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Rev'd 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 allows you to catchup Rise & Shine programs:
www.mixcloud.com/RevJack/



Christmas Greetings from Conference Council

We wish all members and friends peace and joy this Christmas time, and hope you all experience many of the Lord's blessings in the coming year



For unto us a child is born. (Isaiah 9:6-7)

Purley Chase Carol Service

Rachel Gilsenan writes:

And the service still went ahead ...

After a very worrying time waiting for the water supply to be restored to Purley Chase, just after 12 o'clock we called and emailed all the people that were due to attend and cancelled the service.

However, Severn Trent Water came and fixed it at the very last moment, and 15 minutes after midday we were back on. So more phone calls and emails to everyone.



The guests arrived to a mulled wine or orange juice and mince pies, then into the Chapel for a wonderful service, which was led by the Rev Robin Wooldridge and supported by the Rev Helen Brown, followed by a visit from Father Christmas to end the service with chocolates for all. Around forty people attended with the night finishing with a buffet and a lovely open fire in the Olive room.

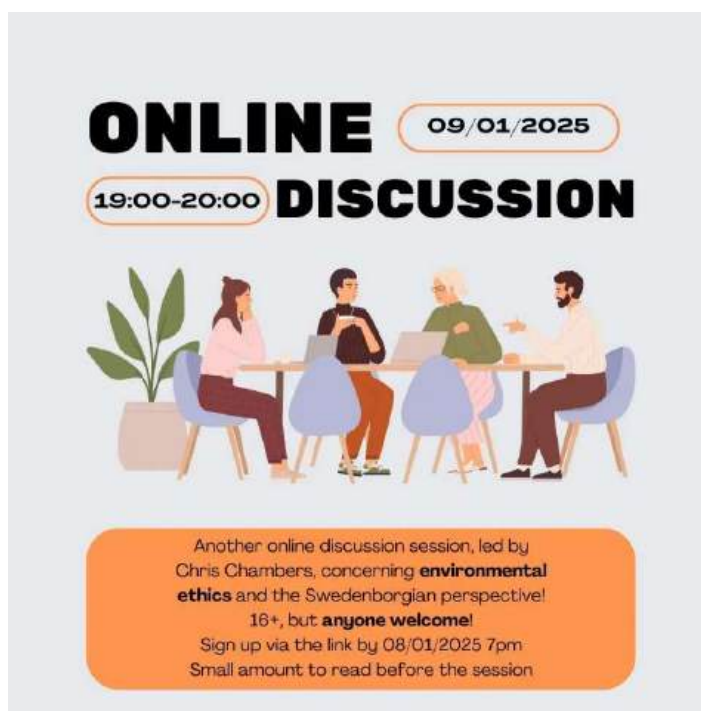


Online Discussion-Environmental Ethics

YPC Invitations:

Online Discussion Session on Thursday the 9th of January at 7pm! Chris Chambers shall be leading a discussion all about environmental ethics, and the Swedenborgian perspective. A really interesting topic, and of great importance in current times, sign up via the following link if you're interested:

<https://forms.gle/n3BtmSKE6BXFdvWD7>



Daytrip to Flamingo Land



16 Plus Daytrip to Flamingo Land Saturday 26th April 2025

For more details and to book, email ypc@generalconference.org.uk

Seaburn Dene Working Party

Come join us at Seaburn Dene New Church for our first working party!
Join us on Saturday for a morning of water sports and afternoon of DIY in church!

18 plus for the weekend.
16 plus may attend on Saturday unaccompanied.
13 plus may attend on Saturday accompanied by parent/carer.

Please check the information sheet for more information!



A Candle for Christmas

Lynne Griffiths writes:

On Saturday 14th December at 7pm just under fifty people attended Seaburn Dene's a Candle for Christmas service. The service saw a beautiful candle lit procession entrance by the children and young people present. We then had readings from the Word guiding us through the familiar Christmas story accompanied by a 6-piece brass group leading the carols. The opportunity was given for attendees to write a message or name on a memory tag and place it on the special tree in memory of a loved one. Candles were lit in memory also and moving music played. We heard touching words and poetry and the whole event set the tone for the festive season and created calm amongst the Christmas chaos. We were blessed to have several members of our community attend specifically and lots of positive comments were heard after the service including "it was just what I needed even though I didn't know I needed it."

The generosity of our community shone through in the gifts for Wearside Women in Need with some choosing to attend to donate but not stay for the service. This is the third year we have run this event and each year it builds - this year several new candelabras were on display courtesy of our friends from Bradford who collected them for us - thank you Sharmaine! We were delighted some of our friends from Bradford and York were able to attend as well as local members and our local community.

We will try to share a few moments from this service in our Facebook page after Christmas.
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Lynne Griffiths, an accredited Worship Leader in the General Conference of the New Church in the UK, has organised a video advent calendar, featuring members of her local church (Seaburn Dene New Church) and other members of the General Conference from around the UK. Lynne writes in the General Conference's E-News

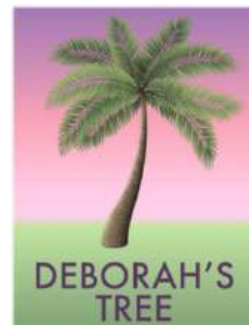
"At Seaburn we have recorded our own version of an advent calendar in the retelling of the Christmas story through daily videos...May these videos be a blessing to each of us...Check Facebook - www.facebook.com/Seaburnnewchurch"



Deborah's Tree

Seaburn goes international!

www.deborahstree.org promotes and celebrates women involved in the Swedenborgian movement giving them a platform and voice. We were unexpectedly approached by them this week asking if they could feature our advent calendar work which has been headed up by our worship leader Lynne. This article was featured in their weekly newsletter. We're super impressed - from small acorns do big oak trees grow!



Festival of Angels 2025

Revd Becky Jarratt writes:

I have been excited to hear about the Festival of Angels, which is being planned by Margaret Presland and Carolyn Kennion for 2025. It feels like a valuable way of getting New Church teachings on the afterlife out to people who haven't experienced them before.

There is now a page on the Conference website where information about the festival will be available as it comes in. Thanks to Paul Crone for setting this up. You can find it here:

www.generalconference.org.uk/festival-of-angels/



Christmas and New Year Greetings

Revd Christine Bank writes:

I would like to take this opportunity to send Christmas and New Year greetings to friends across the church via E-news rather than by post. Instead of cards I'll be sending a donation to the Bradford Soup Run who provide a regular meal and contact point for homeless people in the city each week of the year and make extra provision for those in need across this holiday period.

With every good wish for a happy Christmas and a very blessed 2025

Upcoming Events

Sunday 22 nd December	Zoom Service of Worship led by the Youth & Family Team
Wed 25 th December	Zoom Christmas Day Service led by Revd Becky Jarratt
Sunday 29 th December	Zoom Service of Worship led by Jan Millar
Thursday 9 th January	Online Discussion-Environmental Ethics
Sunday 19 th January	NCYA Children's Day
Wednesday 22 nd January	Film Club
24-26 th January	Seaburn Dene Working Party
Saturday 1 st February	Walk & Talk at Fountains Abbey
20 th -23 rd February	Febru-rally for 13-18 year olds Wellspring House
Saturday 26 th April	Daytrip to Flamingo Land Theme Park
Full details	www.generalconference.org.uk/new-church-events/



**CHRISTMAS
ONLINE
SERVICES**

Join us online this Christmas for services that will warm your heart and uplift your spirits. With the joyous sounds of traditional carols and the story of Jesus' birth, come and experience the true essence of Christmas, as we come together in celebration, spreading love and cheer.

Sunday 8 Dec at 3.30 pm
Christmas Carol Service
Led by Revd Jack Dunion

Sunday 22 Dec at 3.30 pm
Led by the Youth and Family Team

Wednesday 25 Dec at 10.30 am
Christmas Day Service
Led by Revd Becky Jarratt

Sunday 29 Dec at 3.30pm
Led by Jan Millar

If you would like to join us please email paul.crone@generalconference.org.uk

May your Christmas be filled with the love, joy and peace of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

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