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New Church Children's Day at Seaburn Dene

Lynne Griffiths writes:

Seaburn Dene New Church celebrated new church children's day a week late on 23rd January 2022 due to not having a service on that day. We heard the address from New Church Youth Association President Carolyn Kenyon and used the suggested readings and prayers which were helpfully shared.

As a group we also thought of how there were many kinds of young animals and named many of these which we stuck to the altar rail as a reminder that once grown they enter a new phase of life and are no longer referred to in those terms - childhood and being young is merely a phase on the journey of earthly life.



It was lovely seeing photos of some of our seekers as young babies/children alongside pictures of them now - what a change! It was a time to reflect on what had happened to them to help them grow and develop and we heard how we are all important in caring for and teaching children and young people, even if they are strangers to us. As the rest of us heard of the importance of supporting young people and helping them grow Alexandra and Scott made Lego models of a small seed and a big tree to emphasise the parable of the mustard seed that we had heard. Alexandra even included water as recognised this was needed for trees to grow. What talented Lego builders we have!



Overall a lovely service reminding us of the blessings of children and how the seeds that are planted as babies and children can eventually come to fruition and blossom, but only if supported and encouraged by others.

Update Concerning Paul Morgan

Paul is currently in his third year of ordination training. It has been a challenge to provide a balanced training in the midst of Covid and repeated lockdowns. Unfortunately, the valuable practical and applied elements have subsequently been severely curtailed. It has been a lonely training.

In the light of this at the latest SSMG (Sponsored Student Monitoring Group) on 6th January possible ways forward were explored.

It was decided that Paul would benefit from an additional year as a student. This will enable him to study remaining modules with face-to-face tuition from a tutor and will include some sessions with a study buddy to enable discussion. It is also proposed that Paul has placements which would include such aspects as group leading, worship leading and fieldwork elements that have been impossible to fulfil during Covid restrictions.

This means that Paul's ordination will be postponed until 2023.

Submitted on behalf of the Sponsored Student Monitoring group

Sue Chesworth
Revd. Helen Brown

Logopraxis

Logopraxis is a term coined from the Greek words "Logos" meaning "the Word" and "praxis", meaning "to practice" and so it simply means "to practice the Word".

It is a process orientated approach for engaging with Sacred Texts in that it is founded on the community's collective acknowledgement that the Lord continuously reveals Himself through them. These Texts form a Divine Revelation or Word. They provide the basis for experiencing the Lord's presence with us when they are taken into the mind and life through the practice of the truths they offer.

In the New Church organisation, we have an acknowledgement that the Heavenly Doctrines are the texts that have been provided by the Lord to support the regeneration of the human mind. With this as our starting principle we can then surmise that the Text is what is given for us to hear what the Lord needs us to hear with regards to His divine truth and in how to apply it to our life. In this way the Text can be seen as the meeting place where our outer self which is reading it, is able to meet with the Lord's inflowing

life in what is of His church within us. So, the Text is the means by which we can become more conscious of the thoughts and affections that are present for us that are heavenly, i.e., of the Lord, and in consequence of that, of those thoughts and affections that are in opposition to what is heavenly, i.e., are of the hellish proprium.

If we can approach the Text with an openness to receiving what it is the Lord has to say to us in this way, then what we observe, what is reflected back, what catches our attention, what we are drawn to... will give us an indication about where our specific work lies in terms of our spiritual regeneration.

We open then to the idea that instead of it being a one-way dialogue of us studying the Text - we find that the Text is in fact studying us because it is the means by which we may study ourselves.

This year will be starting to work with Swedenborg's Heaven and Hell text. This is a particularly good text to begin using the Logopraxis approach with – for anyone new to the Logopraxis approach or interested in trying it out.

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