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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**	8th March
WEDNESDAY	11.00am-2.30pm	Yvonne Warren	Meditation/Development
	7.30pm-9pm	Jo Burgess	Meditation/Development
THURSDAY	8.30am-1pm		Readings
FRIDAY	10.30 am-12noon	Marcia Parkes Carmel Colquhoun	Meditation/Development
	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm		
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. *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

Well the floods and bushfires have left us, although the rebuilding will take years. What courage it will take to rebuild and start again, as so many say they will.

Now our Kiwi neighbours are battling their own disaster, again of enormous proportions and great loss of life.



These recent times have brought home to us all the work done, both by volunteers and relief workers, and the debt our society really owes to such people, ordinary people doing extraordinary things. Perhaps I should say Extraordinary people doing Extraordinary things!

Our Church programme goes on, with wonderful guest speakers and Workshops arranged, be sure to check further over. The newsletter is late this month as Alva's computer had a nervous breakdown, but she promises to be on time next month.

I would like to remind you it is time to pay our annual subs, please place in envelope, clearly marked with your name and details, and deposit in safe, or with Circle facilitator. your receipt will be issued in due course. Annual subs \$10 or on concession card \$5 Best bargain in town.

Once again my thanks to all those who contribute in so many ways, with services, Circles and readings. It could not be the same without each and every one of you,

See you in Church,

Carmel Colquoun

ARE YOU READING A COMPLIMENTARY NEWSLETTER?

FOR \$10 PER ANNUM (\$5 WITH CONCESSION CARD), YOU COULD BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR CHURCH, AND HAVE A COPY POSTED TO YOU DIRECT, EACH MONTH.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP ALSO ENTITLES YOU TO USE OF OUR EXTENSIVE LIBRARY AND YOU WOULD BE ADVISED OF UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND FUNCTIONS. INTERESTED?

PROGRAMME FOR March 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>
<u>6th March</u>		
3pm	Jenni Havebond	Marcia Parkes
7pm	Yvonne Gibson	Charles Freeman
<u>13th March</u>		
3pm	Jo Burgess	Marcia Parkes
7pm	Katrina Bart	Charles Freeman
<u>20th March</u>		
3pm	Rose Mayhew	Jo Burgess
7pm	Raelene Coad	Yvonne Gibson
<u>26th March</u>	Drawing Spiritual guide with Susy Plummer	
<u>27th March</u>		
3pm	Krys Johnson	Ivo van Emmerik
7pm	Robyn Akins	Charles Freeman
<u>3rd April</u>	Jenny Bush Monika Kwong	Robyn Akins

As you can see, a number of our members will be on the platform this month Jenni Havebond and Yvonne Gibson are both long time members, with experiences in Spiritualism, I am sure they are both known to you.

Jo Burgess and Katrina Bart also are members, Jo is a committee member and facilitator of the Wednesday evening Circle. Katrina has been acting Secretary, and is now very involved in Workshops teaching psychic awareness and allied fields

Rose Mayhew, also a member, needs no introduction as she has worked as a medium on our platform for a number of years.

Raelene Coad is visiting us for the first time, and will speak on Healing through Seichim. I am sure she will receive a warm welcome on her first visit.

Krys Johnson and Robyn Akins are both well known to our members, both have taken positions on committee, and Robyn also turns her hand wherever there is something to be done.

Jenni Bush, a member of Wednesday Circle is to speak on Synchronicity, that wonderful gift that brings us so many "coincidences" that really aren't

Finally, Monica Kwong, a long time member who has held many workshops regarding the properties of crystals, will speak to us of "Nurturing our Inner Child

26th March Workshop with Susy Plummer Draw your Spirit Guide, all details on board, limit of 6. Not sure if there are still vacancy. I am doing this workshop and so looking forward to it!

To realize The value of a sister/brother
Ask someone Who doesn't have one.
To realize The value of ten years:
Ask a newly Divorced couple.
To realize The value of four years:
Ask a graduate.
To realize The value of one year:
Ask a student who Has failed a final exam.
To realize The value of nine months:
Ask a mother who gave birth to a stillborn.
To realize The value of one month:
Ask a mother Who has given birth to a premature baby.
To realize The value of one week:
Ask an editor of a weekly newspaper.
To realize The value of one minute:
Ask a person Who has missed the train, bus or plane..
To realize The value of one-second:
Ask a person Who has survived an accident.
Time waits for no one. Treasure every moment you have.
You will treasure it even more when
You can share it with someone special.
To realize the value of a friend or family member:
LOSE ONE.
Remember....Hold on tight to the ones you love!

DID YOU KNOW??

Anger is the most futile emotion one can experience. **It is totally negative and feeds on one's irrational, vindictive and punitive nature.** It accomplishes nothing but a wider rift between persons, a growing dissatisfaction with self and empty feelings where loving understanding ought to be. **why can't the average human being realise that?** Mainly it is because of evaluating our own reactions. We focus on "our interpretation" of the other person's attitudes. – Louise Dodd.

Ecclesiastes 7:9 reads: "Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry; for anger resteth in the bosom of fools."

Isis' Message of the Day -

Life's circumstances are not always what you might wish them to be (at the moment). Rather than wondering about or questioning the direction your life has taken, accept the fact that there is a path before you now. Walk your path one step at a time. Keep your head up, and cast your dreams to the stars. Keep your belief in yourself and walk into your new journey. You will find it magnificent, spectacular, and beyond your wildest imaginings. I AM ISIS a "Spiritual Warrior of the Light."

When You Focus On What You 'Do Not' Have, You Will Never Have Enough.

When You Focus On What You Do Have You Will Always Have Plenty

Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the decision that something else is more important than fear. ~

Ambrose Redmoon

Three sisters ages 92, 94 and 96 live in a house together.

One night the 96 year old draws a bath. She puts her foot in and pauses..

She yells to the other sisters, "Was I getting in or out of the bath?"

The 94 year old yells back, "I don't know. I'll come up and see."

She starts up the stairs and pauses "Was I going up the stairs or down?"

The 92 year old is sitting at the kitchen table having tea listening to her sisters.

She shakes her head and says, "I sure hope I never get that forgetful," she knocked on wood.

She then yells, "I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door."

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Follow Your Heart

How many times has someone told you to follow your heart? When I was younger I would get that advice often. But I didn't always heed it.

Here's Chief Joseph.

Chief Joseph

How often do you seek advice or guidance from others when you know perfectly well the best path for you to follow?

We see nothing wrong with seeking help from others when you need it. After all, you're all in this together, as you say. You live in your small and large communities. Your entire planet has become a global community.

There is much wisdom to be gathered from the members of those communities. Your modern technology makes that quick and easy.

But we see a problem with what you might call an information glut.

There is so much available and some of it -- a lot of it -- is often conflicting and contradictory.

A good example of that is the community of your medical professionals.

Most of you are familiar with the phrase "second opinion." Generally that means when you go to a doctor for help with a physical problem or imbalance, you're sometimes advised to also get another doctor's opinion.

Nothing wrong with that -- though sometimes the two do not agree.

You can apply that to virtually any other aspect of your lives -- legal advice, for example. Or even spiritual advice.

Again you'll occasionally get conflicting or even contradictory advice. What do you do then?

We realize not all of you are doctors or lawyers or spiritual counselors. And so you trust the experts.

But there is one expert you need to trust above all others -- your heart.

Your inner guidance, your gut feelings, your messages from your higher selves or souls.

How often do you put those above your outside guidance? Especially if there is a conflict?

We know some disagree with us on this. But we say always trust your inner guidance above all outer guidance.

You will never go astray when you follow your heart.

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 Group,

BEARLY BELIEVABLE

A Priest, a Pentecostal preacher and a Rabbi all served as chaplains to the students of a mid-western university in Michigan. They would get together 2 or 3 times a week for coffee and to talk shop. One day, someone made the comment that preaching to people isn't really all that hard. A real challenge would be to preach to a bear. One thing led to another and they decided to conduct an experiment. They would all go out into the woods, find a bear, preach to it and attempt to convert it.

Seven days later, they'll all get together to discuss the experiment. Father Flannery, who has his arm in a sling, is on crutches and has various bandages, goes first.

"Well," he says, "I went into the woods to find me a bear. And when I found him I began to read to him from the Catechism. Well, that bear wanted nothing to do with me and began to slap me around. So I quickly grabbed my holy water, sprinkled him, and Holy Mary Mother of God, he became as gentle as a lamb. The bishop is coming out next week to give him his first communion and confirmation."

Reverend Billy spoke next. He was in a wheel chair with an arm and both legs in casts and an IV drip. In his best fire and brimstone oratory he claimed, "Well brothers, you KNOW that we don't sprinkle! I went out and FOUND me a bear. And then I began to read to my bear from God's HOLY WORD! But that bear wanted nothing to do with me. So I took HOLD of him and we began to wrestle. We wrestled down one hill, UP another and DOWN another until we came to a creek. So I quickly DUNKED him and BAPTISED his hairy soul. And just like you said, he became as gentle as a lamb. We spent the rest of the day praising Jesus." They both looked down at the Rabbi, who was lying in a hospital bed. He was in a body cast and traction with IV's and monitors running all over him. He was in bad shape. The Rabbi looks up and says, "Looking back on it, circumcision may not have been the best way to start!"

BITS AND PIECES

Sorry about the newsletter being so late. My trusty computer had a meltdown when newsletter was half done, and not being famous for backing info up, I had to wait till I got it back, complete with EVERYTHING still on it.

Only those who use a computer know how lucky that was.

Treasurer Marcia has requested that we pay our annual subs as soon as possible.

Each year we try have all dues paid before the notices for AGM go out, perhaps this year could be the one.

\$10 a year, \$5 for those with concession card, please don't forget, pay early!!!!

You will find a long letter from Gail Matthews who moved back to Queensland last year. I was delighted to receive it, and have printed it, as she asked.

Quite often when members move away, we don't hear from them and wonder just how things are going for them.

We visited Pat Eyre last week. She and Charles are both well, very glad they built in the country, and so many solar cells on their house they don't need mains electricity!!

Very involved in Collectors Club at Taree. (would you believe one member collects oven doors?) as you would know Pat collects EVERYTHING.

She asked to be remembered to you all. She also gave me a photo which I will put up on the board, taken at the Collectors Club

By now Shirley Darby's workshop is over, great to know she is well enough to resume things. Well done Shirley, we missed you.

So many disasters have been experience in Oz over the last month, no state has been immune, and now the horrific earthquake in Christchurch. Indeed the tremors are still happening. Then Wellington had a 4.5 earthquake yesterday.

Then we see TV reports in Egypt and surrounding Arab countries of struggles to overthrow dictators.

More than ever we are counting our blessings, and sending what assistance we can to those in most need. It is indeed a time to count our blessing, and pack an emergency pack with things we can use in times of trouble, I know we all feel safe, but did you see Toowoomba, on the top of the range get flooded? So make sure you have a plan should the unexpected come your way as it did in 1987.

As always these are my opinions,

Alva

HELLO FROM QUEENSLAND

Having seen my name mentioned in two recent editions of our church newsletter, I decided it was certainly time to write a note of greetings to all my friends in our Church community. Yes, I still feel connected to those folk with whom I was able to share almost six years of my life, doing God's work.

As a new person in town in 2004, I knew few people outside the immediate family members who resided in Newcastle, so my friendships developed with those of you whom I met at Swan Street.

Already on my own spiritual journey, I was most gratified to find such wonderful opportunities at this Church and to get to know so many remarkable people. My own journey accelerated at such a pace, I amazed myself when participating in almost every aspect of what our Church community offered.

Deeper meditations, increased psychic awareness and even channelling became a more entrenched part of my life, and I came to realize that this was what had been intended for me to experience as part of my intuitive decision to come to Newcastle.. It was a test of my faith in myself and I was so grateful for being "directed" to follow this path at that particular time of my life.

I thought I had come to Newcastle to care for and have quality time with, my aged mother whose health was in decline. I considered it an opportunity for she and I to get to know each other before it was her time, as we had lived apart for 40 years, due to her remarriage when I was 17, and then my own marriage two years later. She became a widow in 1990, and I separated in 2002, divorcing three years later, and it was evident that we never did understand each other or really know each other in spite of having frequent visits interstate. This was the peace my mother sought before she passed and I felt most privileged to have these last years of her life with her.

Not long after I arrived in Newcastle, I was "shown" my sister's time was also drawing to a close, although I did not heed it too seriously then, finding comfort in the knowledge that there is no timeframe on "the other side", but I realised in hindsight that it was my human side not accepting the thought of my sister departing at such a young age. However being given this time with her, as her journey was ending, was another huge privilege that would have bypassed me had I not heeded the call to step out of my comfort zone and leave the Gold Coast where I had resided for 30 years.

As some of you may recall, my dear mother passed over 30th November 2009, then my darling younger sister Robyn followed on 19th March 2010. Spirit told me that they were in a role reversal in a previous life (so profound logical when you knew them as I did) and also that they had made an agreement "to go home together" -which was within only a few months of each other.

My choice to relocate back to SE Qld after their passing was, in actuality, "heeding God's call" again, and I was lead to buying an apartment in the Brisbane suburb of Wynnum, which is a peaceful old suburb on Moreton Bay, and a former weekend swimming spot for our family as children, before our father died when I was a ten-year old. I was also able to find employment in Brisbane quite soon. The location was a very safe choice as my home was not at all affected by recent flooding.

My disabled brother Brett, also younger than myself, had been in care in Southport, and his health was deteriorating. Having been his Advocate for 24 years, I knew it was time to move back closer to him, now I was no longer needed in Newcastle. Sadly, Brett's health declined rapidly and he also passed over on 2nd November, 2010. I am of the belief that Mum "called" him home, as in spite of his long-standing Acquired Brain Injury from an horrific car accident in 1984 and his seeming inability to function normally, he knew she was gone and pined for her in those months after her death.

Knowing as we do, that the soul is eternal gives much comfort at the times when our loved ones depart, but on a human level losing three family members in the space of eleven months, has quite naturally brought up emotions for me in relation to my own lif's journey. I have been aware for some time that part of my purpose here was to assist those family members to "go home", but it would be an untruth for me to say that I did not miss having them here, and at times have felt very alone.

My relationships with my own two sons are precious to me—neither of them is married or have children, but the good news is my younger son Kris (who lives in Toowoomba) became engaged last October and is to marry in November this year. My elder son, Dale, finally relocated to Tasmania permanently (after several attempts) and seems to have found his nirvana. My own spiritual journey has been a wonderful example to them of just how much magic one can have in this lifetime, if the focus is in doing, rather than having, and being grateful for what gifts are given to us all.

So many incredible events have been part of my life in those six years and so wonderfully enhanced by being part of the Swan Street community. Thank you so much to everyone at our Church for your unconditional love and support and for your teaching and friendship on my path to enlightenment

Love, Light and Gratitude to our inspiring Church Community, *Gail Matthews*

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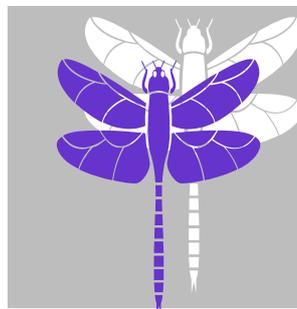
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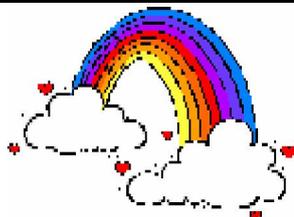
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