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

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



New Church Children's Society Annual General Meeting

NCCS will be holding its AGM on Tuesday October 6th at 7.00. pm

The meeting will be held on zoom

If you would like to attend please email
sue.chesworth@generalconference.org.uk
 The link will be sent out in week beginning
 September 28th

9-13 Summer Camp 2026

Revd Becky Jarratt writes:

From 3rd – 6th August the Youth and Family Team ran a summer camp for young people aged 9-13 at Wellspring House in Manchester. The theme for the week was “Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone”. You may wonder why we would have such a theme for a church residential, but those who are familiar with the Harry Potter stories will know that they are rich with depictions of love and hate, good and evil, and how different ways of treating your neighbours can mean building wonderful relationships or creating struggles that can last for a long time.

We looked at various Bible stories that gave us similar messages to what we read in Harry Potter. Our teachings tell us that children absorb spiritual truth best through story and imagery, rather than abstract doctrine, and the Harry Potter stories help us wonderfully in being able to demonstrate these principles. Thinking of the rich young man in Mark 10:17-22 who was sad at the thought of giving up his great wealth in order to achieve eternal life helped us to deliberate about what is really important to us.

As well as having much fun and time for games and other activities, we spent our mornings with matins and learning spiritual principles that the young people could take out into the world with them. I feel truly blessed to have been able to work with this age group for a number of years, and five of the young people were about to embark on the move to secondary school – not an easy time for many. One particularly poignant moment was when we were looking at “The Mirror of Erised”. “Erised” spelt backwards is “Desire”. It was wonderful to be able to share the teaching of how looking at our own desires is the beginning of real change.

In the Harry Potter story, the person who looks in the mirror sees the thing they most desire, and we talked about what we might see if we looked in the mirror right now. Naturally, there were thoughts of certain football teams winning the FA cup and having the BEST hair when they went back to school, but some responses showed how deeply these wonderful young people were taking on board what they had been learning. I was humbled with the vulnerability they expressed in what they were willing to share with the group. Other highlights include singing hymns on the minibus (started by the young people) and the tram (instigated by me) and watching the joy and excitement of how far £5 can go in Bargain World in Radcliffe.

Enormous thanks to the NCYA for paying for us to go on the tram into Manchester (a new experience for some) and for the trip to Inflata Nation. Thank you for all at Wellspring House for allowing and enabling us to use the building for this residential. And thank you to all of the leaders – I am not sure we were all in the building at the same time, but we couldn’t have done it without each and every one of you!

Please follow the link to see a fuller write-up of the camp as well as plenty of photos:
<https://newchurchcamps.org.uk/9-13-summer-camp-2026/>

Revd Becky Jarratt



Scam E-Mails

Paul Crone writes:

If you receive an email which looks like a scam, the best thing to do is forward it to report@phishing.gov.uk then delete it.

The National Cyber Security Centre is able to block malicious activity. More information and plain english advice here [Scams - how to spot and report them](#)



Gathering Leaves 2027

"Be Still and Know"

A Swedenborgian/New Church Women's Retreat
May 6–9, 2027



Mary & Joseph Retreat Center
 Rancho Palos Verdes, California



We are delighted to invite women from across the Swedenborgian/New Church community to Gathering Leaves 2027, a special time to come together, reconnect, reflect, worship, learn, laugh, and simply enjoy being with one another.

Our theme is "Be still and know" - in the midst of busy lives, we will have the opportunity to step away from the noise and bustle of everyday life and make space to be still — to listen, to receive, and to connect to the Lord.

Pre-registration is now open!

If you are hoping to join us, we would love to hear from you. Pre-registering is an expression of interest and helps us with our planning. It is not official event registration, and there is no commitment to attend. Official registration will open at a later date. But, if you pre-register with us, you will be guaranteed a place, should you chose to attend.

Your response will help us get a better idea of how many women may be interested and help us plan accordingly. We are hoping to subsidise the cost of this event.

We hope you will consider joining us!

Pre-register your interest here: www.gatheringleaves.weebly.com/

Upcoming Events

13 th September	<u>Online Service led by Revd Brian Talbot</u>
19 th September	<u>Where am I headed after I die? - Wellspring House</u>
19-20th September	<u>Kearsley Scarecrow Festival</u>
2 nd -4 th October	<u>Derby Weekend - Purley Chase</u>
5 th October	<u>Autumn Fellowship - Purley Chase</u>
9 th October	<u>A Space Apart - Purley Chase</u>
30 th October	<u>November Family Weekend - Purley Chase</u>
31 st October	<u>Divine Providence - Wellspring House</u>
14 th November	<u>Voyage of Discovery - Wellspring House</u>
12 th December	<u>Angels – Discovering the gifts they bring - Wellspring House</u>

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