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### Zoom Family Service

#### Robert Clark reports:

Our Zoom family service is on Saturday 23rd May @ 4pm. Everybody welcome! Please have a Bible with you if possible.

If you would like to receive a link to this service and future family services (proposed to be every fourth Saturday of the month), please email “**Subscribe to Zoom family services**” to [robert.clark@gcnc.org.uk](mailto:robert.clark@gcnc.org.uk) from the email address you wish to subscribe with.

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### Bird Box Videos

#### Judith Wilson writes:



In 2015 and on their Golden Wedding Anniversary David and Elisabeth Brooks’ family gave them a webcam for their nesting box in the garden. Elisabeth saw the first eggs laid before she died. Birds have not used the nest every year and this year is the most successful.

We think you might like to see a selection of the videos - Elisabeth would have loved them.

Please visit <https://www.generalconference.org.uk/bird-box-videos/> to view the videos.

(One of the videos shows the removal of a poo-bag to keep the nest clean.)

In memory of Elisabeth - David and Judith

## **A News Puzzle - Continued**

**Richard Cunningham submitted this response:**

The answer to the News Puzzle in E-News 50 and 52 is as follows.

The New Church, predicted in the book of Revelation, was completed in the Heavens by the Lord Jesus Christ. The date recorded by Emanuel Swedenborg, was 19th June 1770. You can find Swedenborg's report in TCR at paragraph 791. If you are reading this online, you can find this paragraph at:

<https://newchristianbiblestudy.org/exposition/translation/true-christian-religion-chadwick/contents/7910>

So on 19th June we will celebrate 250 years since that date, a quarter of a millennium! And Swedenborg was the only person on Earth to know.

**Revd Mary Duckworth writes:**

Thank you, Richard, for your answer to the puzzle and leading us to 'True Christian Religion' paragraph 791. Swedenborg saw the Lord sending out the twelve disciples into the spiritual world. Their message is clear: the Lord God Jesus Christ reigns over an everlasting kingdom.

This happened on June 19. Is this what we celebrate on New Church Day?

As a girl I imagined we were celebrating our church. As I got older I realised the New Church the Lord was creating was more than a New Church organisation. Not easy to grasp. So what are we really celebrating on June 19? Will someone please help?

## **250 years ago Swedenborg reported:**

...the Lord called together His twelve disciples, who had followed Him in the world; and a day later He sent them all forth throughout the spiritual world to preach the Gospel, that the Lord God Jesus Christ is king, and His kingdom shall be for ever and ever, as foretold by Daniel ([Daniel 7:13-14](#)) and in Revelation ([Revelation 11:15](#)). (TCR 790)

**c2,000 years ago Matthew reported Jesus's words:**

He [the Son of Man] will send his angels, and they will gather together His chosen people from the bounds of the heavens on one side as far as the bounds of the heavens on the other. (Matthew 24:31)

**And John reported:**

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. (Revelation 11:15)

**Over 2,500 years ago Daniel reported:**

I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. (Daniel 7:13-14)

**Zoom Tips****Gemma McLean writes:**

With more and more of us using online video conferencing tools such as Zoom, I felt it would be useful to share some tips with you..

**Expectations**

If you've watched any television during lockdown, you will have seen lots of people being interviewed via video conferencing. Have you noticed how often they have technical troubles? Whether this be a slight delay in responding to questions, the screen freezing up or losing connection completely, it is not uncommon to have difficulties when video conferencing. This is largely due to the Internet infrastructure. In 10 years time, I would guess that most people will have super fast fibre Internet. But currently, this is not the case.

So imagine if you have 80 people all connected via Zoom. If even one person has a slow Internet connection, it can cause a problem. If the host is sharing a large video file then that video is essentially having to "beam" to 80 different computers via the Internet in an instant. It is unrealistic to expect this to be instant and perfect with no delay. So please try and have patience when using tools such as Zoom, especially when there are large numbers of participants.

**Webcams**

Following on from that point, a really practical way to ease the pressure on the Internet bandwidth is to turn off webcams when not being used. Imagine you have 80 people in a

Zoom session, all with their webcams turned on. Each computer is having to send out the data from the webcam (let's say this is 5MB) and simultaneously receive the data from the 79 other webcams (so that would work out at a massive 395MB at 5MB per camera). This doesn't even include the data the host is sending or microphone/audio data.



So the best advice is to turn off your camera when not in use (there is a little camera icon in Zoom to allow you to easily do this) unless you need to be seen (for example if you are talking to someone, or making a contribution to the session).

### Microphones

Some people may find that their microphone is too quiet for others to hear. You can adjust your microphone settings in Zoom by going to the settings screen (it should have a little cog icon) and selecting Audio from the tab on the left. You can try unticking the checkbox that says Automatically adjust microphone and then increasing the volume of the mic.

You may find you need to purchase a headset with microphone for better audio quality. I can recommend Logitech headsets:

<https://www.logitech.com/en-gb/headsets/wired-headsets>

### Setting a Name

If you don't tell Zoom your name then you may find that others see you as "iPad Home" or something equally generic. To change your display name, go to the settings screen (it should have a little cog icon) and select Profile from the tab on the left. You can then alter your name from within that section.

### Feedback Loops

If you are connected to a Zoom session on more than one device in the same room (for example 2 people on different laptops or one on a PC and one on the phone), you should really consider if this is necessary. Could you share a device or use separate rooms?

If it is unavoidable then please make sure one of the microphones is muted when the other is not. Otherwise, if both microphones are on, you end up with a horrible feedback loop and a screeching sound that everyone hears. Using headsets can also solve this problem.

## Forest Church

### Revd Becky Jarratt reports:

We are missing our monthly sessions in the woods! However, as a family we have explored the woods more than ever before.

With less traffic on the nearby A64, the birdsong is almost deafening. We have seen the wildflowers come up, and we cannot see through to the other side of the woods now that the trees are in full leaf.

The beauty of nature never fails to inspire us.

