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Kearsley Poppies

Carolyn Kennion writes:

When Lynne Griffiths started the Seaburn Dene Poppies Project, the Kearsley Sunday School thought it was such a great idea that we would like to run our own poppies project alongside them. We started collecting plastic bottles but could not begin making poppies until we had completed our scarecrows for the local festival at the end of September. So, with only 5 weeks until Remembrance Sunday, we set about cutting and painting. Several members of the

congregation offered to help and did a great job cutting the bottles, as this was difficult for the children to do. In Sunday School we painted, added black middles and drilled holes in the bottle poppies and also made some large ones from red paper plates. The resulting poppies were displayed in three locations – on the fence opposite the local primary school, outside the main church door and on the grass opposite the church. At the Remembrance Service on 10th November several members of the congregation said how much they appreciated the displays, and they certainly brightened up a very gloomy November morning. We hope that local people have liked them too and have been reminded to give thanks for the freedom we enjoy because of the sacrifices of service men and women, past and present.



Angels Festival

Margaret Presland & Carolyn Kennion write:

Towards the end of last year we visited a local church where an Angels Festival was being held over one weekend. We didn't know what to expect but went along and enjoyed spending a couple of hours looking at a huge variety of hand-made depictions of angels created by both children and adults (see photos). Methods of making the angels included knitting, crochet, pleated and folded paper, wax resist, coloured cellophane, embroidery etc etc. Some were accompanied by quotes from the Bible or other texts about angels but, sadly, there were none from Swedenborg's writings. We found the exhibition interesting, enjoyable and inspiring but couldn't help thinking that it would have been even better if it had included some of our church's wonderful teachings about angels.

This thought led us to wonder if it would be possible to stage a New Church Festival of Angels. With our church congregations being small in numbers it might be too challenging for one church to create a whole festival but maybe our congregations, Sunday Schools and also isolated members could contribute towards one exhibition which could move round to different churches, Purley etc towards the end of 2025. People could choose their preferred method for making angels and we can provide ideas, photos, knitting and crochet patterns and templates if you would like some guidance. Those not keen on crafts might like to help by suggesting Bible quotes or favourite teachings from Swedenborg's writings about angels or could even make a video/audio presentation or music recording on the angels theme. Perhaps one or more of the camps/residential events at Purley and Wellspring House could be on the angels theme and contribute to the display. Any of you who belong to a knitting or other craft group might like to invite members to join together in making some angels for the festival.

Making angels or looking up quotes about them would surely be an enjoyable way to spend the approaching winter evenings. We hope that this would be an all-age whole-church project enabling isolated members as well as church groups to all contribute towards a common goal. The resulting angels display would provide opportunities to invite local



people into our churches, centres and other venues to enjoy learning about angels. If you would be interested in joining-in this project please contact Margaret Presland or Carolyn Kennion either via our contact details in the Conference address directory or at the following email address: angelsfestival@generalconference.org.uk

We would love to hear your ideas about this.



Upcoming Events

Saturday 16 th November	Where am I headed after I die? - SOLCe
Saturday 16 th November	Christmas Fair-Keighley
22 nd November	18 Plus Weekend at Wellspring House
Saturday 30 th November	Christmas Fayre-Dalton
Saturday 14 th December	Seaburn Dene-A Candle for Christmas
Sunday 19 th January	NCYA Children's Day
Wednesday 22 nd January	Film Club
Full details	https://www.generalconference.org.uk/new-church-events/