



SOUL FOOD

July 2005

Friendship

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for your friends. John 15: 3

Heaven consists in this, that from the heart we wish better for others than for ourselves, and desire to be of service to others in order to promote their happiness, and this for no selfish end, but from love. Arcana Coelestia 452

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Thought for the Day

Many of us have experienced the perception shift as we begin to look at the world as not something that begins with us, but with others. As we see the world through the eyes of others and feel the joy of entering another's thoughts and feelings and experiencing them as our own, the world opens up like a garden.

Prayer

Help me Lord, to be a true friend. Help me to see others as partners on this planet. Allow me to feel a sense of service and unconditional love to everyone I come in contact with.

I know that I will not always agree with everyone, or feel close to everyone I meet. But help me, Lord, desire happiness and good fortune for everyone. I know that when I let go of judgments and criticism, I can begin to appreciate others as truly Your children.

Now it is permitted to understand "Swedenborg Writings"
Since the writing of these books by the Lord through Swedenborg, we are now privileged to gain an insight into the depths of spiritual meaning that lie hidden in the literal sense of the Bible.

For ordering books see www.swedenborg.com.au

Worship Services are held weekly at 10 Broome Street, South Perth (off Douglas Street) at 10.30am except the first Sunday of the month when it is held at 5pm.
You are invited to join in a shared meal afterwards if you wish.

Classes and systematic study

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June 19th Banquet Sunday evening at 5pm

What a wonderful evening we all experienced worshipping together all 28 of us! And then partaking of a three course meal in harmony and friendship with the love of the Lord and His church and our friends permeating the occasion.

The young people prepared a first course of "ante pasta" salads and cold meats with Turkish bread and dips. Then followed a talk by Lisa on her personal experiences working with the aged and frail and dying, and how her faith and the teachings of the New Church have helped her. She spoke from her heart and we were all touched to hear a young woman share with us her faith and convictions.

Then followed casserole creations brought by one and all.....followed by Alex Benjco talking to us about his near death experience as a young person and how excited he is to have discovered Swedenborg's writings and now a congregation of like minded people! We are so happy for you in your great joy.

Songs were sung, Alex, Tony and Cynthia were gifted with a book each, and toasts to the Church and friends across the sea were made and more songs sung.

A delightful evening which fed our souls, enlightened our minds. cemented our friendships. and confirmed our faith was enjoyed by us all!

Welcome to John Dwyer *We are very happy to welcome John into our midst as father to the three Dwyer children and husband of Debbie. May you be very happy in Perth and put down some long and happy roots.*

Hurstville 's 100th Anniversary.

July 1th to 17th is the Hurstville's 100th Anniversary. Alex Benjco is travelling to Hurstville to meet all the folk especially our new Bishop Tom Kline. Richard and Val have prepared a special Photo Album to gift to Hurstville for the occasion and the Smuts have sent a "poem"

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across highlighting some of the events and people during the 5 years they lived in Sydney.

Holidays

The Frosts have travelled to Exmouth for the 2 week break. The Dwyer family are all on holiday together and busy exploring Perth. It was good to see Lois Burney during June on her visit to Perth.

Verity and Tony are travelling through USA visiting Peter and Lisa, Mary's brother Cedric Lumsden and family, attending a family wedding and meeting Tony's relatives. Anni and Lisa Smuts are attending a sustainable development camp in Melbourne, and visiting with friends.

Visit of Peter and Lisa Buss 28th September to 3^d October

Well, we've booked our flights. I hope they are OK. Not knowing how things worked we booked a direct flight from New Zealand (I think it's # 175), and it arrives in Perth on Wednesday the 28th at 6:50 p.m. It's the only direct flight, so I thought coming in on Thursday evening that late would mess everything up, so set it up for a day earlier.

Then - this is a bit strange - United Airlines has a code share with Virgin Blue, which leaves Perth at 11:59 p.m. on Monday evening and arrive in Sydney at 6:05 a.m. A true red-eye. We took it because it works best with our booking people. I hope that isn't too bad. But you can drop us off much earlier and we are happy to be in the airport drinking decaf coffee.

We don't mind what happens during our stay - retreat, no retreat, whatever. But we'll be there long enough to have time for those who can't make the retreat if that's what you want.

Let us know closer to the time what kind of discussions you want to have. We're off to England for a month on July 5th, so will concentrate on this when we get back.

*Lots of love to you all,
Peter*

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July Calendar

Sunday 3rd	Worship 5pm Followed by a shared meal	10 Broome Street South Perth (off Douglas St.)
Sunday 10th	Worship 10.30am Followed by a shared meal	10 Broome Street South Perth (off Douglas St.)
Sunday 17th	Worship 10.30am Followed by a shared meal	10 Broome Street South Perth (off Douglas St.)
Thurs 21st	<u>TCR study</u>	Smuts home
Sunday 24 th	Worship 10.30am Followed by a shared meal	10 Broome Street South Perth (off Douglas St.)
Thursday 30 th	<i>Spiritual Growth Group</i> 7.30pm	Smuts home
Sunday 1 st Aug	Worship 5pm Followed by a shared meal	10 Broome Street South Perth (off Douglas St.)

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