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

<https://lomondradio.co.uk/shows/rise-and-shine>

The link below now gives access to backdated Rise & Shine programs:

<https://www.mixcloud.com/RevJack/>

Revd Geoffrey Clarkson

News has come of Geoffrey's transition into the spiritual world on Saturday 17th September.

He was ordained in 1989, and served the Besses o' th' Barn and Keighley New Churches.

We send our love to his wife Anne.

Further details will be made available as soon as they are known.

Please contact Revd Christine Bank if you require information about Geoffrey's Resurrection Service.

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Carolyn Kennion Spoof Email

Gemma McLean writes:

Please be aware than email purporting to be from Carolyn Kennion was circulated recently that was a scam and nothing to do with Carolyn.

As always if you receive an email asking for a favour, especially if it requires purchasing vouchers (iTunes, Google Play or Amazon for example), please assume it's a scam. If you think it might be genuine, please contact the sender by phone to confirm.



Letter to the King

The following letter of condolence was sent by our two Spiritual Leaders, on behalf of the ministry and the General Conference, to Buckingham Palace on Friday the 9th September:

His Majesty the King and Your Royal Highnesses

On behalf of The General Conference of the New Church in the United Kingdom, we wish to express our deep sorrow following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. We pray that some comfort comes from knowing that the whole country is united in prayerful condolences. The nation has lost a sovereign but we recognise that for your family it is a deeply personal loss. The Ministers and people of the General Conference wish to express our own deep admiration for the profound and wonderful example of faithful service our Majesty the Queen has set for this nation to follow, over so many years and through so many difficult and challenging times.

It is with the utmost sadness that we send this message but also with the greatest of hope, for we believe that Her Majesty the Queen will be greeted by our Lord and Saviour with these words from the Gospel of Matthew 25:21: *"Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."*

May all of you know how much we love and care for all our royal family.

Yours sincerely,

Revd Helen Brown and Revd Jack Dunion
(Joint Spiritual Leaders)



In memoriam

Well done, good and faithful servant.

Matthew 25 v 21

It is the spirit within us that thinks, and thought and affection together make us the people we are. We can see, then, that when we die we simply move from one world into another. This is why in the inner meaning of the Bible, "death" means resurrection and a continuation of life. Emanuel Swedenborg

A prayer for the Monarchy Rev.Brian Talbot

LORD Jesus Christ, Ruler of the universe and Sovereign of the Spiritual World, you are "the only king". We remember today the passing of our beloved Queen Elizabeth II. We thank you for inspiring her and motivating her during her life. We thank you for the kind words you inspired her to speak, and the helpful deeds you encouraged her to perform. We thank you for her humble, wise and long reign. We appreciate her Christianity as the Defender of the Faith, and her eight decades as a member and leader of the Women's Institute. We value her sense of duty and her 70 years of service. We admire her dignity and example of serving other people to the end of her life. We marvel that she fulfilled her promise of serving the country until her death. We wonder at how she made people she met feel relaxed, showing that she wanted to talk to them. She had a sense of fun as she showed in the Paddington sketch. She was a mother figure to the nation. We are in awe of this amazing woman who has seen such great change, and kept on adapting to it. We are grateful for the stability and continuity, she brought to our lives, especially through uncertain times, such as wars and difficult economic times.

We think of her meeting up with her beloved husband Prince Philip, her mother Elizabeth the Queen Mother, her father King George VI and sister Princess Margaret, and other members of the Royal Family who've passed.

We ask you to continue to bless King Charles III as he begins his reign. We pray that he will be open to your compassion and insightfulness. May he continue to speak out on environmental and other important issues. May he continue to bring people together, and continue the work of his mother as the Head of the Commonwealth. Amen



From the New Church Ministers