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

Advent Calendar 2022

generalconference.org.uk/advent

Barbara Stanley

Pauline Grimshaw, Conference Council, writes:

Barbara Stanley, wife of Rev Michael Stanley, passed suddenly and peacefully into the spiritual world on 6th of December. The cremation is private. A celebration and thanksgiving for her life will take place at the beginning of February.

"They who are in heaven are continually advancing to the springtime of life, and the longer they live the more delightful and happy the spring to which they attain, and this to eternity."

Purley Carol Service



Muriel Morgan writes:

Purley had the great pleasure to open its doors again to the public for its Carol Service for the first time since Covid. We all had a wonderful time honouring the birth of our Lord, followed by some fantastic food and mulled wine in a warm and festive atmosphere. It was good to celebrate the season with friends in such an amazing environment. Thank you to Rachel and her staff for going above and beyond to make us all feel welcome. To all, have a blessed Christmas!

Gemma McLean writes:

I took my Mum along to the Purley Carol Service this year and we had a fabulous time. Revd Robin Wooldridge led a wonderful service which was filled with short readings, prayers and of course lots of carols. Nigel Sutton accompanied superbly on the piano. We left the service feeling very 'Christmassy'! Afterwards we enjoyed a superb buffet provided by the Purley staff and a chance to chat with some locals. One of the locals we

sat with had only discovered Purley this week (she had attended the afternoon tea a few days earlier) and was saying what an amazing place it was. Everyone at our table had thoroughly enjoyed the service and felt it was just the right length. Thanks to all who helped organise such a brilliant evening.

19th Century Books of Worship

Revd John Sutton writes:

The Library of the Auckland Society has been dispersed. I have in my possession two 19th century books of worship and hymns. One from the USA and the other from the UK. I would like to post them to anyone who would find these of value. All the pages are still in place and the covers whole but worn and marked.

1. A liturgy for the New Church 7th edition publisher Philadelphia General Church of Pennsylvania 1888.
2. The Morning and Evening Services with Glorifications, Thanksgivings and Particular Services: as contained in the Liturgy for the New Church, signified by the New Jerusalem in the Revelation. London. Printed for the General Conference. 1855. (It includes the lyrics of 600 hymns).

If anyone is interested do contact me at (johnsutton41@gmail.com)

Seaburn Dene - A Candle for Christmas

Lynne Griffiths writes:

Seaburn Dene New Church held their first "A Candle for Christmas" event on Saturday 17th December. It is hoped that this will become an annual community event which grows year upon year.

30 people met in the darkness to listen to the Christmas story, sing carols and pause for reflection and remembrance. Memory trees were adorned with tags written with personal messages to loved ones who are no longer with us and each individual had opportunity to come forward and light a candle to honour those no longer with us. Music was provided by a brass quartet and the organ and the atmosphere was one of quiet stillness, calm and reflection.



All present fed back what a moving and touching service it was and we were delighted to have 5 new visitors to the church attend specifically for this event, as well as friends from far away travel just to partake in the service.

We were also delighted to have the assistant director and her partner from Wearside Women In Need attend to personally received the donations of nightwear, toiletries, gift cards and other essentials for their families. It was humbling to see the generosity of donations from those attending and the wider community.

It truly was a night for remembrance and to remember and captured the Christmas spirit in its true meaning.

We look forward to hosting next years event. x

