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Family Festival Gift Mailings

Carolyn Kennion reports:

I wonder how many of you have accepted the offer of gift mailings from the New Church in the USA.

Keith and Annabeth Dunbar did and here are some photos of a lovely Christmas lantern which Annabeth made from a kit included in the Christmas pack.



A dear and loved friend and life long servant of the Church Barbara Bentley, wife of Dr Geoffrey Bentley and mother of Liz, Jon and Andrew passed into the spiritual world on 12th November 2019. Her memorial service was taken by Rev David Gaffney on the 21st November at Derby New Church.

A Person Lives As A Person After Death. The Lord, Who Is God From Eternity And The Creator Of The Universe, Has Provided That The Condition Of A Person Who Conjoins Themselves With Him By Living According To His Commandments Be More Blessed And Happy After Death Than Their Condition Before It In The World. (Conjugal Love 28)

Upcoming Activities

Jenny Jones reports:

The youth and family team would like to invite everyone, of any age, to join them at Fountains Abbey deer park on Saturday 18th January for an afternoon stroll/scramble (depending on your energy levels!). We will meet at 12.30 for an optional pre-walk picnic and will hopefully end our walk with a warming drink at the café. As we are walking in the deer park, the only cost will be the National Trust car park.



On Saturday 15th February, we are holding an activity day in the Manchester area and will be joining together at Kearsley New Church the following morning for a service led by the young people. Again, we would love to see you there.

On the Saturday afternoon we will spend an hour in the snow park at Chill Factore in Manchester and then warm up with an hour's jumping at Inflata Nation, also in Manchester. This will be followed by tea at Wellspring House.

Sledging and jumping may no longer be your thing... but if you



have a grandchild, niece, nephew or friend's child that would like to join us then please get in touch. All children from the age of 4 can take part. The two activities will cost £15.



If you would like any further details or would like to book a place then please let Jenny Jones know:

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Paisley Carol Service

Margaret Cowie reports:

The 15th of December was another memorable day for the Paisley Church. There were so many in 2019! It was our Carol Service, when our small, but perfectly formed, congregation was delighted to welcome family and friends.



Jack had prepared a wonderful Service, Helen and Neil Laidlaw the carols on a cd, and Winnie

Laing sang "In The Bleak Midwinter". Members of the congregation read from the Word and everyone sang with joy in their hearts. It was as if the whole building was filled with love. Following the Service the hall became a beehive. Everyone undertook a task to transform the hall from a place of worship into a cafe! Then we all sat down to chat and enjoy light lunch. It was a truly wonderful day.

