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A Candle for Christmas

Revd Lynne Griffths writes:

We can't believe that it is our 5th year hosting our annual A Candle for Christmas service. Last year we ventured into new territory at the last minute and livestreamed via zoom. We were unsure if we could do the same this year but the words "ye of little faith" spring to mind as everything has aligned perfectly again to enable us to offer an online sharing of this special event. Many thanks go to Scott who without his presence and unlimited data on his phone would make this impossible – we are very grateful he has

taken a holiday from work to attend and support us once again! He's also due to climb big ladders for the first time next week to install our special lighting rig, a necessity as the usual suspects have ended up in A+E lately rendering them incapable of performing their usual roles! When we say it is a testing time in more ways than one, we mean it!!!! So let this mammoth task of getting to the 5th of December be your invite to attend online and join us for what will be as ever a beautiful, moving and reflective service.

Bring your own candle along also so you can also join in at that point in the service to remember those who are no longer with us. If you would like a memory tag written out and adding to our special memory tree, please drop me a message and I will arrange this. I am contactable at lynne.griffiths@generalconference.org.uk



Rachel, our lovely on-line worship co-ordinator will share further details but till then save the date and consider this your invite to join us for Seaburn's highlight of the year – A Candle for Christmas 2026.

Revd Michael Stanley

Revd Mary Duckworth writes:

Last Wednesday Michael fell twice and struggled to get up. The second time he lay on the floor much of the night and eventually did manage to reach the phone and call for help. He was taken to the Royal Blackburn Hospital where he is now being cared for in Ward C11. There is no indication of a fracture, but the pain in his legs has kept him bed-bound until he saw a physiotherapist this morning, November 18th. He has since been able to move his legs and was delighted to be able to sit in a chair to enjoy his lunch.

For a number of weeks, he has been suffering agonising itchiness due to scabies. This is no longer infectious, but the itchiness continues to give him great discomfort. Unfortunately the retina in his right eye is rapidly becoming detached. All this means he has had only short snatches of sleep for some time.

We are thankful that despite all this Michael remains optimistic and looks forward to returning home when he can. May the Lord bless him and keep him!

Fond Memories

Alex Murray, Archivist at the Swedenborg Society, was saddened recently to hear of Gordon Kuphal's passing saying 'I have very fond memories of working alongside Gordon and have missed his presence at the Swedenborg Society over the last couple of years, where we would previously meet to discuss matters relating to the General Conference Archive.

Relatedly, I have been working closely with the Conference collections recently and found these photos of Gordon as a young man in the 60s (with John Cunningham also in one of them, who I also used to work alongside) which I have attached'.





Upcoming Events

11th December	Christmas Carol Service – Purley Chase
12th December	Angels – Discovering the gifts they bring - Wellspring House
19-21st February	18 plus Weekend – Purley Chase
19-21st March	The Still Centre - Purley Chase
14-16th May	Dancing the Tree of Life - Purley Chase
28th May	May Family Weekend – Purley Chase
1st August	13-18 Summer Camp – Purley Chase
3rd September	Swedenborg Weekend - Purley Chase
29th October	October Family Weekend – Purley Chase
Full details	www.generalconference.org.uk/new-church-events