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SOLCe Leader of Education

Chris Chambers reports:

The current Leader of Education, Helen Brown, is retiring at the end of this year and SOLCe will be seeking a new Leader to be responsible for training those interested in ministry and for bringing an awareness and understanding of the Writings Of Swedenborg to a wider audience. It had been our intention to advertise the post this month with interviews taking place in May. However, with the current situation, it has been decided to delay this process. Once we have a clearer idea of the government's approach beyond the lockdown, we will advertise the post and hopefully interview sometime mid to late June. This allows time for a new Leader to settle into the role and have a period of support and handover with Helen.

Sunday Zoom Service

Rev'd Alison Southcombe reports:

This coming Sunday the 19th April the ministry team warmly invites you to join a Zoom worship service.

As before the service will start at 10.45am but the link will be active from 10.30am to allow you to join the Zoom platform and greet each other.

If you have not already done so, to receive the link to join these services, please subscribe!

GDPR regulation means you have to opt-in to continue

to receive email invitations to future General Conference of the New Church online worship services.

Please email alison.southcombe@purleychasecentre.org.uk with the word **subscribe** and once you've done this, you're automatically on the list for each week. You can also email at any time to unsubscribe.



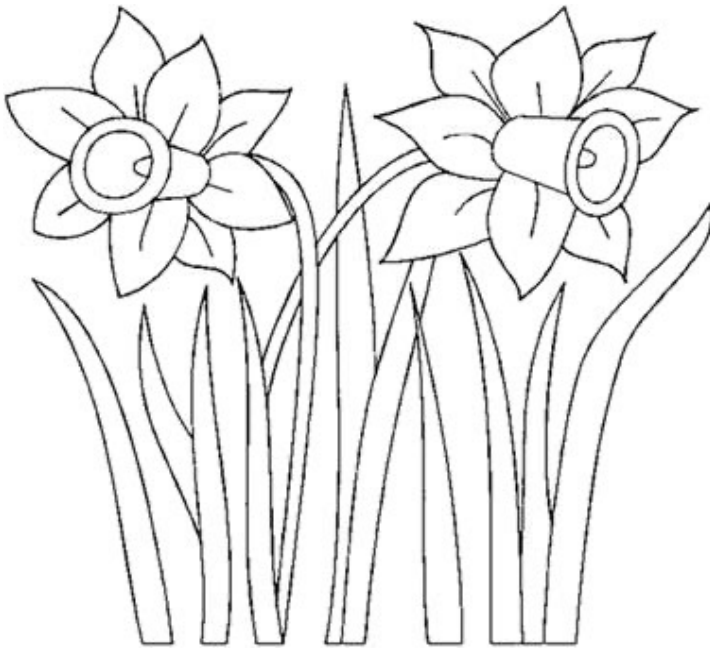
Like spring flowers welcoming the sun, let's lift up our hearts to the light of the Lord in worship.

Sunday Service Pictures

Revd Christine Bank (on behalf of GCNC Ministry team) reports:

Can you help with pictures for our Sunday worship?

If you've been joining our online Sunday worship you'll know we have space to include the artistic talents of children and young people in our worship. Think of how many lovely rainbows are on display in windows at the moment. We are looking for bright and colourful images from the natural world to use with our hymns and at other points in the Sunday services. Keep it simple, clear and colourful so it looks good on screen.



Can you draw or colour a picture from nature and then send a good quality photo of it? Maybe you can take a photo rather than draw? Photos need to be good quality to display properly on screen and we look forward to being able to include them in our worship.

Please send photos through WhatsApp, Messenger or email to Robert Clark robert.clark@gcnc.org.uk who is co-ordinating this. If you include anyone in your images **please make sure you have their permission** for it to be shared before sending it in.



Easter Rally Quiz Answers

Jenny Jones writes:

- 1) How many spiders do you swallow a year in your sleep? **0**
- 2) Do astronauts become taller or shorter due to their time in space? **taller**
- 3) Which is the most common bird in the world? **chicken**
- 4) Guess the weight of a hippo not in kilograms but in "average sized men"? **20**
- 5) What percentage of households have a pet? **40%**
- 6) In total, which artist or band has spent the most time at the top of the UK singles chart? **Elvis Presley**
- 7) How many babies are born in the world every minute? **245**
- 8) If you divided all the lego bricks equally between each person alive, how many would they have each? **86**
- 9) How many teaspoons of sugar are in a 2 Litre bottle of coke? **53**
- 10) Which city (measured by population) is the largest in the world? **Tokyo**
- 11) What colour cars are most likely to be involved in a crash? **red**
- 12) True or False: the colour orange is named after the fruit? **True. Before the 18th century they it was called red-yellow**
- 13) Which fast food company has the most outlets in the world? **Subway**
- 14) What household chore do most people say they dislike doing? **ironing**
- 15) The mayor of San Pedro, a town in Mexico, marries an animal every year to bring good luck. Which animal does he marry? **crocodile**

Reader Contributions



Thank you Gemma, for the E-News & E-Reads - we really appreciate all the work you put into them. It's lovely to be able to stay in touch with Conference news in this way & to read interesting contributions from so many people. We send good wishes, to all our friends in the Conference New Church, for a very
Happy Easter!

David & Anne Glover - Colchester

This is a dazzling carpet of beautiful spring flowers called *Chionodoxa*, more commonly called “glory of the snow” (and easier to say!) Native to western Turkey it flowers in early spring, hence the name. It is a bulbous plant with a single stem, on which the flowers are borne on short stalks of equal length and distance. The flowers at the base of the stem develop first. There can be as many as 8 star-like, upward facing flowers consisting of 6 blue petals fading to white at the centre. They are undoubtedly a wonderful sight to behold. It is such a small delicate flower yet it gives so much pleasure.

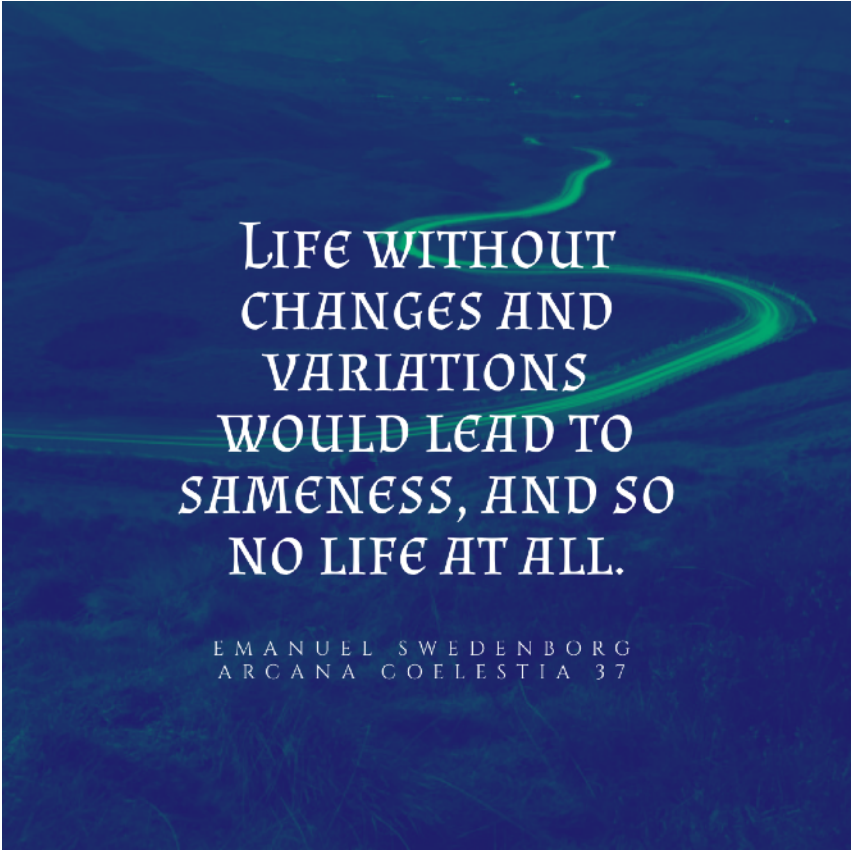


While I was out for my permitted “daily exercise” recently I came across one of my favourite little flowers which I’d like to share with you. Some gardeners may want to be of it when it appears in the lawn, but I think it is beautiful. The Latin name *Veronica* comes from a story of a woman, later canonized as St. Veronica who is said to have wiped the blood from the face of Jesus on his journey to Calvary. Apparently “her kerchief bore the vera iconica, ‘the true likeness,’ of his

sacred features.” “Vera iconica” is actually a mixture of Greek and Latin terms .

It is more commonly known as “speedwell” This one is called “slender speedwell” As I said it’s my particular favourite. There are over 500 varieties of this plant with colours ranging from blue, purple, white or pink. The slender speedwell was introduced from Turkey in 1808 as a rock garden plant. It was first reported as an escape from cultivation in 1838 and is now established throughout Britain. It is such a joy to walk over a grassy area and suddenly discover a patch of these delicate, purple and blue gems peeping modestly through the green grass. Travellers in years gone by appreciated its bright blue petals, and in Ireland, it was sewn into clothes as a charm to protect against accidents. I certainly appreciate it, and I’m sure you will too whenever you see it.

Margaret Cowie



LIFE WITHOUT
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NO LIFE AT ALL.

EMANUEL SWEDENBORG
ARCANA COELESTIA 37



Everything in the
whole world and in
the world of nature
that is in the Divine
design, goes back
to what is good and
what is true.

Emanuel Swedenborg Heaven And Hell 107

Shared by Revd Christine Bank

Eggshibition

Gemma McLean writes:

Jenny Jones held an “eggcellent egg eggshibition” on the Purley People Facebook page at the weekend. She encouraged people to send in photos of their decorated eggs.

Contributions were received from: Lucy , Rachel, Eve, Hazel, Lara, Arran, Jason, Emily, Harriet, Connie, Libby, Jenny, Margaret, Carolyn, Charlotte and Immy, Scott, Alexandra, Nicky, Joel, Alison, Verity, Shannon, Joyce, Helen and Mark...

Here are some of the entries! There were far too many to include in E-News, so please take a look at the Purley People Facebook page to see them all.



