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<https://lomondradio.co.uk/shows/rise-and-shine>

The link below allows you to catchup Rise & Shine programs:
www.mixcloud.com/RevJack/



Remember Our Vision?

Our Vision is a network of individuals and groups interacting together to share spiritual insight and understanding in an open and non-judgmental way in order to promote spiritual growth through the application to life of the Word, and the Writings of Emanuel Swedenborg.

How do you as an individual or group interact with others?

Where and when might you share spiritual insight and understanding?

What enables you to be open and non-judgmental?

What do you or would you like to do as an individual or in a group to promote your spiritual growth?

How are the Word and the Writings relevant to this?

On behalf of the Committee of Ministers

Purley Chase Replanting

Rachel Gilsenan writes:

After last year's dreadful weather and winds some of the old trees at Purley Chase Fell or had to be felled for health and safety reasons being dangerous with falling branches and rotting root systems.

We were looking for assistance with the costs of replanting and asked the Edward Jeggings Trust if they could help. They were fast in reply and said that they had helped many years ago with trees here, within weeks we had purchased and arranged for planting.

We took guidance from the reforestation organisation on getting native British trees and ordered purple beech, small leaf lime as the original fell during winds, Sweet Chestnut, Mulberry, Hornbeam, Rowan, Oak and Hawthorn.

We must thank The Edward Jeggings Trust for all their help with purchasing and replanting so we can keep Purley Chase tree friendly for our children and generations to come.



The tree surgeon planting our new trees



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Working together to create a balanced and sustainable future

Every person's view is essential in shaping the future of the Church. The Committee of Ministers is sending this to you so you are aware of what is happening to plan our future and how you can get involved.

Vision

As many of you may know, we are at a pivotal stage in the life of the Church and have been re-focusing and seeking a way forward in delivering our purpose and vision.



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Strategic Aims

At the AGM in July 2024, members were asked to join together to make a positive impact on shaping our future by sharing views on a set of possible strategic aims. Conference Council, at its meeting on 22 November 2024, voted to accept three strategic aims, which are:

- 1 Encouraging and supporting varied and diverse approaches to worship
- 2 Applying doctrine based on personal conscience
- 3 Becoming more accepting and inviting

The Committee of Ministers has been asked to develop appropriate goals, objectives, and tasks that align with the Vision and strategic aims and incorporate members' views taken from the AGM in July 2024.

Framework

To ensure that everyone across the Church has the opportunity to be involved in formulating goals, objectives, and tasks, the Committee of Ministers has decided on three different routes for gathering and sharing ideas:



Input from congregations and groups

Work by Committee of Ministers

Supporting the development of new ideas



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These are the ways in which you can be involved in this important phase of the life of our church

Congregations and Groups

We would love to know about activities that are taking place within congregations and groups. If there are any new activities or initiatives the congregations and groups would like to carry out, please let us know. The Ministers' Secretary will shortly contact congregations and groups to ask these questions. We very much look forward to hearing from you, to get a broad picture of how church is working.

Committee of Ministers

Our focus is to address the following items raised by Members of Conference at the AGM in July 2024.

- The need to uphold the teachings that form the foundation of our New Church faith; how to discern a wise application of the teachings, and how to deal with diverse situations that challenge individual beliefs.
- Provision of pastoral and emotional support for members who are feeling challenged by goal setting discussions.
- Provision of safe spaces for difficult, contentious conversations.
- Give updates and information on the goal setting work; keeping Conference Council and the whole membership informed.



New Ideas

We recognise that there are individuals or groups with particular visions, ideas or talents and want to encourage and empower this. Two people have found inspiration to look at angels, and their enthusiasm is bearing fruit as it is leading to a year-long "Festival of Angels". Last year, Revd David Moffat provided different perspectives on using social media, and this has led to new postings from the Young People's Committee on Instagram and Seaburn Dene New Church on Facebook. These, and many other initiatives, have come from small beginnings.



Practical support for new ideas is available. If you have any questions, please contact ministers.secretary@generalconference.org.uk for further information. We would all love to hear about how your new ideas or initiatives are unfolding – who knows, this could be the encouraging spark someone else needs!

Keep Rolling and Keep In Touch

Thinking about and agreeing on goals, objectives, and tasks through these three different avenues will become part of a rolling programme, keeping our focus and ways of working towards our Vision dynamic and relevant.

An update will be given at the Annual Meeting in July 2025, and we are planning a page on the Conference website to keep everyone informed on progress. Please do reach out to a Minister if you have any questions or email ministers.secretary@generalconference.org.uk





NCYA AGM & Creative Afternoon

Saturday 28th June 2025

BRADFORD NEW CHURCH

2.15pm - 5.30pm

Angels

The afternoon will start at 2.15pm with the AGM. After this we will be looking at angels and reflecting on who they are, what they do and also what they look like through creative activities.

The afternoon will finish after a light tea at about 5.30pm.

During the afternoon we will be displaying the children's artwork from the Creative Exhibition.

We do hope you will be able to come and enjoy all or part of the afternoon.

For catering purposes it would be helpful if you could let Gwendolen Rowe(*Secretary*) know if you are planning to attend.

For contact details please check on the NCYA website: www.ncya.generalconference.org.uk on the contact us page.

Is Your Computer Running Windows 10?

Paul Crone writes:

This is a summary of a Which? magazine article, read the full version here -

www.which.co.uk/news/article/windows-10-is-losing-security-support-in-october-aZV723o24RP9

Official support for Windows 10 ends on 14 October 2025, meaning Microsoft will no longer offer fixes, new features or security updates after that date. Unless you take action, you'll be vulnerable to hackers.

After support ends, Windows 10 will still function – but it won't get security updates or fixes. Hackers and criminals often target unsupported software to exploit weaknesses and steal data. You might also find over time that some features or software no longer work on your PC.

If you have a Windows 10 PC, you've likely already have seen notifications informing you about the end of support. For PCs eligible for Windows 11, this includes the option to upgrade for free. Not all PCs with Windows 10 will have the necessary specs to upgrade, though.

If you're not sure which version of Windows you're running:

Right-click the Start (Windows) button on your screen, or press the Windows key on your keyboard.

Select Settings > System > About.

Upcoming Events

Friday 11 th April	Day out/trip for kids aged 10+
14-18 th April	Holiday Youth Group age 10+
Saturday 26 th April	Daytrip to Flamingo Land Theme Park
Saturday 10 th May	Divine Providence
23 rd -26 th May	Family Weekend
Saturday 14 th June	Voyage of Discovery
Saturday 28 th June	NCYA AGM & Creative Afternoon
22 nd -25 th July	Annual General Meeting
27 th Jul–2 nd August	Summer Camp 13+
28 th – 30 th July	Summer Camp 9-13

Full details www.generalconference.org.uk/new-church-events/