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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/



A Tribute to Colin Skinner

It is with heavy hearts and a deep sense of loss that the Conference Council shares the news that our dear friend and colleague, Colin Skinner, passed into the spiritual world on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Colin was a devoted member of the New Church and served the General Conference for many years. In 2004 he was appointed an Assistant Treasurer, and in

2012 became our Payroll and Pensions Manager, a post he still held at his death.

Locally he was a member of the Anerley Society, which became the West Wickham Society, and served as Joint Treasurer from around 1974, becoming the Treasurer in 1993. Again, this was a post he held to his death, a remarkable period of service of over half a century.

To many of us, he was much more than a colleague. He was a man of quiet faith, immense integrity, and a gentle spirit. His dedication to his work was a reflection of his commitment to the Church, and he will be profoundly missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

Our thoughts, prayers, and deepest sympathies are with Colin's wife Ann, and their family and friends during this time of transition.

We are currently working to ensure the continuity of the vital services Colin provided. During this interim period, we kindly ask for your patience.

"To die is not to end life, but to continue it." — Emanuel Swedenborg

Mr Jonathan Millar: Ordination Student

The Conference Council is delighted to announce that Mr Jonathan Millar, of the Dalton Society, has been accepted as a Sponsored Ordination Student under the auspices of The General Conference of the New Church.

Arrangements have been made with the New Church College for Jonathan to commence his training on a part-time basis in February 2026. This arrangement will enable him to continue in his vital role as our Online Worship Coordinator.

We extend our warmest congratulations to Jonathan as he answers the Lord's call to service in the uses of ordained ministry. We call upon all members and friends to hold him in their thoughts and prayers during his time of training.

Special Zoom Session

Carolyn Kennion writes:

As many of you will know, a Festival of Angels was held at Kearsley New Church last November and was very well-received by visitors of all ages.

We would like to invite you to a special session on zoom on Sunday 1st February from 3.30 to 4.30 approx. when you will be able to watch a video of the Festival displays and hear

some of the accompanying explanations. There will also be the opportunity to learn about why and how the festival was organized, with time for questions and discussion.

All are welcome - whether you didn't manage to visit the festival or went along and enjoyed it so much that you would like to experience it again!

The zoom link will be sent out prior to 1st February to all those on the zoom services distribution list.



If you wish to join the session but are not on the list for zoom services please email Jonathan Millar ahead of 1st February: onlineworship@generalconference.org.uk



Do join us for what many have found to be an enjoyable and uplifting experience.

My Logopraxis Experience

Karin Baynes writes:

What might it mean to encounter '*the Lord as the Word in Community*' and how has this impacted my spiritual life these past two years, as part of a *Logopraxis* group?

I'm a strong advocate for keeping a spiritual journal for my reflective practice or self-examination. This regular activity is now attached to reading the Word and engaging with a task based on a spiritual principle I connect with. For me, the first miracle is that I'm actively immersed in the Arcana for the first time, and we'll complete a volume by Christmas!

What I find so exciting is that it's the Lord as the Word who directs me, when truths catch my attention. As the "Logos", He governs every aspect of my rebirth in intimate detail. He's speaking to me personally when I read the Bible stories and apply them to the life of my mind or states that I'm in. The *Logopraxis* methodology supports this process and builds my awareness of the text working on me.

Bishop David Lindrooth from the General Church of the New Jerusalem brought this home for me in his last two Easter messages in the Bishop's Newsletter. He states that the moment the Lord awoke after His crucifixion was when His Divine Power became fully present with us, through the truths in His Word. Prior to His advent, His presence flowed indirectly into humanity through the heavens. What a powerful change to contemplate this Christmas season!

Group work in *Logopraxis* involves uninterrupted sharing of how we each navigated our chosen task, and listening for what stands out for us as people speak. In this way we are all nurtured by what others bring, and we learn to mirror angels in how we communicate. It's a humbling sphere, gently facilitated by Rev. David Millar from Australia and his experienced team.

At times as I read, the Word springs to life in visceral detail. Or the deeper meanings slip in and out of focus as I engage with the text. On occasion I hear the whisper of angelic wisdom, but the next time the truths reveal my selfish proprium. Through practicing the Word in my life, the Lord builds my spiritual muscle and my protection from the hells. What a life-giving way to measure my appreciation of 2025.

Do join us during **week commencing 9th February 2026** for 8 bi-weekly sessions as part of an established worldwide community, to get a taste of *Logopraxis*.

To register your interest Email: logopraxis.institute@gmail.com



The New Church Online

Revd Lynne Griffiths writes:



Ever wondered where you can turn for more spiritual input or information about the New Church and its teachings and all from the comfort of your own home? You are not alone and as the world today moves more and more into necessitating a digital presence we already have a plethora of information available across many digital platforms. I recently had a good look at what was currently on offer and thought it may be helpful for others. Maybe give some a try and see what speaks to you during your faith journey.....

Website -- *General Conference of The New Church* - a website open to all. Gives basic written information as to the Church's beliefs and structure and provides links to other websites of potential interest as well as resources and information for those already involved in the church.

www.generalconference.org.uk

Purley Chase Centre - a website dedicated to marketing the property and events/activities and providing a way to book activities.

www.purleychasecentre.org.uk

New Church Camps – advertises events run for young people, blogs and photos from events and information for those wishing to help –

<https://newchurchcamps.org.uk>

Apocalypse Awakening – sharing insights on the book of Revelation. Last active from 2023 but the content is still relevant with links to podcasts, videos and information also about the paintings and details –

<https://apocalypseawakening.org.uk>

Exploring spiritual questions by Stephen Russell-Lacy – an active website sharing articles and videos addressing various spiritual topics from a Swedenborgian perspective –

<https://www.spiritualquestions.org.uk/stephen-russell-lacy>

E-News/E-Read – E-News enables information about events to be shared as a well as news updates from all the churches and the national organisation as well as sharing lengthier articles on a spiritual theme in E-Read. E-News has become the main communication tool within the church when seeking to disperse information to its members.

www.generalconference.org.uk/category/news/enews

www.generalconference.org.uk/category/news/eread

Home Worship – A form of outreach which allows the teaching of the Church and the Word of the Lord to be shared.

www.generalconference.org.uk/resources/home-worship

Zoom services – A way to gather online requiring no church membership of any local society or any prior knowledge of the New Church. A way to invite people from any geographical location in the world to join us.

www.generalconference.org.uk/resources/online-services

Rise and Shine radio show – A newer and more digital use of outreach to share Swedenborgian teachings– can be accessed again from anywhere in the world using the

digital link which can be added to any other digital platform. Radio show hosted by Revd Dunion.

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

Solce – the development of online courses and introductory stepping stones course has opened up the opportunity for anybody from anywhere in the world accessing this information at a level they feel comfortable with. Visiting their website or Facebook is the key to finding information regarding this and events run at Wellspring House.

www.swedenborg-openlearning.org.uk

www.facebook.com/HouseWellspring

Look out for more in the next E-News ...

Upcoming Events

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 into Lower Earth – Wellspring House</u>
27-29 th March	<u>Declutter & Discover - Purley Chase</u>
7 th April	<u>13-18 Easter Rally</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/