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The General Conference of the New Church

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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/



The Ministry is delighted to share some wonderful news!

The Conference Council has generously approved new funding to support the creation of a brand-new website for our church community.

This exciting project is part of our wider commitment to outreach. Our new website will be a welcoming “shop window” to the world - opening doors for newcomers, making it easier to connect, explore our

life together, and discover what our church has to offer. It will also present us with fresh opportunities to share the teachings for a New Church.

We are pleased to be working with marketing consultant, Richard Cawood, who will guide us in creating an engaging and inviting online presence.

Please stay tuned as we begin building an online home for everyone - old friends and new.

Watch this space!

The Late John Cunningham

Revd Bruce Jarvis writes:

A Memorial Service for John will be held at 2.00pm on Friday, 30th January at St Mary's Parish Church, Hadleigh, Suffolk IP7 5DT. A private cremation ceremony will take place during the morning.

Friends who can travel to Hadleigh will be warmly welcomed. Others from further afield may join the service via a zoom link, which will be open from 1.45pm. Data regulations do not permit the link details to be published in E-News, but can be obtained by contacting the editor, Paul Crone by email at paul.crone@generalconference.org.uk

Conference – We Still Have a Problem

As we shared in E-News 237, General Conference is facing a serious governance crisis. The situation has now reached a point of urgency.

The Current Reality

At the 2026 Annual Meeting, the following vacancies will arise:

- **The Chair** will step down (though remains eligible to serve as a Trustee).
- **The Vice-Chair** is stepping down.
- **One Elected Trustee** will finish their term.
- **Three Co-opted Trustees** will finish their terms.

This leaves General Conference with only **two** elected Trustees. Charity law requires a minimum of **three**, and our own Articles of Association require **six**, plus a Chair and Vice-Chair. Quite simply: without these roles filled, **General Conference cannot legally operate.**

Why This Matters

The General Conference of the New Church has not had a full Council since 2008. If we fall below the legal minimum, the consequences are not an exaggeration—they are a legal necessity:

- The closure of the General Conference.
- The forced sale of all Church buildings, including Purley Chase Centre.
- The redundancy of all Ministers and lay employees.

Possible Paths Forward

To prevent closure, we must consider the following options:

1. **Constitutional Change (Article 28):** Adjusting the Articles to allow the Conference to operate legally with fewer Trustees.
2. **Broadening Eligibility (Article 31):** Allowing non-Members to serve as Trustees (though this may impact our core purpose).
3. **Employee Representation (Rule H5):** Electing employees of General Conference who are also Members to serve as Trustees.
4. **Dissolution:** Closing the charity and company, ending the organization as we know it.

We Need Your Help: If we do nothing, the 2026 AGM may be our final act as a functioning organisation. We are calling on our community for **commitment and courage**.

The Council exists to support the vision of the Ministry and provide for our lay employees. Our future depends entirely on the choices we make today.

Please:

- **Consider standing** as a Trustee.
- **Encourage others** within your societies to step forward.
- **Pray** for the future of our Church and its leadership.

If you would like further information on what is involved in being a Trustee, please contact the Company Secretary, **Natalie Welch**, at:

company.secretary@generalconference.org.uk

or visit www.generalconference.org.uk/resources/council-minutes

New Job Opportunity: Marketing & Media Coordinator

We are excited to announce that The General Conference of The New Church is recruiting for a Marketing & Media Coordinator.

This is a full-time, permanent role (£30k–£35k) offering remote working and flexible hours. We are looking for a creative lead to develop our marketing strategy, manage our social media presence, and help us reach new audiences interested in spiritual growth and the teachings of Emanuel Swedenborg.

Key Benefits:

- Remote working with flexible hours (40 hrs per week).
- 30 days holiday + Bank Holidays.
- Generous pension and benefits package.

How to Apply: The closing date for applications is 30th January 2026. For the full job description, person specification, and application form, please visit our website:

[Click here for further information and to apply](#)

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? I recently had a good look at what was currently on offer and thought it may be helpful for others...

Facebook – *Purley people* – a platform for those known to the church and users of Purley only – used to share photos of events at Purley and occasionally by users to share anything spiritual/church related including sharing local events members may wish to attend. www.facebook.com/groups/1881482988743826

Purley Chase – Purley has its own dedicated Facebook page used for marketing the property and its events/activities www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100080679879574#

GCNC Facebook Page – used to share events and advertise services. Has recently become very active and shares information about Swedenborgian faith also, giving ‘newcomers’ a flavour of who we are and what our faith stands for.

www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087010697875#

Pray as you go – daily prayers or inspirational quotes shared, run by Revd Brown

www.facebook.com/groups/276157511029041

Spiritual friends – a place for spiritual reflection based around Swedenborg’s teachings run by Revd Dunion –

www.facebook.com/spiritualfriendsorg

Apocalypse Awakening – currently an inactive page but shares the teachings of Revelation in podcast and video form with that content still being relevant–

www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100081360723607

Snapchat/Instagram – *Youth and family team* have a page for the young people on Instagram. This is not currently active but previously its main use has been to advertise events.

www.instagram.com/new_church_youth_and_family?igsh=MWtib3JmbHgxdXo5Zw==

The *young people’s committee* have an active Instagram account and post frequently sharing both Biblical and Doctrinal quotes and previously a video series interviewing ministers with pre-prepared questions and short answers.

www.instagram.com/newchurchypc?igsh=MTU1ZzNwZ29waGltOA==

New Church camps – has 0 posts to date but account has 26 followers -

www.instagram.com/new_church_camps

Society newsletters/Facebook pages – Many societies have also created their own Facebook pages in which to share information about events and quotes from Scripture/Doctrine. Seaburn’s page also features Midweek Meditations and Thought Thursdays each week run by Revd Griffiths.

Bradford New Church – www.facebook.com/bradford.church.14

Bradford New Church Community Project –

www.facebook.com/groups/690523178220534

Kearsley New church – www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61564476965718#

Seaburn Dene New Church – www.facebook.com/Seaburnnewchurch

News sheets from individual societies are available on the GCNC webpage also – www.generalconference.org.uk/resources/newsletters/

You Tube – *Deep awareness by Stephen Russell-Lacy* – videos related to many pertinent spiritual questions from a Swedenborgian perspective - www.youtube.com/@Deep_Awareness-07j

Apocalypse Awakening – podcasts and videos re book of Revelation- www.youtube.com/@apocalypseawakening9883

The Inner World – videos of hymns and videos on the theme of life with a Swedenborgian perspective – run by Revd Dunion and recently re-activated www.youtube.com/@revjack1529

Upcoming Events

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>
7-10 th April	<u>13-18 Easter Rally - West End Outdoor Centre</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/