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Glennyce Eckersley

Revd Gillian Gordon reports:



Some years ago now if you attended the New Church College (renamed Wellspring House) you will remember Glennyce Eckersley who was so much a part of the activities there, offering hospitality, practicality and advice. She became a successful author of angel books and the latest news is that she was included in the following:

Manchester and the North West of England are celebrating 100 years since women attained the right to vote, with a variety of events. Having prominent campaigners in the field it was decided that there would be a book featuring 100 inspirational women today from the area.

Purley Games Room Mural

Revd Alison Southcombe reports:



The mural in the games room at Purley Chase Centre is now complete. Check out all the photos and a video on the General Conference web site News section or by going directly to:

<https://www.generalconference.org.uk/purley-chase-centre-games-room-mural/>

The Purley mural is an expression of the ideas Swedenborg had about the spiritual world. This great piece of work has been brought to life by the well-known mural artist Nathan Parker (tag N4T4) and has been designed to appeal to visitors of all ages, as there are small details hidden in the overall imagery for young people to search out. Included in the images covering spiritual themes are ladybirds, a frog, a muntjac deer and an owl.

The mural 'story' starts on the left as you come into the games room with the image of a window looking out onto a new landscape -



this is symbolic of taking a fresh view of things. The imagery then moves round to show Swedenborg himself and the small summerhouse where he did a lot of his writing.

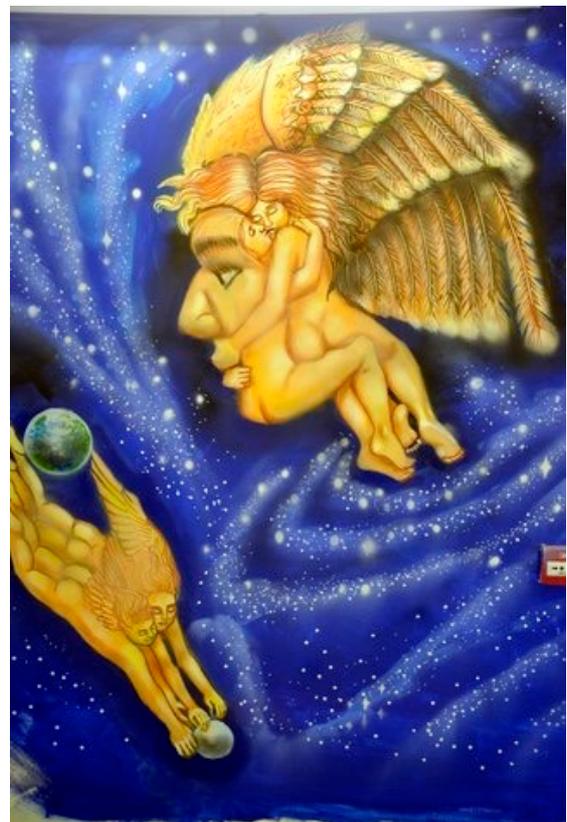


The concepts broadly covered are the seasons, night and day and things changing from one state to another - this connects to Swedenborg's love of the natural world and his ideas of nature as the mirror of the heavens.

Very important ideas in the mural are change and regeneration and the relationship between the physical world and the heavenly planes.

There is also reference to William Blake as the mural features a version of Blake's Jacob's Ladder image. Nathan was also able to recreate the painting 'Celestial Bodies' by surrealist artist Octavio Ocampo which depicts male and female angels as one angelic being - the perfected combination of opposites.

As the imagery sparks lots of questions, we have already found the mural to be a great talking point and a way of illustrating Swedenborg's ideas to people who come to visit.



New Christian Bible Study - Latest News

Steve David reports:

At the New Christian Bible Study, we've been rolling out a bunch of new features. Hopefully, you've seen some of them, but I'll touch on a few recent high spots:

- The Bible “slider” study tools pane now offers tabs for related Bible words and phrases, related verses from elsewhere in the Word, more related commentary, better organised links to Swedenborg’s explanatory works, and links to Biblical Sunday-school-type resources for parents and teachers.
- We just added a new Swedenborg “slider”, with inbound links, parallel passages, and related commentary. It's a great toolset for people who want to explore his (extensive) theological works.
- We’ve improved the user interface where Bible word/phrase symbolism is explained.
- We’ve updated the Japanese user interface.
- We’ve added 5 more Spanish translations of Swedenborg’s works, and 2 more each in Zulu and Czech.
- We’ve improved the Notes and Bookmarks functions as part of the study tools we offer.

And we’ve added lots of other things, too. So come on over to the site, and take a look. It keeps getting better, and more and more people are finding it and coming back.

