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www.mixcloud.com/RevJack/



You Can Never Tell.....

On the third weekend in February, my wife Tonia and I travelled from our home in Sunderland to Bournemouth-Christchurch so that we could attend the closing service at the New Church in Tuckson Road. We were there to give support to our dear friends Clifford and Marion Curry. Clifford is not only a colleague, but a close friend, and Tonia is linked to Marion because her daughter Helen is married to their son Daniel. I was also there in an official capacity representing the Spiritual Leader, Jack Dunion, and

fellow Ministers; and representing Conference Council Chair, Margaret Cowie, and fellow Trustees. It was a lovely occasion in the sense of quite a large gathering of friends and family with links to Bournemouth New Church, plus the deep sense of gratitude to the Lord for all that has taken place in His name in both the beautiful Church and the other rooms. Sadness there was, but well balanced with joy and thanksgiving.

Let me get to the point of this piece! The day after getting home, Tonia went along to her weekly sewing group and showed some of her Bournemouth photos to a friend there because in her youth her family had lived on the Seaburn Dene estate. As a youngster in the 1960s and early 70s she had attended the New Church, which then met in the community hall in Dovedale Road, and went to Purley Chase. The moment she saw Clifford in his vestments, wearing his stole with its A and O, she cried out, “Ah, the Alpha and Omega!”, and went on to recite the familiar words of our Doxology, taken from the Book of Revelation. She always speaks with affection of those years when she was part of a large number of children and adults forming that infant church community.

When Tonia told me what had happened, my mind went immediately to the precious teaching we have on how what is once absorbed stays with us as “remains” or remnant states. I also thought about what the Lord tells us in the Gospels about seeds being spread. None of us ever fully knows what impact our words and actions have on people, or of the long-term benefits of teachings and values received in our young years, and later in life, too. So much of what comes to us remains quietly dormant within us, there to be stimulated by our Lord when the time is right. Our efforts are never wasted but in wonderful unseen ways provide a reservoir or foundation which can be drawn upon as our spiritual character is developing. The values learned, too, are not lost but help make us what we have become. You never can tell....

What bountiful and profound experiences we have during our lives. There is so much to give thanks to our Lord for the way His wise and loving Providence leads and cares for us. Even in sad times, He is ever-present, upholding us, supporting us, strengthening us to continue living in the best way we can. He is indeed –

*The Alpha and the Omega,
the Beginning and End,
the First and the Last,
who is and who was and who is to come,
the Almighty.*



2025 Conference AGM

If you are planning to attend Conference 2025 which takes place on Tuesday 22nd July – Friday 25th July 2025, places are limited so, please send in your bookings forms sooner rather than later to avoid any disappointment.

Booking forms are available here - www.generalconference.org.uk/agm
Or contact Natalie Welch natalie.welch@generalconference.org.uk

Febru-rally



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Febru-rally is a residential held at Wellspring house for yr8+ and the theme was change and after life

This weekend we went to Heaton park and had a play in the park and had some good sessions which we all enjoyed we learned about what happens when we pass over and we had a session about consent and knowing what is right from wrong.



The best part was the illusion museum it was a great experience and going with some of my favourite people really made it complete. These memories will never be forgotten it was a great experience

The leaders were also so great they made sure sessions weren't boring. They had structure but also had games and had fun activities based on the topic we had set for the week.



Upcoming Events

Saturday 22 nd March	Adventure into Lower Earth
Saturday 5 th April	Where am I headed after I die?
Saturday 26 th April	Daytrip to Flamingo Land Theme Park
Saturday 10 th May	Divine Providence
Saturday 14 th June	Voyage of Discovery
22 nd – 25 th July	Annual General Meeting
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