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Rise and Shine Radio Show

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

<https://riverradio.uk/>

You can find recordings of previous shows here:

<http://levenlockdownradio.online/replay/rise-and-shine>

News of the July Conference Council Meeting

Shannon Fitzgerald reports:

Days before our wonderful time at 'Together Online' the Council gathered in our own homes for our second Council meeting on Zoom. Once again it was lovely to see everyone gathered online as Revd Christine Bank opened our meeting.

As we are all itching to get back to our home away from homes, Purley Chase, you will be happy to know that

the plan is to open the doors on September 1st. All staff will be updated with new training and this date is conditional to government guidelines. Fingers crossed!

We confirmed the decisions made by email that we buy a Zoom Business Licence to ensure we can make the best use of this software whilst we need it. In the hopes that our churches will start to re-open their doors once again we also confirmed the email decision that confirmed the policy for re-opening churches. Thanks to Richard Cunningham and Wilf Woodhouse for producing this.

Moving our services online has opened our eyes to many licensing and copyright issues which Revd Alison Southcombe has been trying to tackle. This has included gaining a licence for streaming music online which will hopefully become part of a wider policy which churches can also use. Revd Jack Dunion has also been spreading his wings online by producing his regular Sunday radio program, in addition to exploring the possibilities of a YouTube channel.

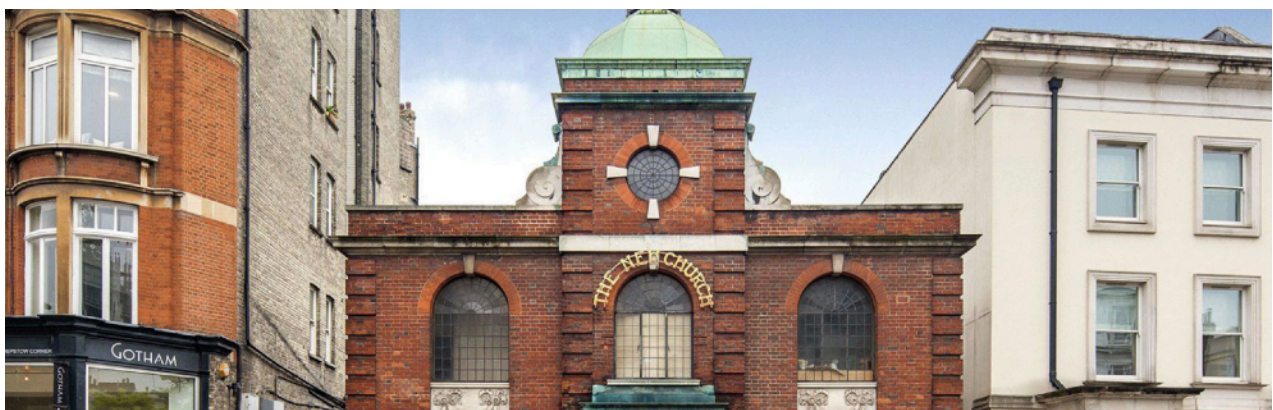
As Margaret and I have been on the Council for one year it was agreed we would become linked with ministry to fulfil specific roles in the church. Margaret has become the link for the Committee for Auxiliary Ministry and line manager for the CAM co-ordinator. I have become the link for Training and Development in the church. We are both excited to take these roles forward.

Although I am sure we all enjoyed our 'Together Online' Conference and AGM this year, many of us are looking forward to the normality of next year. Lara Nicholls agreed to produce the programme for Conference 2021 which we hope to have in person.

Finally, I wanted to express my thanks to anyone who contributed to the 'Together Online' programme. It was great to see everyone on screen enjoying the services and talks over the two days.

Upcoming Talk on New Church Places of Worship

James Wilson, Swedenborg House, writes:



We thought the subscribers of E-News might be particularly interested in one of our upcoming online talks that will look at New Church places of worship:

EVENT: NEW JERUSALEM: discovering an (almost) forgotten part of England's religious heritage

DATE: 25th August 2020

TIME: 6.00-7.00pm

VENUE: Zoom

SPEAKER/S: Alan Walker

For more information and to book a place, please visit the web page below:

<https://www.swedenborg.org.uk/events/new-jerusalem-discovering-an-almost-forgotten-part-of-englands-religious-heritage/>

New Church Youth Association News

Carolyn Kennion reports:

Exhibition Prizes

Each child who entered the NCYA Exhibition this year was awarded a One4All gift voucher to choose their own treat online or in store. We are getting news of what the children have bought including clothes, a mini rucksack, a Dr Who music CD, pillows for a den and a variety of toys. Here is the youngest entrant with one of her 'prizes'.



New Starters Letter-Writers

During Together Online we announced that Tiggy had written his last Home Sunday Club letter to the 3-7 year olds. We are sad to say 'good-bye' to Tiggy but pleased to welcome our new letter-writers, Eddie and Dougie, two lovable spaniels, who will be sharing their adventures with the youngest readers each month.

New members are always welcome to join Home Sunday Club and receive the monthly packs containing a letter and Bible-based activity leaflet for 3-7 year olds and 8 years plus. If you know of any children in the UK or abroad who might like to be members please contact Carolyn Kennion (details in Conference Address Directory or via the E-news editor).



Hedgehog Arrivals

Rachel Gilsenan writes:

As most people are aware the United Kingdom's hedgehog population is diminishing rapidly. There were 30 million in the 1950s but by 1995 the figure had fallen to 1.5 million. Now we have roughly 1 million hedgehogs left in the UK.

So, what could Purley Chase do to help?

Well during our closure, we have been making log piles, insect houses and putting hedgehog food out to hopefully attract some of the hedgehogs in and around our area. Unfortunately this did not attract any.



This is when we got in touch with Chris who runs Les Mont's Hedgehog Hospital and Sanctuary, which is just 5 minutes from Purley Chase. She has run this non-profit making charity for 16 years from her house and at present has 71 hoglets that have been abandoned by their mothers or just found and brought to her. She has a tabletop sale the first Sunday of the month between 2pm and 5pm to raise money to help keep her sanctuary going.

Chris at the moment has very long days due to the feeding patterns of the hoglets and vet visits with some of the sick hedgehogs costing £400 for an amputation and £73 for an x ray not taking in to account antibiotics/medication that some animals need, plus visits and training for the general public who want to rehome and help with looking after these little creatures

We visited the tabletop sale recently and donated to help, and mentioned that here at Purley we had an abundance of hedges and lots of undergrowth for a hedgehog to live happily if she ever needed to release any back into the wild.

We created a little haven for the hedgehogs and to our surprise, Chris contacted us and said she had potentially 3 that needed to be released back into the wild. So, on the 9th August we went to collect our 3 new guests:

Monty who is a large male:



Splinter who was found in a drain in Atherstone and a little smaller than Monty, but his name may have to be changed yet as he may be a she, but we will know later:



Rosie who is a very large girl who Chris raised from a hoglet and is very special to her so hopefully with food and drink in abundance around Purley we may keep her around the

grounds but she is definitely the star of the show who loves to hog the lime light (no pun intended):



Chris was a great help and kindly pointed us in the right direction on how to handle and release safely. Hopefully this will help to repopulate the hedgehog world of Ridge lane and Mancetter and this will be the start of a long relationship.



<https://www.lesmontshedgehogs.co.uk/>