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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 October
WEDNESDAY	11.00am-2.30pm	Yvonne Warren	Meditation/Development
	7.30pm-9pm	Jo Burgess	Meditation/Development
THURSDAY	9am to 1pm	\$25 Entry by side door	Readings
FRIDAY	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Carmel Colquhoun	Meditation/Development
SUNDAY	3.00 pm & 7.00 pm	Various	Services All welcome
FRIDAY	ILSE KOHL	8 WEEK COURSE "TOOLS FOR LIFE"	Course filled

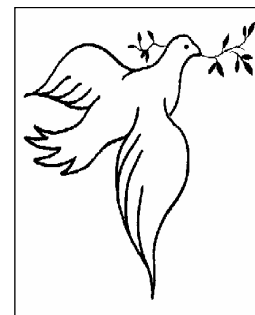
## Our Philosophy is based on Seven Principles



*(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, it is that time again....Spring, ...always a time of Growth and Renewal. A fitting time for our AGM, and for a newly elected Committee to take their place.*

*Have you taken the time to read the nominations for positions and the motion put forward? Really? Not yet?*

*Our Church will only thrive if YOU take an interest and an active part. Remember, those elected will have been nominated afresh, all positions to be declared vacant, former committee can stand again, as can any full member. We are all responsible for choosing committee members.*

*Since my previous letter, two of our members have passed over, Graham Taylor and Graham Fulton and our understanding & support is extended to their families. There is such comfort in the knowing of the fact that Life is everlasting, and they live on. This is at the core of our Spiritualist beliefs.*

*Our annual luncheon, with committee and facilitators, was held at Cardiff RSL. This annual get together is an opportunity to say "thanks" and chat to those we don't have the opportunity to meet very often. Always a pleasant day among friends.*

*Our programme is full as usual, Shirley's final workshop for the year is this month. Jo is doing a great job with speakers, as always: if you wish to help out on platform, please contact Jo.*

*Debbie has organised a raffle to be drawn before Christmas, with lots of "goodies" as prizes. That's right, Christmas is not so far off now!*

*I am looking forward to see you all at the AGM and sharing afternoon tea afterwards. Do come along and support those members who are standing for positions,*

*Carmel Colquhoun*

*Even if you think you don't have a talent for happiness, act as if you do. You'll find that joy is like a vaccine that immunizes you against all sorts of maladies.*

*Joy opens our hearts to see God's power at work within ourselves and in our world.*

## **PROGRAMME FOR OCTOBER 2013**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SPEAKERS</b>	<b>CHAIRPERSON</b>
<b><u>6TH OCTOBER</u></b>		
3pm	Adam Price	Jo Burgess
7pm	Chinta	Assunta Martinelli
<b><u>12TH OCTOBER</u></b>		
	<b>OUR AGM 1PM</b>	<b>DON'T MISS IT.</b>
<b><u>13TH OCTOBER</u></b>		
3pm	Rose Mayhew	Jo Burgess
7pm	Peter Madden	Marcia Parkes
<b><u>19TH OCTOBER</u> Astrology Workshop with Shirley Darby</b>		
<b>Must register Check notice board. 10am—5pm \$55</b>		
<b><u>20TH OCTOBER</u></b>		
3pm	Suzie Tunbridge	Jenny Havebond
7pm	Grant Truewhena	Charles Freeman
<b><u>27TH OCTOBER</u></b>		
3pm	<b>Friday evening Circle . Including Dedication Service.</b>	
7pm	Vernice	Maree Miller
<b><u>3RD NOVEMBER</u></b>		
3pm	Chinta	Assunta Martinelli
7pm	Sylvie	Charles Freeman

**Another month bursting with opportunity (and mediums)**

**Adam Price will be with us. Adam's musical career is opening many doors, and he is a great speaker.**

**Shinta is Assunta's son-in-law Plays a variety of unusual and interesting instruments, has travelled the world and lived in an African village**

**Rose Mayhew, always well received, very experienced Medium.**

**Peter Madden returns, Peter works with St. John of God energy.(Brazil)**

**Susie Tunbridge & Grant Truewhena are long time friends, always well received.**

**Long running Friday Circle with Carmel Colquhoun share platform, and a Dedication Service will be incorporated into proceedings.**

**Vernice returns for a very welcome visit. Singing bowls and toning with this wonderful lady,**

**Saanvi formerly Sylvie welcome return to platform.**

## BITS & PIECES

*Dalai Lama XIV*

*“Man surprised me most about humanity.  
Because he sacrifices his health in order to make money.  
Then he sacrifices money to recuperate his health.  
And then he is so anxious about the future that he does not enjoy the present; the result  
being that he does not live in the present or the future; he lives as if he is never going to  
die, and then dies having never really lived.”  
Really something to consider?*

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From John Calli

We are often urged to follow our hearts. But how many of us do it consistently?  
In my own personal experience, and in talking with others about their experiences, I find  
two significant blocks to following our hearts.  
First, we're too easily swayed by the opinions of others.  
Second, we do not trust ourselves and our own inner guidance.  
Here are some thoughts from Spirit.

### Spirit

Many of you were taught, as little children, not to follow your hearts. Instead, you were  
told others' opinions mattered more than your own. And you carried that perspective with  
you from the innocence of childhood into the forgetfulness of adulthood.  
As you grew in years and physical maturity, you forgot the wisdom of your child-self.  
Your “authority” became whatever other people's opinions were. Those opinions were  
often embodied, and even formalized, in many different ways—in your religions,  
governments, educational systems, and so on.  
You will never, ever find any higher or better or wiser guidance than your own inner  
voice—or as you sometimes say, that “still, small voice within.”  
The opinions of others do not matter. We are not saying you should never listen  
respectfully to others. But we are saying you should always run their opinions through the  
“filter” of your own inner guidance.  
Trust your feelings—they are your clearest form of communication between you and your  
higher self, between you and God.  
One individual standing alone and free of the opinions of others can make a huge  
difference.  
By making your inner guidance your highest, best, and final authority, you will have  
released yourselves from the prison of other people's opinions  
**.Always follow your heart.**

John Calli is a channel, his website [Great  
WesternPublishing.org](http://GreatWesternPublishing.org).

May flowers always line your path and  
Sunshine light your day.  
May songbirds serenade you every step  
along the way.  
May a rainbow run beside you in a sky that's  
always blue.  
And may happiness fill your heart each day  
your whole life through.

An Irish Blessing



Have you ever told a white lie?

A member of the local Ladies' Church Group remembered at the last minute on the morning of the bake sale that she had offered to bake a cake. After rummaging through cabinets, she found an angel food cake mix and quickly made it while drying her hair, dressing and helping her son pack for scout camp.

When she took the cake from the oven, she saw that the centre had dropped flat leaving the cake was horribly disfigured. She thought to herself, "Oh dear, there is not time to bake another cake!"

So, being inventive, she looked around the house for something to build up the centre of the cake. She found it in the bathroom- a roll of toilet paper. She plunked it in and then covered it with icing. Not only did the finished product look beautiful, it looked perfect.

Before she left the house to drop the cake by the church on her way to work, she woke her daughter, gave her some money and specific instructions to be at the bake sale the moment it opened at 9:30 and to buy the cake and bring it home.

When the daughter arrived at the sale, she found the attractive, perfect cake had already been sold. She grabbed her mobile telephone and called her Mum to give her the bad news. Her mother was horrified- she was beside herself!

Everyone would know! What would they think? She would be ostracised, talked about, ridiculed!

All night, she lay awake in bed thinking about people pointing fingers at her and talking about her behind her back.

The next day she promised herself she would try not to think about the cake and would attend the fancy luncheon at the home of a fellow church member and try to have a good time. She did not really want to attend because the hostess was a snob who more than once had looked down her nose at the fact that she was not from a posh suburb, but having already RSVP'd, she couldn't think of a believable excuse to stay home.

The meal was elegant, the company was definitely upper crust, then to her horror, the bake sale cake was presented for dessert! She felt the blood drain from her body when she saw the cake! She started out of her chair to tell the hostess all about it, but before she could get to her feet, the Mayor's wife said, "What a beautiful cake!"

Still stunned, she sat back in her chair when she heard the hostess (who was a prominent church member) say, "Thank you, I baked it myself." She smiled and thought to herself, "God is good."



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These are two wonderful affirmations given by Patricia Cota-Robles recently that you may find useful.

1) "I reclaim my Divine Birth right and my connection with my Higher Self, my soul family and all the Beings of Light with whom I am to work and commune in order to access and relay the cosmic wisdom and truth that I am to integrate and share.

\* Here and now I reclaim my self-mastery and all the qualities, gifts, virtues and attributes of my Divine Self.

\* I desire to be a living personified example of love, harmony, abundance and joy

\* I am Divine Love. I am Divine Light. I am Divine Will. I am Divine wisdom in action"

So be it. So it is! I AM that. I AM.

2) "'I AM my I AM Presence and I am one with the I AM Presence of ALL humanity. In this higher level of Christ Consciousness I see with new eyes and hear with new ears. I respond to every person, place, condition, or thing, with Divine Love. I easily perceive viable solutions that will result in the highest good for all concerned".

So be it. So it is! I AM that. I AM.

Thanks to Solara for forwarding this for newsletter. As always, all contributions are welcome.

Are you interested in developing your spiritual mediumship?

The Church has a two level, Foundation & Intermediate course which runs over a ten week period available only to Church members.

The next course commences 10th October, 2013.

These courses will be facilitated by British trained Spiritualist Medium, Rosie Connor, for details and criteria for doing the course you must firstly contact: Rosie – 0429115070. Commitment to completing the course is important.

A gentle reminder.

If you have NOT renewed your membership for 2013-14 this will be your LAST newsletter.

### IRISH BUTTERED TOAST (thank you Robert)

Murphy drops some buttered toast on the kitchen floor. It lands butter-side-up. He looks at what he has done in astonishment, for he knows it's a law of nature that buttered toast always falls butter-down. He rushes round to the presbytery to fetch the priest. He tells the priest that he thinks a miracle has happened round at his flat. He won't say what it is but wants Fr Flannagan to see it with his own eyes. He brings Fr Flannagan into the kitchen and asks him what he sees on the floor." "Well," says the priest, "it's pretty obvious what we have here. Someone dropped some buttered toast, and then for some reason flipped it over so that the butter was on top." "No, Father, I dropped it and it landed like that." "Well," Fr Flannagan says, "it's certainly a natural law of the universe that dropped toast never falls butter side up. But it's not for me to say it's a miracle. I'll report the matter to the bishop, and have him send people round, to interview you, take photos, etc." "An investigation of some rigour is conducted, not only by priests of the archdiocese, but by scientists sent from the Curia in Rome. The final ruling is a negative, however. It reads:" "It was certainly an extraordinary event that occurred in Murphy's room, quite outside the normal run of the phenomena. Yet we have to be very cautious before ruling any happening miraculous, ruling out all possible natural explanations. In this case we declared no miracle. For it was possibly the result of Murphy buttering the toast on the wrong side."

So much going on, our Facebook page is receiving so many "hits" and is improving as I learn more, (or at least I think I do). Thanks to all those who regularly help at Church in so many ways. Cheerio to those not well, winter is now gone, and with it all our aches and pains, (I hope) Keep up the good work, and send items for newsletter!

One final joke for the month. A guy is standing over his tee shot, looking up, looking down, measuring distance, figuring the wind direction and speed. His partner asks "just what is taking so long?"

The first guy replies "My wife is on the Clubhouse porch so I want to make a perfect shot". His partner says, "Forget it, you'll never hit her from here."

Sorry if I have left anything out, better luck next time.....*Alva*

## **WHAT PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT ASTROLOGY with Shirley Darby**



Most people know what Astrological Sign they are. I have had people say to me "don't believe in all that stuff"...but I guess all Aries think that way.

Your Sun sign is such a small percentage of the influence Astrology had on us, yet many people think that is all there is. The term is Sun sign, not Star sign as it indicates what constellation the Sun was travelling through at your date of birth.

It depends on how far the Sun has travelled through the Constellation to know just how the Astrological sign will express itself. Each sign has three components of ten degrees, as the Sun travels 30 degrees through each sign. The first 10 degrees (the first 10 days of the sign) create a double expression Say, Cancer. The first 10 degrees would be a Cancer/Cancer person. One who is a very 'mumsy' person. The next 10 degrees relate to the next Water sign which is Scorpio. So if the Sun in your chart was between 10 degrees and 20 degrees you would have an influence of Scorpion in the Cancer nature. This would make for a more powerful caring nature and more secretive than the Cancer/Cancer person. The next 10 degrees between 20 degrees and 30 degrees is influenced by the next Water sign, Pisces. As Pisces is an intuitive/psychic sign this makes the Cancer/Pisces person more interested in who they can help or heal and not quite as family oriented as the Cancer/Cancer person. This works with every sign. So this is one of the reasons that people say, I am the same sign as my sister or friend, but we are so different.

That is just the beginning. There are 11 Planets influencing us in different ways and they are placed in different 'houses' (sections) of your Astrology chart. They have 'aspects' to each other, some easy and some hard.

Mercury, (the way we communicate and what we communicate about) is quite often in the same sign as the Sun, because it is never further away than 30 degrees from the Sun. So if your Mercury is in the same sign as your Sun you will talk and think the way people expect your sign to do. But Mercury could also be in either side of the Sun. If a person is a Leo, their Mercury could be in Leo, allowing them to talk in the strong manner of Leo. If however their Mercury was in either side of Leo, Cancer or Virgo then the Lion would talk more about the family or caring if in Cancer, and if in Virgo, they could be very work oriented or interested in healing and more 'fussy' than the Leo/Leo.

Mercury can also be Retrograde at birth. Mercury is the Planet that stops and goes backward more often than all the other Planets, (that is known as Retrograde) If Mercury is Retrograde at birth, it is an indication that the person will have trouble communicating their thoughts until the Planet starts moving again (that is known as Direct), If you believe in Reincarnation, it is suggested that the person had their communication cut off in a past life either by hanging, or having their head chopped off etc. This can bring with them into this world that if they say what they think something terrible will happen to them

Over the years I have had clients say that they actually thought that someone would chop their head off if they said what they really think. When Mercury goes Direct in a person's life they often find that they can now express themselves without fear.

This is something that most people don't know (and I have met Astrologers that don't know) that from the minute you are born the Planets move through the Constellations and create different aspects in your life. So if you have a Birth chart your will find as you grow older (or move to a different area in the world) that the Planets are in a different section of your chart and they have changed signs. This is to allow you to grow with the new energies that are always being sent down to us.

Venus in a woman's chart indicates the way she wants to be seen as a woman. Mars in a man's chart indicates how he wishes to be seen as a man. (this can cause problems in relationships when your partner finds out that is not who you really are)

Jupiter indicates where you want to grow. Saturn is the area in which you take most responsibility.

Another most important part of a chart is the North and South Nodes of the Moon. They are the indicators of what you have come to change this lifetime. The North node indicates what you want to learn and the South Node indicates your old patterns and needs. It is a lifetime job to learn what we have come to learn and it is helpful to know just which energies we need to work on to grow.

This is just a few things about the many different aspects of Astrology. I have been working with it for over 40 years and it still gives me great pleasure and satisfaction.. I have seen it help people over the years to understand themselves and their loved ones and understand their direction in life.

This blog has been accessed by internet, more than 200 times. Well done Shirley!

Shirley's last workshop for this year, Astrology, 19th October 10am to 4.30pm Cost \$55 Details on our noticeboard.

Will give all those attending, (limit of 12,) an astrological birth chart & their Progressed Chart.

Forms are available at Church to enable Shirley to have all the details a couple of weeks before the workshop.

**Please phone Shirley at 40238406**

**Act now if you wish to attend, Shirley needs time to do charts.**

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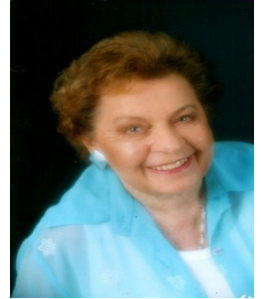
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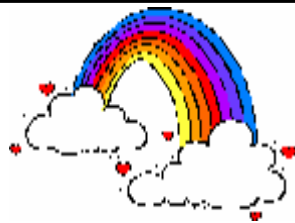
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