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

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

Can You Help Us?

Muriel Morgan writes:

Marketing and Resources Group

The Marketing and Resources Group aim at furthering Swedenborgian Philosophy and developing outreach to the wider community; we also produce/commission printed material, as well as online text and video.

Our current team consist of: Stephen Russell-Lacy (Chair), Revd Jack Dunion and Muriel Morgan; we mostly meet on zoom. No special skills needed, just a desire to see our teachings more widely known. If you think you can help and would like to join us, please send an email to Steve: russell_lacy@hotmail.com
Thank you!

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Barbara Stanley - A Celebration of Life

Revd Mary Duckworth writes:

Barbara Stanley, the wife of the Revd Michael Stanley, passed peacefully into the spiritual world on the 6th December 2022. You are invited to join in:

A Celebration of the Life of Barbara Ann Stanley

13th January 1934 – 6th December 2022

on Saturday, 11th February 2023 at 11.30

at the New Jerusalem Church, Bolton Road, Kearsley, BL4 9DD

Enjoy tea or coffee beforehand from 11.00

Dress informally – Barbara liked colour

RSVP by 4th February for catering purposes to:

Mary: mary.duckworth2@generalconference.org.uk / 01254 386519 or

Pauline: pauline.grimshaw@generalconference.org.uk / 01204 574047

Directions: Turn north off the A666 Bolton Road roundabout. At the traffic lights turn left into Old Hall Street. Take 2nd left into Primrose Street, then 1st left into Charles Street. The church is at the end on the right. Car park through the gate to the right.

Children's Day Celebrations Around the Churches

Carolyn Kennion writes:

The New Church Youth Association are delighted with the feedback they have received about how Children's Day was celebrated in various churches.

Seaburn Dene were first off the mark as they celebrated a week early to fit in with their service calendar. Service leader, Lynne Griffiths, used all the resources provided and three hymns, remembered from childhood or favourites of the young people. They also listened to an appropriate song. It was a small congregation but they enjoyed and appreciated the service.

Revd. Christine Bank included the NCYA materials in a holy supper service at Dalton. There were no children present but Christine reminded the congregation that we are all the Lord's children. She plans to use the materials again at Keighley.

David Brooks enjoyed using the resources in his service. He illustrated the Bible reading (Luke 2:39-52) with pictures downloaded from Free Bible Images (two shown below) and also showed the congregation photos of our church's young people engaged in various activities. As there were no young people present, this helped the congregation to feel connected with them. He added a reading from A.C. 1461.



Twelve year old Jesus with Mary and Joseph on their way to Jerusalem.



"Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"

At Kearsley Church, Pauline Grimshaw led worship using the NCYA leaflet for prayers, readings and the sermon, and favourite children's hymns were sung. Ten year old Annabeth very ably read the lesson from Luke. In Sunday School we re-capped on the story of Jesus in the temple and little Verity searched for and eventually found the boy Jesus. We also baked child-shaped biscuits, which were enjoyed by everyone after the service.

Bradford Church celebrated on 21st January in a service led by Gwendolen Rowe. In addition to using some of the material provided, Gwendolen talked about what Jewish childhood was like in the time of Jesus and what they would experience in the temple. The Bradford children made scrolls bearing a Hebrew quote from Exodus. All ages enjoyed learning about the importance of names and the meaning of their own names.

Many thanks to all those who let us know about their Children's Day services. If you haven't used the materials yet why not give them a try and let us know how you get on.