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Rise and Shine Radio Show

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:
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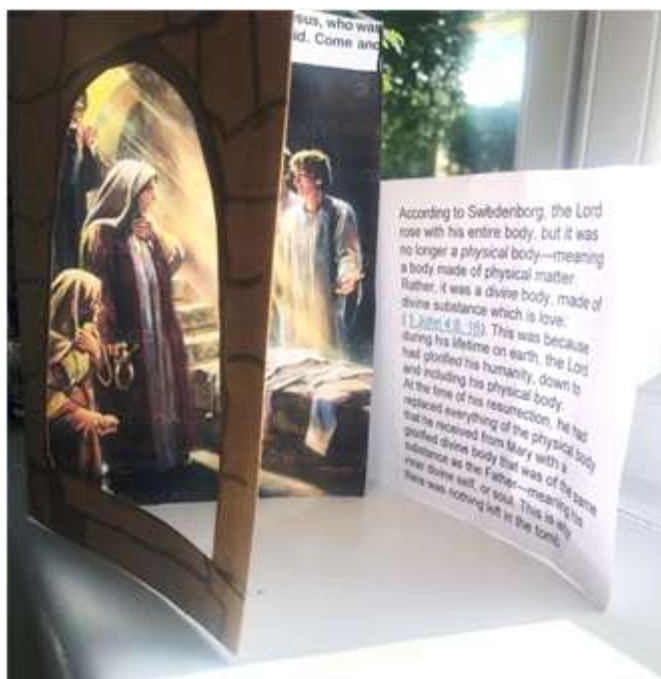
Keeping in Touch

Revd Gillian Gordon writes:

A few years ago I looked for a way to reassure isolated members and folk unable to come to church or have a church to go to any longer that they are not forgotten, in fact they remain valued. I suggested to the Committee of Ministers I could make bespoke cards to be sent at Easter, New Church Day, Harvest and Christmas to such people on behalf of all the Church Ministers. They agreed and I am pleased to report that

several recipients phone to say how much they appreciate being remembered by the Church through the cards. Here is one I have made for Easter with a Biblical quote and explanation by Swedenborg. If readers know of anyone they think might like a card please let me know.

Gillian



Online Worship Coordinator

The Conference Council wish to share the news that Jonathan Millar will be stepping down from his employed role as Online Worship Coordinator for the General Conference of the New Church as from 3rd April 2026.

Jonathan has reached a point in his journey where he needs to place his full focus on his studies with SOLCe as he works toward his prospective ordination. While his time as an employee is coming to an end, we are delighted that he is taking this dedicated step forward in his path toward ministry within the New Church.

We are hugely grateful for the energy Jonathan has brought to our online worship sessions, and the connections he has helped build across our digital community.

Please join us in thanking Jonathan for his service and offering him our prayers and best wishes as he embarks on this intensive period of study and reflection.

Calling Swedenborg-Inspired Creators: Join the Swedenborg Social Media Network

The **Swedenborg Social Media Network (SSMN)** is a growing, public Facebook group for people who are creating – or wanting to create – content inspired by the spiritual teachings of Emanuel Swedenborg. Whether you make videos, podcasts, blogs, social posts, or support this work behind the scenes, this space is designed to help you connect, collaborate, and grow.

At the heart of the Network is a simple vision: instead of one or two big channels carrying the load, we want to see *many* vibrant voices bringing Swedenborgian spirituality into today's online spaces. Drawing on ideas shared by Curtis Childs, our long-term goals include nurturing **“one hundred ‘Off The Left Eye’-style channels”** – each with its own personality, audience, and way of presenting the message, and a “World Wide Contacts Page”, which we hope will provide the impetus for the formation of new groups in areas not currently served by existing New Churches.

To support that vision, the group focuses on four main aims:

- **Building many channels, not just one.** Members share ideas on content formats, video production, copywriting, thumbnails, and more, so new creators don't have to “reinvent the wheel” on their own.
- **Creating a clear “funnel” of next steps.** We want online content to lead somewhere – toward small groups, courses, retreats, and other ways people can go deeper into Swedenborg's teachings and spiritual community.
- **Forming a New Church engagement pod.** By intentionally liking, commenting, and sharing each other's work, we can “juice the algorithm” and significantly boost the visibility and reach of Swedenborg-inspired content.
- **Developing flagship content.** We are exploring big, imaginative ideas – such as immersive “wow-factor” projects like a walk-through model of the New Jerusalem – that can capture attention and communicate Swedenborg's insights in powerful new ways.

The group already shares practical resources to help creators. A public Google Drive folder offers a growing list of Swedenborgian creators across platforms, Jon Childs' summary of Swedenborgian channels, collections of AI-generated and public-domain images, video and audio. There are also new tools emerging from within the community, such as Discord servers and a read-only WhatsApp feed where creators can drop their latest posts for the engagement pod to support.

Just as importantly, the Network is a place to discern together what we *are* and what we *are not*. A recent survey invited people to respond to two questions: “What do you think a Swedenborg Social Media Network should be doing?” and “What should a Swedenborg

Social Media Network NOT do?” – with responses helping shape the culture, boundaries, and priorities of the group. This ongoing conversation keeps the focus on collaboration, mutual respect, and the shared mission of serving others spiritually online.

If you feel drawn to any part of this – especially creating content and supporting those who do – you are warmly invited to join the **Swedenborg Social Media Network** on Facebook. Once you are in the group, you can also opt-in to our event-announcement email list at swedenborgsmn@googlegroups.com by sending your preferred email address to Swedenborg Community Victoria or to David Moffat via Messenger. Together, we can help many more people discover living spiritual insights for today’s world.



A Message from the Company Secretary: Conference 2026 Bookings

This is a gentle reminder to submit your booking forms for Conference 2026 as soon as possible.

Please be aware that we have a limited number of rooms available this year so I would encourage you to send in your form as early as possible to secure your place !

The final deadline for all booking forms is Friday 1st May 2026.

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Upcoming Events

29 th March	<u>Zoom service (Palm Sunday) - Revd Becky Jarratt</u>
3 rd April *11am	<u>Zoom Service (11am Good Friday) – Gwendolen Rowe</u>
5 th April	<u>Zoom Service (Easter Sunday) – Revd Jack Dunion</u>
12 th April	<u>Zoom service of worship – Anne Clarkson</u>
7-10 th April	<u>13-18 Easter Rally - West End Outdoor Centre</u>
24 th April	<u>Meet The Minister</u>
18 th April 10am-4pm	<u>Angels - Discovering the gifts they bring -Wellspring</u>
30 th April	<u>From Clowes to Wilderspin – Online Talk</u>
9 th May 10am-4pm	<u>Sex & Gender Workshop - Wellspring House</u>

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