



SOUL FOOD

June 2005

“If you wish to be eternally happy, know and believe that you will live after death. Always remember this, for it is the truth.”

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Asking

One who has my commandments and keeps them, is the one who loves Me. And one who loves Me and will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.

John

14:21

It is common in all divine worship, that people should first will, desire, and pray, and the Lord then answer, inform, and act. Otherwise they do not receive anything divine. The Lord gives them the desire to ask, and what to ask for. Therefore the Lord knows it beforehand. But still the Lord wills that people should ask first, to the end that they may act as if from themselves, and thus they should make it their own. Apocalypse Revealed 376

Thought for the Day

We can wonder why should we ask the Lord for anything, Doesn't He already know what we need? However, there is power in asking God for the things we need. It allows us to think about what we need from the Lord

In the New Testament, there is a story of a blind man who lay by a healing pool for 38 years (John 5). When Jesus went to heal him, He asked the blind man if he wanted to be made well. That seems like an odd question. But Jesus did not ask because He didn't know, He asked because He wanted the man to articulate his needs.

The Lord wants us to talk with Him. He wants us to ask for the things we want and need. He wants us to become as little children and acknowledge that He is truly the source of all that is good and holy in our lives. Asking God humbly on our knees to be given wisdom and tolerance and love reminds us that all these things come from God.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for all the wonderful blessings in my life. Help me today to be aware of Your will and to humbly do that will. Show me what I

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am meant to know today. Give me a loving and forgiving heart that I may serve all the people around me better.

Today Lord, I ask in humble prayer for the things that can help me be a better person and better serve you and my neighbor. I know that sometimes I get caught up in my day-to-day life and forget You and forget that You are continually leading me. Help me to think of You often today.

*I humbly ask You to give me the wisdom to be Your servant.
Amen*

Message from the bishop (via email)

"I sent the following letter to Hurstville:

*Message to the Hurstville Society
From Bishop Kline*

I want to acknowledge the distress and disappointment in your congregation over the news that your pastor, Garry Walsh, will be leaving. I know this was a sudden shock.

We are facing a severe ministerial shortage that we did not foresee. In just the past two years we have lost five active ministers and two senior traveling ministers due to health and other concerns. Added to retirements, this is about ten percent of our active clergy. In the United States alone we are seeing the possibility of three congregations who had full time pastors last year who will be with a pastor this coming year.

We are taking real steps to alleviate this shortage. We are establishing a fund to help second career theological students, looking at compensation figures, and beginning an active recruiting process. We have good candidates coming along, so the future looks brighter.

I plan to be in Hurstville for the your 100th Anniversary Celebration. I am also pleased to announce that the Rt. Rev. Peter M. Buss will preach weekly in Hurstville next fall from September 18th to the 21st of November, as well as travel to other parts of Australia and New Zealand. Both of these visits will give us a chance to meet with you and discuss Church of the New Jerusalem June 2005 10 Broome St. South Perth.

plans for the future.

Let us look to the Lord as we look for the growth of His New Church.

Sincerely,

Rt. Rev. Thomas L. Kline"

So I will be in Hurstville this July, and Peter Buss will be there for a little over a month this fall. Peter plans to travel to Perth, so I am sure he will be able to visit with you and the group there and talk about future plans.

Please keep in contact, and let us work together for the growth of the Lord's New Church.

Sincerely,

Tom Kline"

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

June 19th Banquet Sunday evening at 5pm

Keep free the 19th June for our annual celebration of the New Church's Birthday.

Phone Val or Moira to confirm the dish to contribute!

Hurstville 's 100th Anniversary.

July 11th to 17th is the Hurstville 's 100th Anniversary. We are all invited to participate and to meet the new bishop RSVP.

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*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 Calendar

Thurs 2 nd	Spiritual Growth Group 7.30pm	Smuts home
Sunday 5th	Worship 5pm Followed by a shared meal	10 Broome Street South Perth (off Douglas St.)
Thurs 9th	Doctrinal Class 7.30pm Singing practice and TCR questions	Smuts home
Sunday 12th	<u>9.30am CLASS</u> (confirmation and baptism) <u>Worship 10.30am</u> Followed by a shared meal	10 Broome Street South Perth (off Douglas St.)
Thursday 16th	Spiritual Growth Group 7.30pm	Smuts home
Sunday 19th	<u>NEW CHURCH DAY</u> Worship 5pm BANQUET	10 Broome Street South Perth (off Douglas St.)
Thurs 23rd	Doctrinal Class 7.30pm Singing practice and TCR questions	Smuts home
Sunday 26th	<u>9.30am CLASS</u> (confirmation and baptism) Worship 10.30am	10 Broome Street South Perth (off Douglas St.)

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	Followed by a shared meal	
Thursday 30 th	<u>Spiritual Growth Group</u> 7.30pm	Smuts home
Sunday 3 rd July	Worship 5pm Followed by a shared meal	10 Broome Street South Perth (off Douglas St.)

NEWS

Riverton Library: Peter O Rourke has been successfully requesting Riverton library for books on Swedenborg. So far they have located 2 books and a video!

Let us all go to our local library to see what is actually available out there . It will also create an interest in the topic to the public and the librarians! Spread the news!

Library books donated to our Circle

"Tunnel to Infinity", "The Scarlet Thread"

"My Lord and My God "

Thank you to Barrie Ridgway and Alex Benjco.

Sunday Class before church started at 9.30am on the 17th April and a systematic study of the New Church doctrinal precepts has begun. Thank you to Richard for an early unlocking procedure. See calendar for dates and times of classes! Peter Buss is sending some classes for us to use.

Thanks to the young people and Alex for the lovely worship service on the 29th May!

Spiritual Growth Group

Beginning on 2nd June. All welcome. 7.30pm Smuts home.

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