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Together Online 2020 - July 29th and 30th

If you have not already done so, please access the papers for this event using the link below.

We hope that you will read them in good time and send any questions in advance.

We look forward to seeing you and sharing time together.

Judith Wilson

<https://www.generalconference.org.uk/resources/together-online/>

Rise and Shine Radio Show

Our Spiritual Leader, Revd Jack Dunion, broadcasts his own online radio show every Sunday at 9am on Leven Radio:

<http://levenlockdownradio.online/>

Revelation Online

Revds Mary Duckworth, Michael Stanley, Clifford Curry and Bruce Jarvis write:

At this time of global challenge, using artwork and written material already developed, it is hoped to create a new website to put online the message of hope and spiritual renewal that the inner message of the Book of Revelation contains, taking advantage of the advances in communication the web has made possible.

It is no secret that we are faced with crises on several fronts at once. The global pandemic is the one that has had the most immediate impact for many, but added to this is the developing climate crisis caused by global warming. Now consider the problems of refugees caught up in regional conflicts, and the increasing numbers facing famine and economic hardship, and it really starts to look apocalyptic.

According to Emanuel Swedenborg, outward events occurring in the natural world, whether they are good or bad, are essentially reflections of what is happening in the Spiritual World, within which human hearts and minds actually dwell. What goes on here are the effects of what is happening above and within. For example, we can see how changes in the quality of our motivations and actions bring about changes, for good or bad, in the world around us. We might say that what appears on the outside is a reflection of or corresponds to what is within. In the same way, the Book of Revelation paints a picture of external crises and upheavals 'on the earth' and how these are resolved. This picture is describing the corresponding challenges and crises that we men and women experience as our inner character grows and develops. Our emotions, attitudes and aspiration undergo great upheavals as the old is replaced by the new.



One aim of this article, and the session to be held under the same title at "Together Online" at the end of July, is to draw together technical expertise to present both the outer and inner message of Revelation to the church and to the wider world using the worldwide web. More than ever, we all need the paradigm shift of attitude and belief directing our living that Revelation advocates and the New Jerusalem describes.

If you are interested in developing new ways of getting the teachings of the new age out into the world, do please join this session. It will be held via Zoom at 7:30pm on Wednesday 29th

July. For more information about Together Online, including a downloadable programme, visit our web site: <https://www.generalconference.org.uk/resources/together-online/>

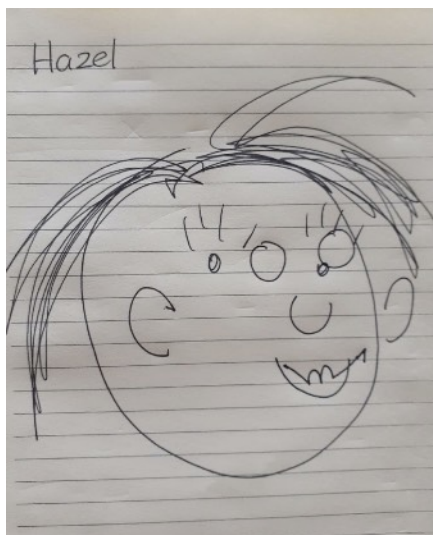
If you are planning to join the Revelation Online Zoom meeting, you are asked to have a sheet of paper and a pen or pencil by you to jot down key words to think about towards the end of the session.

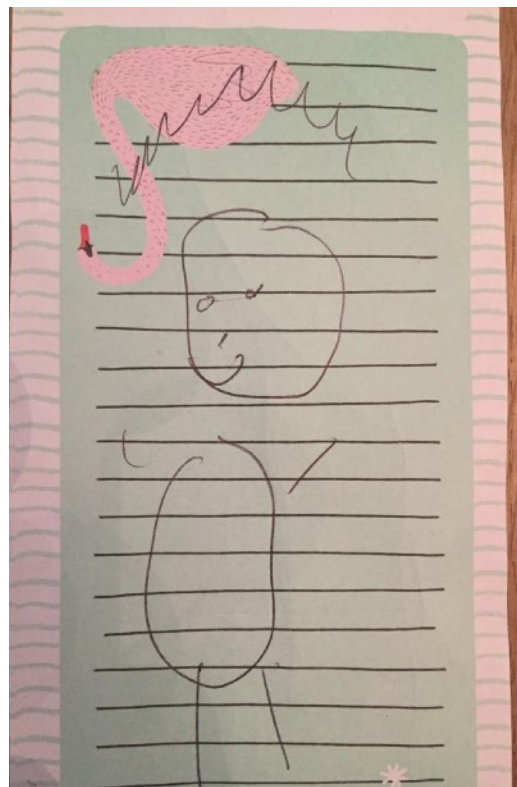
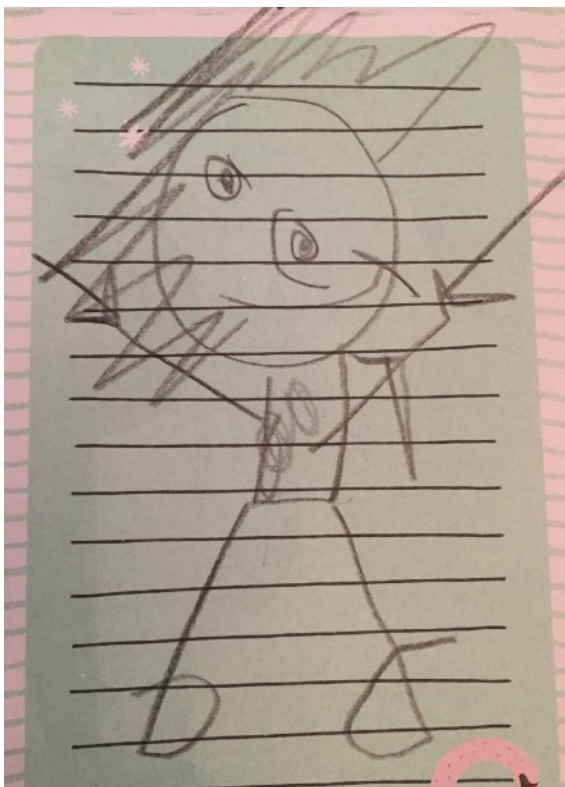
Meanwhile, you might like to check out the current website www.apocalypse-of-john.org.uk which we are aware needs updating and reinvigorating.

Family Service Portraits

Jenny Jones reports:

During our family service last Sunday we heard the story of how Jesus healed a man who had been born blind. One of our activities was to close our eyes and draw a detailed self portrait. Here are some of the results!





Zoom Services Going Forward

Revd Becky Jarratt reports:

The Online Worship Team would like to thank everyone who has contributed in any way to the Zoom services over the past four months. From this Sunday, we are moving to an afternoon slot. This is because we know a number of churches are getting ready to start back in person, so we wish them to have the space to do just that. There will be a Zoom service every 2nd and 4th Sunday at **3.30 pm** from September, and sometimes other services in between. We hope that this may help those churches who meet fortnightly to draw up a plan, if they know what is happening nationally.

As we move back into the sorts of lives we were leading before COVID-19, we will review our plans and look at how they can go forward in the future. Thank you also to everyone who completed the second SurveyMonkey. It was clear from that how much people have valued being able to meet online, and that this should be continued.

So, whatever else is happening in life, you can know that we can be together on Sunday afternoons at **3.30 pm** on the following dates, beginning this weekend:

- ✱ **19th July**
- ✱ (Together Online on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th July. No weekend service)
- ✱ **9th August** (led by the Youth and Family Team)
- ✱ **23rd August**
- ✱ **13th September**
- ✱ **20th September** (led by the NCYA)
- ✱ **27th September** - Harvest Festival
- ✱ **11th October**
- ✱ **25th October**
- ✱ **8th November** - Remembrance Sunday
- ✱ **22nd November**
- ✱ **13th December** - Carol Service

Further dates to follow.

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