

JULY 2010

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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
	<b>**Committee Meeting**</b>	<b>**7pm**</b>	13th July
WEDNESDAY	11.00am-2.30pm	Yvonne Warren	Meditation/Development
	7.30pm-9pm	Jo Burgess	Meditation/Development
THURSDAY	9.00 am - 1.30 pm	8.30am till 1pm	Spiritual Readings
	7.30 pm—9.00 pm	Ivo van Emmerik and Peter Galbraith	Meditation & Healing
FRIDAY	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Carmel Colquhoun	Meditation/Development
SATURDAY	..	..	..
SUNDAY	3.00 pm & 7.00 pm	Various	Services All welcome

## Our Philosophy is based on Seven Principles



*(With liberty of interpretation)*

- 1. The Fatherhood of God.*
- 2. The Brotherhood of Man.*
- 3. Communion of Spirits and the Ministry of Angels*
- 4. The continuous existence of the human soul.*
- 5. Personal responsibility.*
- 6. Compensation and retribution hereafter for all good and evil deeds done on earth.*
- 7. Eternal progress open to every soul.*

Dear Friends,

Winter has really arrived, and the shortest day of the year is now behind us.

Looking out my window, everything is bathed in sunlight, lets hope the rain has moved on to where it is more needed.



I was saddened by the death of Ann Thrift this month. Ann was a longtime member of our Church, her mother Joy Whitaker was Minister here, some time ago. Ann lived with ill health for many years and has recently spent most of her time in hospital.

These are the times we can draw on our firm beliefs, knowing that life really is everlasting. **We know this!**

Thank you all, for the good wishes for Beau, as he fights his own battle with ill health, Good wishes and prayers (perhaps they really are the same) give hope and comfort.

Robert and Vilma Blanch have passed on their thanks for our prayers on their behalf. They are still far from well, Robert has told us how much our love and prayers help them. He is not reading any more, but still working with healing, and he hopes to see us at Church as he recovers.

Just saw our new Prime Minister decided, it certainly is a period of great change, what other changes await us I wonder. Spring is always a time of rebirth and Renewal and it is only a few weeks away.

Check your newsletter carefully, many things are planned, and you must make sure not to miss out on those that interest you. As always, your input into planning would be welcomed, Let's know what your interests are.

Once more, thanks to all the "doers" in our Church, who step up and make sure things run smoothly, **YOU PLAY SUCH AN IMPORTANT ROLE,**

So till next month, or till I see you in Church,

Carmel Colquhoun

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Accept your path, with its many twists and turns.  
The adventure is in the journey, not the arriving.

## PROGRAMME FOR JULY 2010

### 4th July

3pm Marcia Parkes Chair Peter Galbraith  
7pm Jenny Colman Chair Charles Freeman

### 11th July

3pm Lisa Steel Chair Peter Galbraith  
7pm Katrina Bart Chair Charles Freeman

### 18th July

3pm Jenny Havebond Chair Carmel Colquhoun  
7pm Rose Mayhew Chair Charles Freeman

### 25th July

3pm Kathleen Straw Chair Jo Burgess  
7pm Phil Trevillien Chair Marcia Parkes

### 1st August

3pm Ann Ward Chair Jo Burgess  
7pm Karen Brown Chair Yvonne Gibson

### 8th August

3pm Marcia Parkes Chair Jo Burgess  
7pm Charles Freeman Chair Yvonne Gibson

Jenny Colman has rejoined us, welcome back Jenny

Lisa Steel is an accomplished medium working with overheads.

Kathleen Straw works as a National Parks and Wildlife Ranger with environmental experience, and is bringing along slides to show.

This is the first visit for Ann Ward. Anne practises and teaches palmistry.

Karen Brown works with Angels will do overhead readings

*Marcia Parkes, Katrina Bart, Rose Mayhew, Charles Freeman, and Phil Trevillien are well known members and mediums.*

As you read through our programme, you will be aware it is an amazing mix of "old favourites" and "newer faces". Robyn and Jo have been very active planning our programme. Thank you both. It is not always easy!

We are aware not everyone agrees with every speaker that we have, but just consider that to a large group of people, "we", as Spiritualists are considered weird, believing as we do in witnessing "survival of death" at most of our services. Many people when first coming to Swan Street Church do not share this with their family or friends, because to many, "Spiritualism" is so outside their beliefs.

It is good to be open to new ideas, not necessarily to embrace them, but to be aware of others' beliefs and respect them as we wish people to respect our belief in Spiritualism, even if they don't understand it or agree.

We need to show tolerance for other's views as we desire that others respect our beliefs.

Well, Laurie and I are both home safe and sound from our wonderful holiday, and I have been asked to tell you about it. I thought about it, and have decided to tell you about the initial part, where we sailed from Amsterdam to Budapest over two weeks. So here goes.

We flew into Amsterdam, to find the whole city decked in orange. We were given orange leis to wear, and we were told the whole country was celebrating Queen's Birthday. The city centre was closed to traffic, all people no matter their age were wearing the brightest of orange and the whole city was happy, and celebrating. Very different to our Queen's birthday! One thing was the same, it wasn't the actual date of Queen Beatrice's birthday, it was chosen as the celebration day by her mother Queen Juliana, because the weather was better at this time of year!

We walked around the streets, looking at the canalside houses, a great many of them with a worrisome lean, hundreds of years old. On the canals running right through the city, many people live on boats of all descriptions. An underground metro service is being built, but as the whole city is built on boggy land, and the buildings were built onto heavy logs sunk into the bog, they are having a few problems! People are friendly, food is great, and pushbikes are everywhere. Trip along the canals, in a glass topped boat, and a trip to the flower market where the perfume of the flowers literally took your breath away.

The next day we travelled to the world famous fishing villages of Voldendam and Marken. I wanted to see the Zuiderzee which I was taught about, (remember the story of the little boy and the hole in the dyke?)

There is no longer a Zuiderzee, it has been renamed, but these lakeside villages retain their traditional houses and occupants dress in traditional style, even to the ladies' bonnets with wings. Here we had a wonderful group photo taken in traditional dress.

We walked in, all 20 of us, and within 15 mins we were all dressed as locals, had a wonderful photo taken, and the next group was dressed ready for their photo. Whew!

This area was the main industrial area in the 17th century, yes, the seventeenth century, and boasted over 1000 working windmills. We return to our hotel, tired but happy and pack for our cruise. Anne Franks house was shown to us, and I must add that Amsterdam had more museums than I knew existed in the entire world. They included a museum

dedicated to every dutch artist you have heard of, and every obscure other thing you can picture, even marijuana! No we did not see any drug parts or cafes!

Next morning we boarded "the Sound of Music" which was to be our home for two weeks, carrying us to Budapest. We were a complement of 77 on board a boat for 120, so we were well cared for. It is owned by APT an aussie company I would recommend to all.

After a cocktail party and a gala dinner, we set sail for Koln. This is Germany's 4th largest city, and we walked through the old part of town, then travelled onto the 2000 year old city of Koblenz, strolling through town this evening.

At almost all times, we tied up right in the centre of these towns, and should the walk into town be steep, a mini train was available.

Next we sailed to Rudesheim, through the most scenic part of the Rhine, and here was one of the highlights of the whole trip! A mini train took us to Siegfried's Mechanical Music Instrument Museum. Collected over many years a most wonderful lot of mechanised music playing cabinets, machines, things beyond belief, lovingly collected and restored. Actually words fail me, which as you know doesn't happen often, even though we saw these wonderful machines, (mostly they work,) I find it hard to describe them and the music they play. Unbelievable sums them up. Should you go to Germany you MUST see them.

Our next stop was at Wertheim, know for glassworks, wine and friendly people, a typical medieval village. A master glassblower came on board, bringing his gear, and gave us a wonderful demonstration.

Next stop Wurzburg with residential palaces and churches ranging from Romanesque to modern. and walled medieval town of Rothenburg.

This could be a good time to explain the river system, we set off on the Rhine, then move into the Main, pronounced Mine, then through a canal which was constructed to link direct to the Danube, and the Danube took us straight to Budapest. Each day as we sailed along, vineyards on hillside so steep that just walking would have been difficult, castles in various states of repair, and "Palaises" the grand home of the Bishop Princes, who ruled so much of this area.

The decorations in these "palaises" was almost equal to that of the Vatican, which was of course another story. We visited one town, where when the population wanted a town hall, the Bishop, as owner of all land told them they couldn't build it. These resourceful people built an island, in their river, right in the heart of town, and upon that island built their town hall which exist even today.

I realise that there is just too much to share, I will mention Vienna, where we went to Saches Hotel and had the original sache torte. Probably spelled that wrong, but you know what I mean. At one medieval village, we went to visit the wonderful little Church Cost \$5 to go inside, but most interesting, there was a coffin and flower tributes outside, the most prominent businessman had expired, so visitors were stopped just when the service was on, and the coffin moved inside.

## Reality

At one time or another you've probably pondered this question: "What's real and what's illusion?" I certainly have.

### John Cali

*Webster's Dictionary* defines illusion this way:

"A perception which fails to give the true character of an object perceived."

I was a maverick even as a little kid. And I still am -- just ask anyone in my family. ☺ So I was often scoldingly advised to "face reality." You may have had that experience too. I usually ignored the advice, and just went on living in my own reality. Or was I living in an illusion?

I decided to ask Chief Joseph his view on the subject.  
Here's it is.

### Chief Joseph

Friends, you all live in your own unique world. There are as many "realities" as there are people on your planet.

While this is not an earthshaking subject, it's an interesting one. And it will perhaps give you a little insight into yourselves and the other people around you.

If you accept the *Webster Dictionary* definition, then what you call "illusion" is real. But the observer is not seeing the observed (object, person, etc.) as it truly is.

That fact is often the basis of so many misunderstandings among humans, individually and in groups, large and small. It certainly is the basis of so many of the wars the human race have waged over the centuries.

One person's reality can easily be another's illusion. And one person's illusion can be another's reality. It's that simple.

When you understand that clearly we think you will all find it in your hearts to see your sisters and brothers -- and yourselves -- with greater love and compassion.

You will not rush to judgement, nor will you be quick to criticize and condemn.

We urge you to start with yourselves. Refuse to judge, criticize, or condemn yourselves in **any** way, big or small. The more you take this loving view of yourselves, the more you will love others unconditionally.

You say you want peace on earth. This is an excellent way to move in that direction, starting with yourselves first. In fact, there can be no peace on earth until each of you first find peace within yourselves.

There is no other way.

Give us your opinion of this article

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Since 1992, John Cali has been communicating with a non-physical entity called Joseph. In one of his many physical lifetimes, this spirit was incarnated as the legendary Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce tribe in what is now the state of Oregon in the northwestern USA. These messages are a blend of information from Joseph, other spirits in the "Joseph group," and John.

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*From the little book, Slow Down Therapy*

*Take time to think, action is good and necessary, but it is fruitful only if we muse, ponder and mull.*

*On a personal note, I don't really know if I have ever mused or mullled.*

*Perhaps I should learn these skills.!*

Cont. When I started to write about our trip, I realised I just can't tell you the lot, and I doubt very much if you really would enjoy hearing it all. However, some things I'd like to share with you. We visited Pompeii, looked at Paris from the Seine and the Eiffel Tower. Saw the "dancing horses" being trained in Vienna, toured the Vatican, visited the Coliseum, missed the Trevi Fountain because of heavy rain. Visited Assisi, and the Basilica of St. Frances, the patron saint we found out, of Italy. I was only aware of him with his love of animals and birds, not a complete picture at all.

Venice was a wonderful surprise, not smelly as I expected, and the size of the Lagoon reaching out to the Adriatic, much larger than ever imagined, Saw the barrage gates being constructed to prevent the regular flooding, (galoshes are available from manager at hotel), but we certainly didn't need them. Visited the island of Murano (glass) and Burano (handmade lace) and of course had a gondola trip, complete with a piano accordion player and a baritone! I had never desired to visit Europe, only going as we have found a great group to travel with, and must admit so glad we went. Travelling along the river system we went through over 60 locks. At the highest point our boat was raised 25metres. A great way to travel, these boats. Altho I have also mentioned places from the coach tour of Italy that followed. So glad we went, had a wonderful time, even tho some days we just relaxed as we ran out of steam from time to time. Was surprised to learn that southern Italy has 40% unemployment, while the northern states prosper. A wonderful time in Budapest, a great market, and we sailed down the river at night, to see the whole city wrapped in beautiful lights, softening the many scars of age and communism..

Must be time to wind this up, should you be investigating a European trip, consider taking the river, APT are an Australian company, growing each year, and they do it so well.

Things have been moving along at Church while we were away, sad to hear of the passing of Ann Thrift, who had a long connection to the Church. To those with health and happiness problems, I wish you all well, and trust things will turn around for you

*Thanks to Katrina for doing the newsletter last month. She has tidied up a few bits and pieces, so she has left a lasting impression. Out of room, till next month love Alva.*

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A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store. As he waited, he was approached by a man called Terry who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the Post Office is?"

The little boy replied, "Sure! Just go straight down this street a couple of blocks and turn to your right."

Terry thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town. I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven."

The little boy replied with a chuckle.. "Awww, come on...

You don't even know the way to the Post Office"

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A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the family car.

His father said he'd make a deal with his son: 'You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car.'

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, 'Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut.

The boy said, 'You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair...and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair.'

To this his father replied, 'Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went they walked.'"

## COMING EVENTS

### **10TH JULY Jerry Baugham At 7pm Donation \$5**

Jerry will share his thoughts on prophecy and its relevance to our present time. Jerry believes most students of the Holy Bible are not aware that 90% the prophecy in the Bible relates to us at this time. Come along and learn how when we understand the past, we understand the future and why Jerry believes most of these ancient prophesies relate to us at this time!!

Hear how prophesy can foretell our Future and what we can do to guarantee our survival of the correction coming. Starting 7pm sharp.

### **14TH AUGUST COACH TRIP TO NAN TIEN TEMPLE WOLLONGONG COST \$45.00**

Coach will depart Highland Depot Thornton at 7.00am

Pick up at City Hall, (King Street ) at 7.30am Marathon Stadium 7.45am

Wallsend Plaza (Opposite the Library) 8am

Cost \$45.00 includes travel, morning tea, lunch and guided tour of temple.

All monies to be paid by 1st August.

Seats will only be allocated on payment in full of fare, all monies non refundable.

Payment to be placed in envelope with name, contact number and number of tickets required and placed in safe, or given to committee member.

Further information ring Yvonne Gibson 49559880

I was lucky enough to go last time we had this trip, at that time as we entered each separate section, incense or something similar is made available for a small donation. So I suggest you take along some coins. There is a great bell to ring also, but donation is suggested.

A great day out.

### **21ST AUGUST. 10AM TO 11.30AM VERNICE & her "Singing Bowls" \$20 donation**

Happy that Vernice is returning, numbers aren't limited, so do come along and be part of this wonderful use of sound and vibration.

Starting on time at 10am See you there.

### **Night Tour Stockton Cemetery – 27 May 2010**

Planning and researching our recent cemetery tour was a challenge to say the least, as was giving Police Command a reason for our being there – given the Mental Hospital was right next door!! After threats of cyclonic weather we were blessed with the perfect night, star filled sky and a beautiful moon rise.

Whilst we were reasonably well oriented around the cemetery during the day, night proved a little more difficult. We also had some interesting experiences. During our research visits to the cemetery, we had done a little bit of clearing around one particular grave and one of our members heard "thank you for doing that" while standing at that grave. Our pleasure. Some of us captured orbs, while others had a face showing in their photos. We had a EMF (ghost) meter with us and were asked if the colour reached red – should we run!

Towards the end of our tour we were scattered around looking for particular graves that were proving difficult to find. Everyone joined in the search. I felt there was one spirit who constantly played games, making it hard to find him and sending me running all over looking for him, in spite of having visited him several times.

Our group integrated so well together, it was a pleasure to be a part of them. We had a respectful fun night and learned a little history as well. Some interesting photos are available for viewing at the church.

My sincere thanks to you Geoff (Turnbull) for your invaluable time and help. Couldn't have done it without you.

Looking forward to similar experiences down the track!

Love

Jo Burgess

Sadly the photo Jo sent me was too dark to copy in black and white.

## Church Classifieds

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