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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**	13th September
WEDNESDAY	11.00am-2.30pm	Yvonne Warren	Meditation/Development
	7.30pm-9pm	Jo Burgess	Meditation/Development
THURSDAY	8.30am-1pm	Entry through side door	Readings
FRIDAY	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Carmel Colquhoun	Meditation/Development
SATURDAY	24TH	FUN WITH TAROT WORK-SHOP WITH KATRINA	
SUNDAY	3.00 pm & 7.00 pm	Various	Services All welcome
SATURDAY	15TH OCTOBER	OUR AGM	BE INVOLVED!

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,



As our AGM draws near, we must turn our minds to the election of our new committee. As always, all positions are to be declared vacant, and nominations are called for all positions.

A number of nominations have been received, but there is still time to submit a form.

Nominations for each position will be posted on the noticeboard 14th September, so you still have time for coming forward

This is an important time, and it is the responsibility of all members to consider who they wish to make up the incoming committee.

Please take the time to consider this, and don't just leave it to others.

Reports coming in from the Retreat speak highly of the venue, Stroud Monastery, and of course of the event itself. Be sure to read Jo's report.

Jo has booked two further dates so perhaps those who were unable to go this time will join in at a later date.

Once again, thanks to those members who helped out during the past month.

It is disappointing when advertised speakers, either through ill health or family reasons are unable to attend, but it is gratifying that members always step forward to take the services.

This co-operative spirit is strong, we are all part of our Church, and although we may not agree on all matters, we all do care about the whole, our Church and beliefs.

As always, winter has brought its share of illness, 'flu and bronchitis seem to be widespread, so remember those not well, and offer a helping hand when you can. It makes such a difference if you are feeling down, and perhaps not well, when someone shows they care.

Do read through the message from the Wednesday morning group. To me it sums up many of the things that we value, and I thank them for putting it forward. As always, the newsletter is open to all members, so why not take advantage occasionally, and tell us of your Circle.

So once again thanks to those members who are always ready to give a hand in any way, your efforts are appreciated, and assist in keeping us on track. If you would like to be a speaker or chairperson at a meeting, please let me know. You would be most welcome. Perhaps you can recommend a speaker, if so let Robyn know, till the next time,

See you in Church,

Carmel Colquhoun

When you have done the best you can, let go. Leave the rest to the One whose love and wisdom envelop everything you do.

ANNUAL SUBS ARE OVERDUE. PLEASE PLACE YOUR DUES IN AN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR NAME, AND HAND TO YOUR CIRCLE LEADER OR PLACE IN THE SAFE. \$10 PER ANNUM \$5 TO CONCESSION CARD HOLDERS

PROGRAMME FOR SEPTEMBER 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>
<u>4th September</u> 3pm 7pm	Baden Willmott Grant Truwhena	Ivo Van Emmerik Yvonne Gibson
<u>11th September</u> 3pm 7pm	Mark Penkala	Jo Burgess Charles Freeman
<u>18th September</u> 3pm 7pm	Rev Meg Faber Shirley Darby	Arvids Sprogis
<u>24th September</u>	Tarot Fun Day with Katrina Bart check notice on board.	
<u>25th September</u> 3pm 7pm	Keith Olds Annie Holdstock	Marcia Parkes Charles Freeman
<u>2nd October</u> 3pm 7pm	Friday evening group Jennifer Starlight	Debbie Mallam Marcia Parkes

As always we have a varied group of speakers this month, old friends and new faces. We endeavour to give you a full and correct programme for each month, but to due illness, and I guess human nature, it can be subject to change. It is a tricky job, and I wish to thank Robyn for the effort she puts in, not to mention the many phone calls she makes to ensure it runs as smoothly as it does. We are supported by many regular speakers, some who have attended over many years. Thank you!

Baden makes a welcome return, as does Grant Truwhena, who will speak of his work with children.

Mark Penkala is a regular visitor.

Shirley Darby is always welcome, perhaps she will tell us of her new book!

Rev. Meg is a long time supporter of our Church, as is Keith Olds.

Annie Holdstock works as a Medium.

I believe the Friday evening group to be the longest established Circle we have, of course now I have typed that I am not certain, but I am sure I will be told if it is not so,

Jennifer Starlight is a well known medium, visiting from Sydney.

I must apologise for listing Suzie as The Ghostbuster last month. Did it in a hurry, and of course was told of my mistake too late for newsletters, did correct it on the board and website.

Have you checked our website and Facebook Page yet?

Doubt is the vestibule through which all must pass before they can enter into the temple of wisdom.

Charles Caleb Colton

We consume our tomorrows fretting about our yesterdays. **Persius**

Even when I'm sick and depressed, I love life. **Arthur Rubenstein**

Bits and Pieces.

We have just returned from a great holiday, sailing in a 23 metre catamaran down the Kimberley Coast for a week, with fishing every day, and loads of freshly caught crabs, oysters, & barramundi. Have always loved Broome, (our starting point) and we did the inland trip from Darwin down to Broome some years ago. It was a good trip, but.....

this trip was amazing, I am not a fan of smallish boats, but this one was the exception.

Carrying 12 passengers and crew of 5, (including a chef) it really was magic. Pulling up to a pristine beach for afternoon nibbles and drinks, climbing up hills to see cave paintings of the dreamtime. The tides rise 10 metres, and at low tide we were amazed as a gigantic coral reef surfaced, with a surface area of 325 square Kilometres, with water running continuously from the higher sections like mini waterfalls.

Birds make the most of their opportunity to feed on exposed sections.

This area is known as "turtle alley," because of the currents it is very popular with feeding turtles. One of the crew jumped overboard from the tender, and grabbed an unsuspecting turtle, held it close and brought him up for inspection.

We saw numerous waterfalls, I especially went to see the King Cascades, (a picture of this was the reason I started to investigate these holiday options.) At a delightful spot called Ruby's Pool, we could swim, and even sit under the cascading water, after the area had been thoroughly check for salt water crocs. Yep and they even swim in the ocean.

The last wet season was exceptionally "wet" so the waterfalls are still active.

The sea in WA is a totally different blue, the earth is rusty ochre, and the sunsets just are beyond belief. You are made aware of just how small we are in the scheme of things. There is nothing between us and the African continent, except that Indian Ocean.

Since we were last in the west much has changed. Each airport feeds hundreds of "fly-in miners" onto planes and helicopters of all sizes, to fly them in to the various mine sites. All wear their workclothes, so it is not hard to pick them out.

Planes land and disgorge those on the way home, through Perth and Broome airport, and planes are immediately loaded with those heading back to the mines.

I was aware of the "fly-in policy" but to see how many families are living that way was a shock.

It really was a great holiday, and I intend to go back. There is a number of boats doing these trips, and should you be looking for a fantastic Aussie break, I highly recommend it.

Broome itself is experiencing a building boom, with accommodation at a premium.

It is very different from the sleepy town we first saw 15 years ago.

New resorts, indeed new suburbs erupting everywhere. But the locals are still very friendly!

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The first of our Retreats to Stroud has been a resounding success, see Jo's report in this newsletter. Photos are to be posted on noticeboard shortly, so watch out for them.

An inspection of the Church walls has been made by Ausgrid engineers, to assess the cracks in walls appearing after the recent works outside.

We will be advised regarding what action, if any will be taken to rectify the problem.

29th October is the date booked for our coach trip to the Hawkesbury, to embark on M.V.Emily A walk on Dangar Island is part of this trip, morning tea provided and fish & chip lunch available too. Check board for all details, Yvonne Gibson has planned this trip, it should be a great day.

A bit of personal information that MAY help you. I failed to renew my NRMA membership on time, and received a phone call from NRMA reminding me! Would I like to renew on the phone? I said I preferred to do it at the Tanilba office, BUT was told if I renewed on the phone I would be sent a card for \$50 worth of petrol. So I said OK. Got a receipt number and received \$50 card in the mail. My grand daughter was convinced I was scammed, but I wasn't. So I won't be paying on time next year either.....Alva

Hi , my name is Dianne Axam and I am the local coordinator for The Southern Cross Cultural Exchange Program and we are looking for local families to host an Exchange student from overseas for a period of 3, 5, or 10 months and I was wondering if you have a weekly news letter and if you do would you possibly mind placing an add in it for me.

Thank you very much for your time

Regards Dianne Axam.

> SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

> A GREAT WAY TO START 2012

>> What better way to see in the New Year than to start thinking about hosting an international exchange student.

> Expand your family's horizons and make a friend for life. Unlike a boarder, the student participates as one of the family, including helping withchores, following house rules, and joining in the fun.

> Southern Cross Cultural Exchange currently has over 100 students from Europe, Canada, USA, Japan, Brazil and Colombia, who will arrive in Feburary 2012 for a few months

> SCCE is a non-profit organisation with 25 years experience in exchange programs. Hosting is voluntary and students bring their own spending money as well as being covered for medical and educational expenses.

> Please ring now for student files and more info on: Your local co-ordinator, Dianne Axam on:

> 0429406126 or e-mail me @:diaxam@bigpond.com

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This email has been included as perhaps some of our members would be interested in such a plan.

It is not connected to the Church, so please contact Dianne direct if you are interested.

Can't think of anything else, as always, will as soon as this is printed. All the mistakes are mine, and remember anytime you wish to submit an article, it would be most welcome. Anything you wish to share.

I appreciate the Wednesday Circle putting pen to paper. Am delighted to print their thoughts.

A clear, concise summary of just what we are about.

Till next time, Alva

* *A Message from the Wednesday morning Group.* *

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* *We often create our own illnesses and discomfort and unhappiness by* *

* *the way we think, however we are fortunate enough to be able to* *

* *change our way of thinking by taking out a negative tape and replacing* *

* *it with a positive,* *

* *if we think positive our whole body is renewed of energy and vigor.* *

* *We don't have to be taught to be spiritual, we are Spiritual Beings, what* *

* *is more spiritual than our friendships and helping each other and* *

* *learning and growing from each experience that you have and I have ?* *

* *Some say that we are not learning anything Spiritual,* *

* *we don't have to learn, we are there and only have to be ourselves,* *

* *and willing to accept the friendship and growth that we get from this* *

* *Group, and from day to day living.* *

* *When things don't go smooth we can cry and carry on—or we can learn* *

* *and grow from each experience, be it sad or happy, and we will become* *

* *stronger -* *

* *I feel very fortunate to be part of this loving group* *

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* *Nancy Eldridge* *

* *Joanne Hastie* *

* *Elly.Johnson* *

* *Maree McShane* *

24-8-2011

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Dear Alva

My sentiments from the retreat!

We had a great time, the weather was a combination of warm, sunny, light rain. it was cold but not freezing - and it's a beautiful spot love Jo

STROUD RETREAT 2011

What a weekend!! The Monastery and rustic buildings were just as beautiful as we hoped, as were the 31 acres of grounds which provided for beautiful walks and being at one with nature. The bird life and magnificence of the trees and billabongs added to our connection with nature.

It was so inspiring to see each member get in and help with the household chores and in any way they could. There was free time for walks, resting, exploring. We were privileged to have the Rev Cliff, resident Minister from the Monastery come to visit and talk with us. She was immensely inspiring and informative and very open to any questions put to her. It was a privilege to meet her.

You would all have been so proud of our church dancers – “The Spiritual Souls ” – performing the hula dance and then showing their amazing ability to switch to line dancing!! Our musicians likewise showed unbelievable talent! I have to advise here that our dancers and musicians are not yet available for public performances – we are quite UNIQUE in our performances and have a style of our own!!!

We had our own private chef too. MARCIA. The food was truly amazing. And the deserts.....to die for. We all waddled out of the Monastery on Sunday afternoon.

I can say without reserve that the Master Chefs have a lot of competition!!

Various members took the meditations and this was a beautiful experience.

The monastery chapel was very beautiful and had such a calming and peaceful atmosphere. And we would have been disappointed if we had not experienced some “unexplained” incidents within the monastery.

It was an absolute pleasure to be part of the retreat.

Everyone went out of their way to help in any way they could.

There was lots of laughter and good humoured badgering.

My sincere thanks to you Marcia for your help and support with the organising and running of the retreat, and to our exceptional and wonderful TEAM.

It's a privilege to be a part of you.

We look forward to the next retreat – which we anticipate will be bigger and better!!

Love Jo

Watch our noticeboard for photos!!!!!

Irish Tradition

Paddy had long heard the stories of an amazing family tradition.

It seems that his father, grandfather and great-grandfather had all been able to walk on water on their 18th birthday.

On that special day, they'd each walked across the lake to the pub on the far side for their first legal drink.

So when Paddy's, 18th birthday came 'round, he and his pal Mick, took a boat out to the middle of the lake, Paddy, stepped out of the boat ... and nearly drowned !

Mick just barely managed to pull him to safety. Furious and confused, Paddy, went to see his grandmother.

'Grandma,' he asked, "Tis me 18th birthday, so why can't I walk 'cross the lake like me father, his father, and his father before him?"

Granny looked deeply into Paddy's, troubled brown eyes and said,

"Because ye father, ye grandfather and ye great-grandfather were all born in December, when the lake is frozen, and ye were born in August, ya foolish idiot!

LEXIPHILE

A lexiphile is a lover of words; one who is fascinated by words language.

Example of a lexiphile's play :

A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

Read on if you can.....

To write with a broken pencil is pointless.

When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate..

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A.

The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes was on shaky ground.

The batteries were given out free of charge.

A will is a dead giveaway.

If you don't pay your exorcist, you can get repossessed.

With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you A-flat miner.

You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it..

A boiled egg is hard to beat.

When you've seen one shopping centre you've seen a mall.

Police were called to a day care where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

Did you hear about the fellow whose whole left side was cut off?

He's all right now .

A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.

In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.

The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.

He had a photographic memory which was never developed.

Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.

When she saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she'd dye.

Acupuncture: a jab well done.

Ok.....You did it! It will stop now

Life is what we make it, and the world is what we make it. The eyes of the cheerful and of the melancholy man are fixed upon the same creation; but very different are the aspects which it bears to them. Albert Pike

Just think how happy you would be if you lost everything you have right now, and then got it back again. Frances Rodman

Remember that too many people who faithfully follow the prescription to work hard, sacrifice, achieve, accomplish, create and get ahead either "crack up" in the process or find an emotional vacuum at the end of it all. Arnold Lazarus

Some people are sympathetic; others are just pathetic. Peter Wasthol

IDIOT SIGHTING

I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked,
'Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?'

To which I replied, 'If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?'

He smiled knowingly and nodded, 'That's why we ask.'

IDIOT SIGHTING

I live in a semi rural area.

We recently had a new neighbor call the local township administrative office to request the removal of the DEER CROSSING sign on our road.

The reason: 'Too many deer are being hit by cars out here!'

I don't think this is a good place for them to be crossing anymore.'

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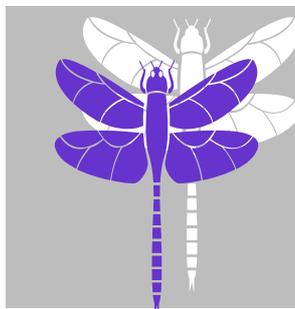
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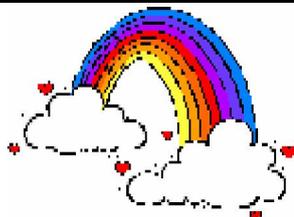
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