The donkey died."*

*Paddy replied "Well just give me my money back then"*

*The farmer said "I can't do that, I have already spent it"*

*Paddy said, "well OK then just bring me the dead donkey.*

*The farmer asked "what are you going to do with him?"*

*Paddy said "I am going to raffle him off"*

*The farmer said "you can't raffle a dead donkey!"*

*Paddy said, "sure I can, watch me. I just won't tell anyone he's dead."*

*A month later, the farmer met up with Paddy and asked, "what happened with that dead donkey?"*

*Paddy said, I raffled him off. I sold 500 tickets at \$2 each and made a profit of \$898" T the farmer said "didn't anyone complain?"*

*Paddy said "just the guy who won. So I gave him his \$2 back.*

## **PADDY NOW WORKS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH BANK**

***Please take the time to check closing dates for Services and Circles. I have listed them all on page three of this newsletter, and will try to put them on Facebook.***

***Our Facebook is well supported, and I'd like to thank those who let me know when I have made an error in posting, as sometimes happens!***

***Some days I hardly know what day it is!***

***Remember members contributions to newsletter are always welcome. Next time you see an item that interests you, perhaps you can email it to me for inclusion.***

***Do check out our back page, these advertisers support us all year. Submit a recipe to share. Jenny Havebond's recipes were well received and delicious.***

## • More bits and pieces.

This year has really flown, with our Church rising to the occasion in some new ways. It is a pleasure to report the continued success of Bendy Yoga with Jim Geddes and his team: the great support given to workshops, including those with visiting overseas Mediums : the continued input given by local and visiting Mediums, and of course the wonderful unstinted support by our volunteers in providing caring Circles, speakers and chairing our Services. Thanks to each and every one, YOU are the reason we continue to thrive.

Do come along to our final Service for the year, 18th December, and stay for our Christmas Party at close of Service. This is always a great chance to catch up with those friends we seldom see, a great way to wind up such a busy year. PS Bring along plate to share. Planning is already underway for the new year, and if you have suggestions for new directions, let's hear about it. This year, we return to a full Committee, and those members who have taken the positions for the first time are eager to get involved, so do make time to acquaint yourselves with them, and actively create the 2017 YOU want to see.

Just something that pleased me personally, Paul Jacobs is featuring his photo taken at our front door, on his Facebook page. A small thing, but it pleases me. He will be back in Australia in June, and is already talking about how much he is looking forward. Well, I think that's about it for the year, apart from what I've forgotten !! Do enjoy putting the newsletter together, and appreciate any feed back. Please send me items you would like to see included.

Thanks to each and every one who make up OUR Church, do get involved, it is much more fun than just visiting, or just coming to Services. We have so much to share.

I wish you a Happy contented Christmas break, spent with those you love, who love you. Look forward to sharing 2017 with you all.

The following poem brings home to me those long ago days when our family went in search of a suitable Christmas tree. They weren't sold then, no artificial ones, we had to find one!

### Ode To the Christmas Tree Angel

The time had come around again it was time to get our tree  
In the car we piled us boys, my sister on mum's knee  
Out into the country, dad drove for miles and miles  
When at last he found the place, we could not contain our smiles.

Dad headed to the tall pine trees, his sharpest axe in hand  
Dutiful behind him trailed his merry little band  
At last he spied the one he sought, a sapling straight and tall  
"This will please your mum" he said, indeed it pleased us all.

With swift clean strokes he had in no time cut it down  
We placed the tree atop the car and headed back to town  
The decorating of the tree this year would be supervised by Mum  
The final piece, "The Angel" would be placed by the youngest one.

This year my baby brother would be helped by sis and me  
But as we lifted baby up we tripped and fell into the tree  
Tangled in the trimmings we rode the tree as down it came  
Mid tears and cries right through the lounge room window pane.

I carried on tradition with my children every year  
But when it came to "Angel" time up came a nagging fear

Of breaking glass and angels wings and the message that it sent  
To place my tree in a great big pot in reinforced cement!

*Alva*

## Letter From Santa to Aaron Haiduk ~

Dear Aaron~

I was surprised to get your letter this year. I was under the impression that you had succumbed to that saddest of childhood illnesses, Disbelief. And while I never actually heard you say you didn't believe in me, I haven't gotten a letter from you since you were eight. Your letters have been missed at the North Pole, (By the way, Mrs. Claus asked me to tell you that she still has one of your letters in her scrapbook. If only I knew how to make Saturday and Sunday 48 hours apiece!) Your request this year, however, made me pause. I thought, for old time's sake, I should write back, and tell you personally why I can't bring your heart's desire this Christmas.

If I understand your letter, you want to give the world Love. You want me to distribute your love to the people of the world who have, but sadly, rarely use, this all important of human virtues. It is noble of you to wish to give this away, as the need for it is growing ever greater, every year. And every year, I hope to be able grant your wish, but it just is not in my power. And to say that you have enough love for the world is a grand boast, although at the same time, perfectly reasonable. All of us have the ability to do so, if we only choose. It is my belief that of all of the times of the year, Christmas is the one where your gift should be unnecessary.

Sadly, though, I watch the world, and see how jaded we have all become. Yes, Aaron, even I fall victim to it on occasion. I try to remember why I got into the suit in the first place, and remember the old days when I was delivering toys I had made with my own two hands to the children of my village.

It began there, and my reasons for doing it haven't changed. I still enjoy the look of wonder and excitement on the faces of the children of the world.

While I know that all of the children writing letters to me are looking for something, it is something I can give. I know they all want something, as I know that you want something. You can't fool old St. Nick, my dear! You want this gift to be returned. The only gift this Christmas that is meant to be given back, and shared with all. Even I, in all my years of giving without seeming to receive, know that Altruism is only a fable. No one, not even me, escapes the need for balance, my dear, Aaron. I receive the feeling in my heart of knowing that I have done everything I could to make the children of the world smile. And you want to receive the love of your fellow human beings. Not a bad wish, considering...

Unfortunately, I don't think you understand the way love works, yet. You see, I can't distribute your love to the world, only you can do that. You are the only one with the power to give what you have been given.

Your gifts are numerous, as are the gifts of all humanity, and if you wish to share what you have, you must do it yourself.

However, I can help, in one small regard. I hope you don't mind, but I borrowed your email address, and sent this to as many people as I could from there. (By the way, you should have included "Faster Computer" on your list! It's time to move out of the Stone Age!)

The main reason I've done this, is because I'm not the one that you should've asked to distribute your gift. If you want to give love to the world, start with those you love. Tell them how you feel about them, and ask them to help. Ask them to contribute their love as well, and give it to some soul in need this Christmas. Who knows, kid. You may still be able to get your wish.

So, in closing, I wish you all the best, Aaron, and much luck in the years to come. Your path is not an easy one, but I think you've chosen well. I'll be seeing you next year, and in the coming years, until you decide you don't want Santa Claus to be real.

Hoping to hear from you soon, Merry Christmas

*Santa Claus*

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#### Recipe For Christmas Joy

1/2 cup Hugs 4 tsp. Kisses

4 Cups Love 1 Cup Special Holiday Cheer

1/2 Cup Peace On Earth

3 tsp. Christmas Spirits

2 Cups Goodwill Toward Man

1 Sprig Of Mistletoe

1 Medium-Size Bag Of Christmas Snowflakes Mix hugs, kisses, smiles,

and love until consistent. Blend in holiday cheer, peace on earth,

Christmas spirits and good will toward men. Use the mixture to fill,

warm heart, where it can be stored for a lifetime. (it never goes bad!)

Serve as desired under mistletoe, sprinkle liberally with special

Christmas snowflakes. It is especially good when accompanied by

Christmas Carols and family get-togethers. Serve to one and all.

: Fruit & Bran Loaf or 4M Loaf  
(Marcia's Marvellous Motion Mover)

1 Cup unprocessed Bran

1 Cup Mixed Fruit

3/4 Cup Raw Sugar

1 cup to 1 1/4 cups of Milk

Soak all ingredients overnight or 5 hours

Add 1 1/2 cups of Self Raising Flour

Bake in a greased Loaf Tin

Moderate oven 350F or 180C degrees

Delicious eaten warm with butter

Can be frozen

Warning be careful how many slices you  
have it is after all unprocessed Bran