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DAY	TIME	FACILITATOR	DESCRIPTION
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>7.30 pm– 9.00 pm</b>	<b>Marcia Parkes</b>	<b>Meditation/Development</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>10.30 am – Noon</b>	<b>Carmel John</b>	<b>Meditation/Healing</b>
	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	<b>**7pm**</b>	<b>14th August</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>11.00am-2.30pm</b>	<b>Yvonne Warren</b>	<b>Meditation/Development</b>
	<b>7.30pm-9pm</b>	<b>Jo Burgess</b>	<b>Meditation/Development</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>8.30am-1pm</b>	<b>Entry second side door</b>	<b>Reading</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>7.30 pm - 9.00 pm</b>	<b>Carmel Colquhoun and Toni Sarr</b>	<b>Meditation/Development</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>3.00 pm &amp; 7.00 pm</b>	<b>Various</b>	<b>Services All welcome</b>
	<b>ENTRY TO ALL CIRCLES</b>	<b>BY SIDE DOOR.</b>	

## 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 Spring is almost with us!  
Wattle everywhere, and warmer days. If only the August winds would forget us for one year. What we now need is a stretch of good warm weather to put an end to the colds and flu. Laying low so many of our group. Glad to hear Robyn is on the mend after weeks, but sadly Yvonne and Jim Gibson are laid low. To all not well, our best wishes for a speedy recovery. Jo Burgess is slowly recovering from foot surgery, and I am growing in strength daily.

Once again thanks for all the good wishes, healings & prayers. It certainly helps to know others care.

Nominations for AGM have been slowly coming in, the cut off point is now 31st August, so think hard and long about just who you believe would be a capable committee member. If you desire change, now is the time to nominate, or be nominated. It is in the hands of all our members. Any resolutions also have to be in by 31st.

Another mediumship class is planned with Rosie, check out the board. A group went to the Blue Mountains last weekend to attend a workshop with three accomplished Mediums, so things are moving along.

Please bring forward ideas for workshops and speakers you would be interested in, and plan to come to the AGM.

Looking forward to meeting you at Church

Carmel Colquhoun

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## PROGRAMME FOR SEPTEMBER 2012

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>CHAIRPERSON</u>
<u>2nd September</u>		
3pm	Agnetha	Ivo Van Emmerik
7pm	Karen Burge	Charles Freeman
<u>9th September</u>		
3pm	Rose Mayhew	Krystyna Johnson
7pm	Christine Wilcox	Charles Freeman
<u>16th September</u>		
3pm	Silvie Labouridou	Marcia Parkes
7pm	David Sumner	Marie Miller
<u>23rd September</u>		
3pm	Gary Hall	Ivo Van Emmerik
7pm	Rosie's Fledglings	Charles Freeman
<u>30th September</u>		
3pm	David Rivers	Jenni Havebond
7pm	Adam Price	Jo Burgess

6th October

Our AGM 1pm do come along!

7th October

3pm

Anona Unicomb

Carmel John

7pm

Monday evening Circle

Once more, a variety of Speakers this month.

Agnetha is a spiritual healer using vocal toning and crystal balls .

Karen Burge returns. Karen works as a healer & teacher.

Rose Mayhew, Makes a welcome return. Always very popular.

Christine Wilcox, also a well known medium returns. We have missed you Chris, so glad you are back.

Silvie will be along. Silvie works as a Reiki healer

David Sumner also works with Reiki, Qi gong, reflexology & more.

Garry Hall, experienced Spiritual healer returns

Rosie's Fledglings Members of Rosie's initial Circle, gaining confidence and experience in platform work.

David Rivers, author , tell us of his journey.

Adam Price returns. Adam was ill last month, and unable to come along. He has the ability to be a gifted speaker and singer.

Anona Unicomb popular member, know as a gifted speaker.

*Again I remind you that at times our planned speakers may not be able to attend. Usually when this happens one of our members steps up at short notice, we are all volunteers with love for what we do and believe, and remember, please take time to say "Thank you" to those responsible for the Service you have shared.*

bits & pieces continued.

Good news for those members interested in Mediumship.

Rosie Connor will be holding further classes, slightly different format. Check out notice on board.

Note.. These classes are for Church members only.

The carpet is now a step nearer, being available from manufacturer. The only downside will be the carpet layers will need three days to complete the job. Hard wearing carpet is to go in the kitchen, and it needs to be glued down, and given time. **All** furnishings need to be moved, so as you realise, Circles will need to take a break. As soon as we know exactly when, Circle leaders will be told Thursday readings will also be affected.

Offers to assist in moving furniture would be great, speak to Carmel C. Charles or Marcia. if you can help.

Tuesday group had to cope with a stolen outside tap would you believe. The plumber advised them that at the present time taps are being stolen from halls and churches etc. to be sold for scrap.

Thanks for sorting this out Tuesday group. Debbie just got a new hose, now no tap!

General maintenance goes on, repairs to fans and light being carried out. Pass on any work you know to be done.

A second letter together with financial statement for year will shortly be posted to all members.

As you all know our AGM will be held 6th October, and your attendance is required. Unless we have a quorum the election of new committee can not proceed. As always, all positions will be declared vacant, and voting for positions will take place. Full members to vote, associate members welcome to attend, but unable to vote. On joining, for the first year of your membership you are an associate member, becoming a full member the following year.

***As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, all nominations for committee must be in no later than 31st August.***

The library will soon be sorted and available, the work is underway.

Well can't think of anything else, (that will happen when this is printed,)

Thanks for the items sent in, apologies for anything I have wrong, all mistakes are mine.

To those oldies like me, be brave and check out Facebook, you will learn a lot about other Churches,

*Alva*

#### The Deaf Wife Problem

Bert feared his wife Peg wasn't hearing as well as she used to & he thought she might need a hearing aid.

Not quite sure how to approach her, he called the family Doctor to discuss the problem.

The Doctor told him there is a simple informal test the husband could perform to give the Doctor a better idea about her hearing loss.

'Here's what you do,' said the Doctor, 'stand about 40 feet away from her, & in a normal conversational speaking tone, see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, & so on until you get a response.'

That evening, the wife is in the kitchen cooking dinner, & he was in the den, He says to himself, 'I'm about 40 feet away, let's see what happens.' Then in a normal tone he asks, 'Honey, what's for dinner?'

No response..

So the husband moves closer to the kitchen, about 30 feet from his wife & repeats, 'Peg, what's for dinner?'

Still no response.

Next he moves into the dining room where he is about 20 feet from his Wife & asks, 'Honey, what's for dinner?'

Again he gets no response. So, he walks up to the kitchen door, about 10 feet away. 'Honey, what's for dinner?'

Again there is no response.

So he walks right up behind her. 'Peg, what's for dinner?'

(I just love this.)

Good grief Bert, for the FIFTH time, CHICKEN!

## WE KNOW WHO WE ARE BEFORE BIRTH

Recently we had a wonderful Palmist give us a talk at the Newcastle Spiritualist Church. She had a wealth of knowledge and everyone learned something about themselves. I have studied Palmistry on my own for several years so it was good to hear the way she put all these interesting facts together.



However I was thrilled to hear her say that the lines on a baby's hands were formed five months before the baby was born! That information confirmed my Astrological belief that our life, personality and direction were all in place before we are born. So many people blame their parents, their circumstances etc for the problems in their life, but do not recognise that we came back to this School on earth to correct things about ourselves by experiencing situations.

In order to accept others and other situations we allow ourselves to go through things that are not pleasant for us.

There is no way that we can evolve if we hang on to ideas and attitudes that make us feel superior to others. We choose to come back to the life we are to live. We choose the parents that will push us one way or the other in order to grow. If we have to learn tolerance and kindness we can have parents that are tolerant and kind, or parents that are not. depending on the lessons we have to learn. All of our life experiences teach us something. We usually do not learn much from all the NICE things. We learn most from the harsh or difficult things.

If we grow and develop and learn tolerance and understanding from the difficult things in life we are evolving. I always feel that they must have a magnificent computer on the other side. When I look at a person's Astrological or Numerological chart I can see all the opportunities we have through life when Planets move from their original position in a chart to the next Sign.

This gives us the opportunity to work with a new element in our lives in order to grow. The same thing happens in a Numerological chart.

We move into the numbers of different cycles and peaks through life in order to have the opportunity to work with a different vibration.

These Planetary moves and Numerological moves often work together in order for us to grow to our highest potential.



We are all blessed with at least one Guardian Angel called our Doorkeeper. This guardian know what we are here for and directs us (or pushes us) into the situations that will teach us what we need to learn.

During our lifetime we are often joined by other Guides who can help us learn particular lessons. So we do come here to the Earth Plane in order to learn and grow and evolve and if we watch for the signs that these Guiding Angels offer us we can grow to the fullest potential of this life.

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Thanks Shirley for letting us use your blog.....Rainbow Bridge .shirleyldarbyblogspot.com.au

Maya spoke last month.

## Bits and Pieces.

Well I must admit now I have started this page, I am having trouble bringing things to mind. It is usually the way, then at the end I remember something important, and must somehow fit it in. Since my last letter, Jo Burgess has resigned from committee, and she will be greatly missed. Jo is still facilitating the Wednesday evening group, and is prepared to work on the platform as always.. **Please** think about members you would like to see on committee, and talk to them, or come forward yourself. We operate best with a bigger group, but in recent years we seem to only have few interested. It really is interesting and rewarding. **Think about it! Closing 31st August.**

Thanks to Shirley and Gary Hall for their contributions this month, and to the emailers who continue to forward to me jokes. Our members certainly do enjoy them.

In Shirley's blog this week she mentions Maya, and was impressed with the knowledge Maya shared on the platform. Maya is a new member, and also a new advertiser. Great to have feedback. We have eight new members joining this month, and I must tell you about Facebook. I am still learning Facebook, but I am very impressed with the number of people who call in and check it out. Over 500 people last week. Although I have been told that doesn't mean 500 different people, because once you are hooked you may check each day, it is a pleasing result. Thanks to those helping me, and bailing me out when I get stuck. Really amazing how many Spiritualist Churches show up, mostly in UK, but by reading their sites you can get a good idea of just how they operate etc. Have yet to find one with such an extensive programme as we have.. Now something to make you smile.

### It's in the Blood !

An Arab Sheik was admitted to hospital for heart surgery, but prior to the surgery the doctors needed to store his blood in case the need arises. As the gentleman had a rare type of blood it couldn't be found locally, so, the call went out.

Finally a Scotsman was located who had a similar blood type. The Scot willingly donated his blood for the Arab. After the surgery the Arab sent the Scotsman, as appreciation for giving his blood, a new BMW, diamonds & US dollars A couple of days later, once again the Arab had to go through a corrective surgery. His doctor telephoned the Scotsman who was more than happy to donate his blood

After the second surgery the Arab sent the Scotsman a thank-you card & a box of Quality Street chocolates. The Scotsman was shocked that the Arab did not reciprocate his kind gesture as he had anticipated. He phoned the Arab and asked him: "I thought you would be generous again, that you would give me a BMW, diamonds & money... but you only gave me a thank-you card & a box of Quality Street."

To this the Arab replied: "Aye laddie, but I now have Scottish blood in ma veins".

## The Cab Ride

I arrived at the address and honked the horn. After waiting a few minutes I walked to the door and knocked.. 'Just a minute', answered a frail, elderly voice. I could hear something being dragged across the floor .After a long pause, the door opened. A small woman in her 90's stood before me.

She was wearing a print dress and a pillbox hat with a veil pinned on it, like somebody out of a 1940's movie .By her side was a small nylon suitcase. The apartment looked as if no one had lived in it for years. All the furniture was covered with sheets .There were no clocks on the walls, no knickknacks or utensils on the counters. In the corner was a cardboard box filled with photos and glassware..

'Would you carry my bag out to the car?' she said. I took the suitcase to the cab, then returned to assist the woman .She took my arm and we walked slowly toward the curb.

She kept thanking me for my kindness. 'It's nothing', I told her.. 'I just try to treat my passengers the way I would want my mother to be treated.'

'Oh, you're such a good boy, she said. When we got in the cab, she gave me an address and then asked, 'Could you drive through downtown?'

'It's not the shortest way,' I answered quickly..

'Oh, I don't mind,' she said. 'I'm in no hurry. I'm on my way to a hospice.

I looked in the rear-view mirror. Her eyes were glistening. 'I don't have any family left,' she continued in a soft voice.. 'The doctor says I don't have very long.' I quietly reached over and shut off the meter . 'What route would you like me to take?' I asked.

For the next two hours, we drove through the city. She showed me the building where she had once worked as an elevator operator.

We drove through the neighbourhood where she and her husband had lived when they were newly-weds She had me pull up in front of a furniture warehouse that had once been a ballroom where she had gone dancing as a girl.

Sometimes she'd ask me to slow in front of a particular building or corner and would sit staring into the darkness, saying nothing.

As the first hint of sun was creasing the horizon, she suddenly said, 'I'm tired. Let's go now'.

We drove in silence to the address she had given me. It was a low building, like a small convalescent home, with a driveway that passed under a portico.

Two orderlies came out to the cab as soon as we pulled up. They were solicitous and intent, watching her every move. They must have been expecting her.

I opened the trunk and took the small suitcase to the door.

The woman was already seated in a wheelchair.

'How much do I owe you?' She asked, reaching into her purse . 'Nothing,' I said

'You have to make a living,' she answered . 'There are other passengers,' I responded.

Almost without thinking, I bent and gave her a hug. She held onto me tightly.

'You gave an old woman a little moment of joy,' she said 'Thank you.'

I squeezed her hand, and then walked into the dim morning light..

Behind me, a door shut. It was the sound of the closing of a life..

I didn't pick up any more passengers that shift. I drove aimlessly lost in thought. For the rest of that day, I could hardly talk.

What if that woman had gotten an angry driver, or one who was impatient to end his shift?

What if I had refused to take the run, or had honked once, then driven away?

On a quick review, I don't think that I have done anything more important in my life.

We're conditioned to think that our lives revolve around great moments.

But great moments often catch us unaware-beautifully wrapped in what others may consider a small one.

PEOPLE MAY NOT REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT YOU DID, OR WHAT YOU SAID

~BUT~THEY WILL

ALWAYS REMEMBER HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL..... Thanks to Gary Hall

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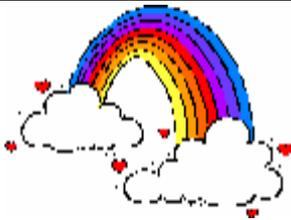
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