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



Last Service Paisley Church

Margaret Cowie writes:

Sunday 20th April 2025 marks the end of an era. This was the day that 227 years of a visible presence of The New Church in Scotland sadly came to an end. It was the day that the Paisley Society held their very last Service. The irony that this was also the day we celebrated the Lord's Resurrection was not lost.

Since we sold our beloved church building in April 2019 we have been worshipping in hired venues here in Paisley. Unfortunately, we had to move from the first one after the owner sold it, but found an equally good, if not better, venue, which makes the demise of the Society even more painful and sad.

Attendance at Sunday Services had diminished to such a level *i.e.* an average of four people, that on the Sunday 9th March 2025, the heart-breaking decision to close the Society was made. The other factor which led to this decision was the fact that we did not have enough people to form the quorum according to the Paisley Society Rules. Mercifully, we were able to co-opt one other member, thus enabling a properly constituted meeting.

We were so blessed to have Revd. Jack Dunion as our minister, knowing that there are some churches have larger congregations, but no resident minister. Nevertheless, we decided to close as a Society, but will continue to meet once a month, virtually, via ZOOM.

Notice of closure was duly given to all 16 members on the Roll, and the Office Scottish Charity Regulator [OSCR] will be informed. It is hope that some of the assets can be disbursed to a local charity and the remainder transferred to General Conference, this will depend on the advice from OSCR.

The five members who attended the final Service found it very emotional. It is a heavy burden to bear, knowing that we were the last remaining, visible representatives, of the New Church here in Scotland, and have made this monumental decision.

The closing of the Paisley Society is of course part of the more global decline. We can be heartened though that the decline of the Christian church is mentioned in the writings of Emanuel Swedenborg, where we read in True Christian Religion (TCR) 757 that: *"this is what the Lord meant when he spoke of the close of the age in the Gospels (Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 21). And in TCR 758 "The fact that everything the Lord said then to his disciples was about the time when the Christian church would come to an end is very clear from the Book of Revelation, which contains similar predictions about the close of the age and the Lord's Coming."* And as the Lord Himself said in John 12:24.

"Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."



Seaburn Dene's Easter Eggs

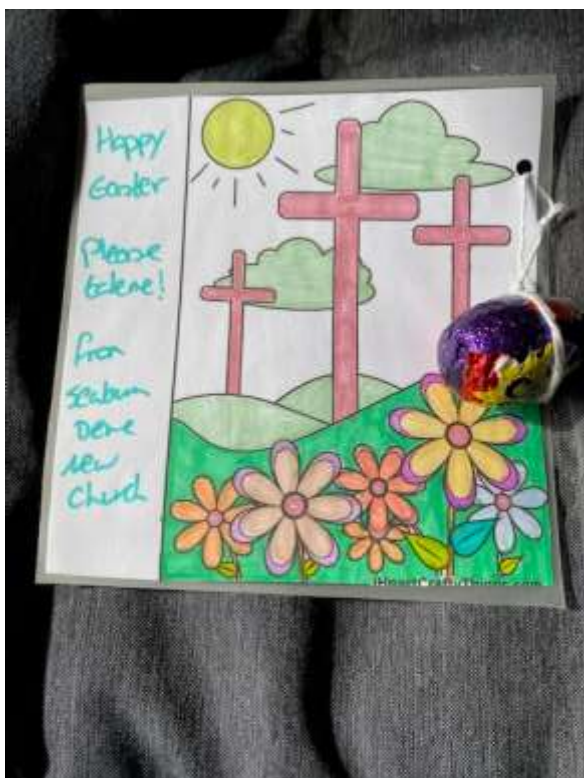
Lynne Griffiths writes:

Last year Seaburn Dene reached out into our community to celebrate jointly the joy of Easter Sunday by randomly leaving Easter cards with crème eggs attached. Such was the impact that a member of our congregation asked the other week if we were doing it again this year so of course we did just that!

12 Easter pictures were coloured by an Alexandra and her Mam Nicky and then laminated before I began the task of attaching a crème egg to each-no easy task let me say!! After our lovely service led by Revd Becky Jarratt members of Seaburn left armed with the cards and eggs and placed them around the local streets, shopping road and sea front. Within an hour our first eggs had been found by a Mam and her two children who were thrilled with 'the kind gesture'. More reports of found eggs began trickling onto our Facebook posts which

had also been shared in local groups generating interest in the event. It was a blessing to be able to connect with our community in this small but meaningful way -I mean who forgets finding free chocolate?! All who reported finding one in turn wished us a happy Easter and the joy had been sent out and received just as it should be especially on Easter Sunday. I'm sure we'll continue this new tradition for years to come - let us rejoice and be glad together!

Special mention also to Scott who along with a record breaking 1,196 other motorbike riders completed the Durham Easter egg run donating and delivering Easter eggs to local hospitals/ care homes and raising over £6,000 for a selection of local charities.



Seaburn Dene's Easter Sunday has been lovely - a service based on hope by Revd Becky Jarratt giving us plenty to ponder then the Easter Bunny had visited with a basket of crème eggs for us to share before we gathered for refreshments including a special cake made for fundraising efforts for Lizzy. We hope others also had a lovely uplifting and celebratory Easter Sunday.

Conference Booking Forms

Please complete and send your form to Natalie Welch, company secretary, before 1st May - now just a week away.

Credit Card Donations at Purley Chase

Paul Crone writes:

The first donations using credit cards have been received using the new donation station at Purley Chase.

Also, a new credit card machine makes it easier for visitors to pay for events and bookings using their card.



Upcoming Events

Saturday 26 th April	Daytrip to Flamingo Land Theme Park
Saturday 3 rd May	Kearsley Workshop – Angels
Saturday 10 th May	Divine Providence - Wellspring House
Saturday 17 th May	Kearsley Workshop – Near Death Experiences
16 th – 18 th May	Sacred Circle Dance – Dancing the Cosmos
23 rd -26 th May	May Family Weekend – Purley Chase
Saturday 24 th May	Kearsley Workshop – Festival of Angels
6 th – 8 th June	Harrogate Bunkhouse Family Weekend
Saturday 14 th June	Voyage of Discovery - Wellspring House
Saturday 14 th June	Kearsley Workshop – After Death Communications
Saturday 28 th June	NCYA AGM & Creative Afternoon
Saturday 28 th June	Kearsley Workshop – Death Bed Visions
22 nd -25 th July	Annual General Meeting - Hayes
27 th Jul–2 nd August	13 to 18 Summer Camp – Purley Chase
28 th – 31 st July	9 -13 Summer Camp – Wellspring House
5 th – 7 th Sep	Swedenborg Weekend – Purley Chase
20 th Sep	Dream Workshop – Purley Chase
31 st Oct – 2 nd Nov	November Family Weekend – Purley Chase
17-18 th October	Leaders United
3 rd – 6 th Nov	Autumn Fellowship – Purley Chase
Full details	www.generalconference.org.uk/new-church-events/