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Revd 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/



December 2025 Podcasts – Our Relationship With The Lord?

Every Sunday in December, we will have a short podcast narrated by Trevor Millar based on his Home Worship for the month. This series will be based on “Our Relationship With The Lord”, with a particular focus on the Christmas period, and reflecting on how and when the Lord manifests in our lives; when we are looking for Him (or even when we may not be!)

These will be going live every Sunday this month, and you can find them at the following link.

[Podcasts – The General Conference of the New Church](#)

Hope you all have a blessed Advent & Christmas

Jonathan Millar
GCNC Online Worship Coordinator




MEET THE MINISTER

Spiritual Guidance | Emotional Support | Belonging

You can book a one-to-one meeting with a Minister this December. See the dates and times below. To make a booking, email ministers.secretary@generalconference.org.uk with your preferred slot and your full name. Bookings are on a first come, first served basis. You will receive a confirmation email and a Zoom link once your meeting is booked. If your chosen time is already filled, we'll suggest another option or add you to a reserve list. A phone option is also available for anyone without internet access.

What is "Meet The Minister"?

Whether you are seeking spiritual guidance, comfort during challenging times, advice and support for new endeavours, or simply wish to connect and foster a greater sense of belonging within the Church community, "Meet The Minister" is here for you. These meetings offer a safe and welcoming space for open conversation — be it about faith, life's challenges, or just for a friendly chat.

Available Dates

Friday 19 December	Monday 22 December
10.00 to 11.00 with Revd Becky Jarratt	10.00 to 11.00 with Revd Christine Bank
15.00 to 16.00 with Revd Becky Jarratt	18.00 to 19.00 with Revd Christine Bank

The General Conference of the New Church hopes this initiative will help strengthen personal connections and support within our community and Ministers look forward to meeting you.

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A Christmas Poem

Revd Lynne Griffiths writes:

On Saturday 6th December Seaburn Dene held our 4th A Candle for Christmas Service. In an effort to refresh I look for new music, readings and 'audience' participation possibilities each time but this year, as in a few years ago, I chose also to write my own poem to open up the start of the service. I thought it may be of interest to others as we each prepare in Advent in our own unique ways.....

Is it just me or is the world going fast?
I'm sure life was slower in the Christmases' of past
Time to relax and watch the world go by
Is a phrase I often hear, accompanied by a sigh

"It was different back then – better than now"
But why was it so and if so why and how?
Yes times change but the message remains the same
The clues in the season, it's written in its name

There's no Christmas without Christ it's pretty true to say
But this world and expectations do get in the way
We focus on presents, on food, on things we think we need
But do we focus on the baby who then grew up to lead?

The story's familiar, we've heard it all before
But this Christmas set aside demands and prepare to receive it more
Let go of the tinsel, of the shopping and just start
To hear the story of a baby, who enters in our heart

A message of hope, of light and of love
As the Lord himself came down from above
The star shone so brightly above the stable door
Showing us the way to a life that could be much more

So this Christmas slow down and prepare to just be
Enjoy the lights and festivities but above all see
That the message of Christmas is the same now as then too
We just need to learn to have a little less to do

Less preparation and more quiet to hear
The important message as we all draw so near
To the baby whose story first began it all
But who remains with us all if we'd answer His call

So let our night begin and the story unfold
And if I dare even be so bold
Sit back and enjoy and see what speaks to you
As the Lord moves in this place and in our hearts too.



Upcoming Events

12 th December	<u>Christmas Carol Service - Purley Chase</u>
14 th December	<u>Zoom carol service – Revd. Jack Dunion</u>
19 th December	<u>Meet The Minister</u>
22 nd December	<u>Meet The Minister</u>
25 th December 9:30am	<u>Zoom Christmas Day 9:30am service – Revd. Becky Jarratt</u>
28 th December	<u>Zoom service ‘towards epiphany’ – Jan Millar</u>
11 th January	<u>Zoom service of worship – Chris Chambers</u>
9 th February	<u>An Introduction To Logopraxis</u>
25 th January	<u>Zoom service of worship – Revd Lynne Griffiths</u>
8 th February	<u>Zoom service of worship – Revd Becky Jarratt</u>
22 nd February	<u>Zoom service of worship – Revd Brian Talbot</u>
14 th March 10am-4pm	<u>Adventure to Lower Earth – Wellspring House</u>
18 th April 10am-4pm	<u>Angels - Discovering the gifts they bring -Wellspring</u>
9 th May 10am-4pm	<u>Sex & Gender Workshop - Wellspring House</u>

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