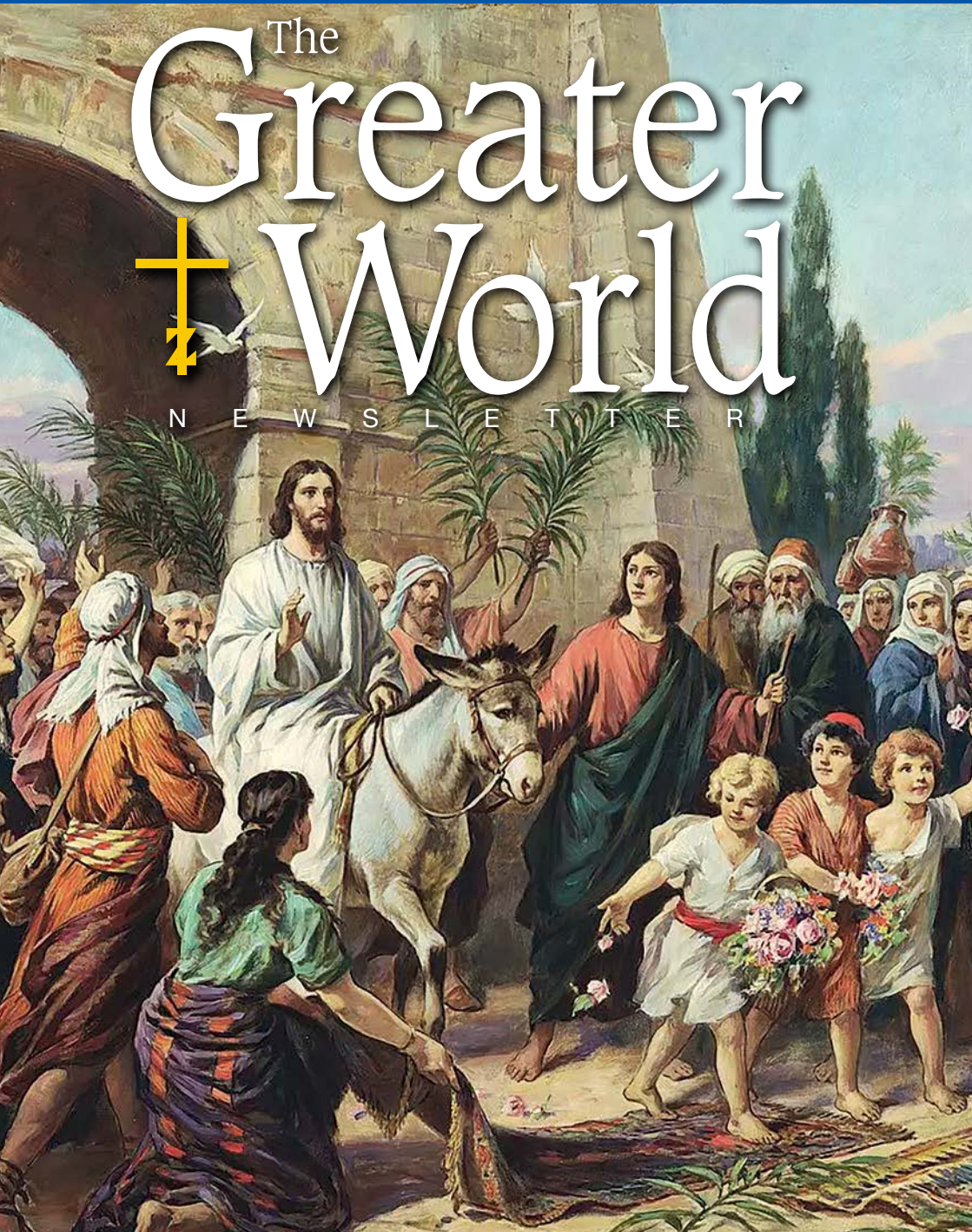


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## *I believe in one God who is Love*

**I accept the Leadership of Jesus the Christ**

**I believe that God manifests through the  
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**I believe in the survival of the soul and its  
individuality after physical death**

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in conditions other than the earth life.**

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intermingle, are interdependent, and evolve  
until perfection is attained.**

**I believe in the perfect justice of the Divine  
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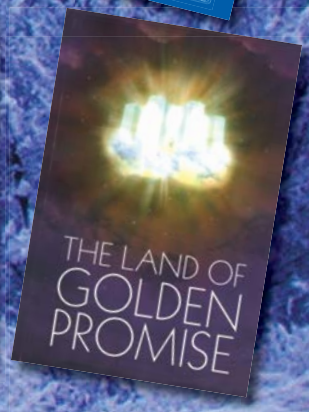
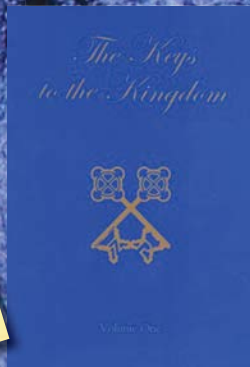
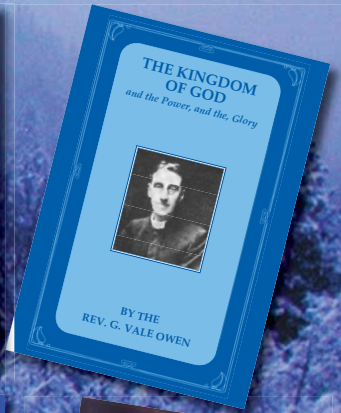
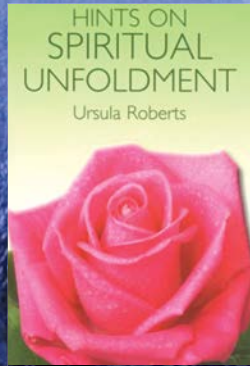
## *The Pledge*

**I will at all times endeavour to be guided in  
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and example of Jesus the Christ.**



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*“ I am the Light of the world;  
he who follows Me shall  
not walk in darkness; but he shall find for  
himself the light of life.*

*John 8:12*

*I have come to the world as the Light, so  
that whoever believes in Me may not  
remain in darkness.*

*John 12:46*

It is difficult to hear the Word of God when we are pre-occupied with worry and fear. Jesus asked: “Does worrying add a single hour to your life?”

*Matt 6:27.*

How can we understand the ‘peace of God’? Isaiah tells us that God will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast because they trust in God. The peace that our Heavenly Father gives is not temporary – neither is it subject to certain demands. It is the knowledge of the love of God for His children – which is only one part of the lesson that all mankind has come to earth to learn.

When mankind ceases to carry out God’s work on earth then he ceases to benefit from all the many blessings that a loving Father has promised to His children. The gold of the earth has no value in the Kingdom of God. Jesus brought the message of God closer to mankind in every way that He was able during his lifetime. Our efforts are required daily to keep alive His message. That message may not be easy at the beginning but as you progress so you are



*The first words that Jesus spoke to His disciples when He rose from the grave were: “Peace be with you”.*

able to understand what God really wants you to do in this lifetime. You were not born to be waited on. You were born to serve. When you make an error it is only you who can make it right.

The first words that Jesus spoke to His disciples when He rose from the grave were: “Peace be with you”. The truth of His teaching had been fulfilled. All that He had taught to the people and that which He had taught to His disciples – when apart from the crowd - was fulfilled before their eyes. Yes! Some doubted because they were not there. As soon as they saw Him their doubts were cast aside. They knew without doubt that everything they had learned was true. Life is eternal. There is no death. The life of the disciples was not easy. Yet they left behind a message that is so relevant today – There is no death! The Christ message, the way of life is equally as important today. As you look around you that truth is so relevant.

When Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman at the well He declared Himself to be the source of living water that leads to eternal life. “Whosoever drinks the water that I will give them will never thirst. Indeed the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” (*John 4:14*)

In the Bible there are many examples of ordinary everyday items that are so common in daily use that their spiritual meaning is lost upon the individual. Do you drink water? What else do you use water for throughout the day? What do you think is the meaning of water? It purifies, it cleanses, mankind cannot live without it. What does that say to you? There are so many examples in the Bible that use ordinary, everyday articles to explain the power and glory of God. All that is requested of us is that we open our hearts and minds to the greater meaning of LIFE – REAL LIFE.

Mankind was born to be ambassadors of and for God; a loving heavenly Father; Creator. All that we are asked to do is to live the life that we were born to live.

Before you were born you made the promise to gather your resources and climb the staircase – one step at a time. What has happened to that promise!

Do you think that your life is too hard – that the staircase is too steep – that the mountain pathway has too many boulders - it is not so. The power of man is not forever. Do not let the material life destroy that fortress that you have built within yourself. Put out your hand and help will be given. On the crest of the hill you will see the glory that awaits you. Do not look down – look up – and see the wonder that you have created – then it is time to move on to the next step and the next.

One thing you may not know – the Jewish sages held classes for many women. They believed that women would be the first to recognise and accept the teachings of the prophet, the Son, that was promised by God. In a society where women were not thought to have any credibility this was an unusual belief. Yet, it reminds us of the many women throughout the generations of the Old Testament who saved Israel from destruction. What of the women throughout the generations in this country who gave their lives to save lives! It reminds us of Mary – the young girl, Mother of Jesus – ‘a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son’. How did she feel seeing her Son hanging from a cross! The relationships of generation after generation is never ending.

Our Father in heaven, upon whom we call to solve all our problems will never not answer that call. His answer is always – ‘Here am I’. Will He solve problems for you? NO! If you wish to fulfil the purpose for which you were born – then you already have the answer to all your questions – is it your earthly mind which has the desire.....or is it your soul? Just like the Prodigal Son – every day brings an opportunity to recognise the presence of our loving Father within us.

As always, in all the examples that we have been given, it is always the individual who solves the problem - makes the choice – and moves on. There

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*Remain in Me as I remain in you.  
No branch can bear fruit by itself.  
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have been too many incidences available to us for us not to recognise when the Hand of God has been put into action. “Behold I stand at the door and knock”. We know it off by heart. Why do we find it so hard to accept? Is the glory of ‘self’ so important that the true meaning of life is lost. (Rev. 3:19-20)

Only with the Christ walking within us can we carry out the work of our Heavenly Father – not only here on earth – but throughout the whole universe. The power of God that we carry and emit day and night is also working within the realms of Spirit – and there are many.

“Remain in Me as I remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself. It must remain part of the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me.” (John 15)

Can Jesus be your friend? He said; ‘Love one another as I have loved you’. He came to seek and save the lost. His body was the same as yours:

His feet: - took Him from place to place

His hands: - served mankind in many ways

His eyes: - saw the needs of all people

His mouth: - spoke the truth about God’s Kingdom to everyone

His Spirit: - taught a way of life that was available to all people

His Soul: - Healed the sick: He forgave those who persecuted Him.

He gave understanding to all who came to Him.

With His whole being He went through persecution and eventually died in order that the promise of God could be fulfilled. There is no death.

Greater love hath no man than this: that a man lays down his life for mankind. It matters not whether the reason is seen immediately or in years to come – a



life sacrificed is one that is never forgotten. God never forgets.

Being on friendly terms with Jesus brings us closer to God. The Lord confides in those who love Him. Having that contact does not necessarily take away the fear, does not take away our reason for being, what it does do is to strengthen the individual. The contact removes the power of fear – “I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.” We need to be single minded.

“I am not ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.” *Romans 1:16*

The Word of God is a living word and it is active in the world through those who know Him. It is sharper than any two edged sword, piercing into the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. *Hebrews 4:12*

God had made a covenant with the Israelites through Moses. On the night of the Last Supper Jesus made a new covenant – not only with His disciples – but with all mankind. *Luke 22*

Jesus said – “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die”. *John 11: 25-26*

Jesus fulfilled the promise of redemption from the very beginning of mankind and forever.

Riding into Jerusalem on the foal of a donkey – what relevance is there to this event which could be equally important to all the happenings of that time! Donkeys played a very necessary part in the lives of the people. They were used and abused – as they are in many places today. Yet at this time in the life of Jesus the colt and its mother represent a very important part in the meaning of the life of Jesus, the Christ. The colt is still with its mother and had never been ridden so it was ‘pure’. The donkey conveys peace and love and caring, it loves and cares for its child – it symbolises the Old Covenant that God made through Moses. The colt represents a new generation of truth – the New Covenant – ‘which shall be to all people’. The whole world is being given the opportunity to accept the Law of God. “Love one another as I have loved you”.

It is not possible to receive salvation by faith alone – nor by the perception of our own thoughts and actions. Can you always stay cool, calm and collected! Are you always right! When we fall – whether we know it or not – we always

receive help to stand up straight once more. Never are we turned away from the pathway. Isaiah 64-6

Jesus fulfilled the promise of Redemption: “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies.” John 11-25

Every Easter provides an illustration of the Redeeming Plan our loving, heavenly Father offers freely to all mankind. Life everlasting is for all mankind. It cannot be bought with material goods – nor with material sacrifices. The Service of Holy Communion that Jesus held illustrates by its words the true meaning of His Life. When you take Holy Communion the same applies to you.

There was a belief at that time that if after three days those proclaimed to be dead did not come back to life – then they were proclaimed dead and would not come back to life. At the tomb where Jesus was laid not only had He walked out, a very heavy stone had been removed in order that He was able to do so. That not only caused amazement to his friends. It caused a great deal of trouble to those who were supposed to be guarding the tomb.

Jesus plainly stated that He gave His life for our redemption. Even the disciples could not grasp the whole meaning of the statement. There are many today who do not realise the truth about themselves as well as their loved ones. Our life is chosen by us for a purpose: to grow spiritually; yet we still become discomfited. Discouragement brings about temptations. This is where our knowledge comes into action – How many times do you shrug off negative thoughts! That shows that you know better – you surprise yourself – you resisted temptation – one smile – shoulders lifted and one more strong step forward. It is not possible to grow in knowledge if we believe that God will do everything for us. Unless we remove our own stones how can we come out into the garden of our own life? John 11:25

Where is God when you need Him? Right where He always is – by your side. The disciples knew hopelessness and despair. They were looking to Jesus for total freedom – a life that would be ‘easy’ - what we would call a ‘life of Riley’. They were looking for total freedom from the Romans and the Hierarchy in the Temple. They soon learned differently!

After the crucifixion two disciples were walking home. As they walked they were going over all that had happened and asking questions they could not answer – why this - why that? A stranger came up to them and a conversation



began - the stranger left them and they looked at each other – how, why, when, where, suddenly it dawned on them and they began to run back to Jerusalem. Now they knew who the stranger was – and so do you. *Luke 24:16*

Faith, confidence and belief were walking with them but they did not recognise it *'Peter 1:3-4*

Are you the strong link in the chain? Many people use the word 'hope' - 'you can only hope'; 'let's hope so'; "He that lives in hope danceth without music" George Herbert. That is a very true statement.

Even in the darkest hours we are accompanied. A loving Father never leaves His children to travel alone. That is His promise to all of His children – 'Behold I am with you always – even unto the end of the world'.

Make this Easter a new beginning. Not just like a New Years' Resolution. Your future is in your hands – remember you never walk alone.

Megan Long GWMIn., CGWM

National President



# Zodiac Prayer

*O Gracious Spirit, we thank Thee for all Thy good gifts,  
for Thy tender, understanding Love,  
for the brightness within and without,  
and for this most sacred privilege of communing with those  
who are in the realms of the Spirit.*

*We thank Thee for those named and for all those unnamed gifts  
with which Thou has endowed Thy children –  
thank Thee with the gratitude which comes from love,  
thank Thee that always Thou art able to lift us out of the present  
into those planes of hope, of faith and of vision –  
that Thou art able to lift us into these planes and to dry the tears,  
to send back the sorrowful thoughts  
and to give that inner wisdom when we can say;  
“In Thy Hands all is wonderfully well!”*

*O Christ, above all we thank Thee  
that Thou ever and ever again can lift us up and up.*

*Send down Thy power.  
Help us in our weakness;  
guide us in our ignorance  
and protect us from those thoughts of evil,  
which leave so deep a mark behind,  
until Thou hast closed the wound  
with Thy understanding Love.  
Power and blessing and holiness –  
these we pray for as Thy children,  
certain that Thou wilt provide all that is necessary  
and give in abundance  
that which we require to help us through the days to come.*

*In the Name of Christ, our Saviour we pray.*

*Amen*



# † News from Headquarters

**W**hat a time we are going through. Once Again we have had to say farewell to relatives and friends who have gone to their spiritual home. At least we know that they are safe and well and with loved ones who welcome them home.

Sadly, we have had to say farewell to Elaine Bagshaw one of our longest serving Ministers. So many people owe her so much. The Greater World will miss her eagerness to spread the word – in thought, and deed. Her willingness to serve mankind, no matter who or what they were or where they were will remain in the hearts and minds of all who came into contact with her. Our thoughts go out to her husband and family and the ‘family’ in the church which she put so much into in order that it should indeed become a Messenger for The Greater World and benefit all who passed through its doors.

It would be good to hear from our Affiliated Churches at these difficult times. Tell us what you are doing during this time of great need to help those around you get through each day and know that you are spreading

the Message of The Greater World at the same time. How can we help you? How can we strengthen your resolve when all around seems so bleak! Our Messengers are growing fewer and fewer all over the country. The Christ Message is still the most important Message in the world today. So many people have need of your help and there are many who do not like to ask for it. Still the cross remains the sign and symbol to all those who have lost their way – they need you.

*“The wood of the cross is the tree of knowledge”*

There have been fewer times than this when the truth and message of Easter was so desperately needed throughout our world. Do not be afraid to stand up for what you know to be the truth.

Once again the train strikes made it impossible to hold our Carol Service. As it is still ongoing it is also causing difficulties for those of you who wish to take the Courses. However, we will accommodate you as best we can. It has worked well so far and may be one of these days, we will be able to gather everyone together ---- when

those concerned have decided that being of service to the people really means what it is ----

Thank you to everyone who is working to keep the message of The



## News from the Churches

### **Clarendon Road Sanctuary, Leeds**

**L**oving New Year Greetings from The Greater World Family at Leeds Sanctuary.

We send healing blessings to you all and hope that you have been able to be free of all the winter problems of the wet weather, wind and floods. Hopefully life is getting back to a more normal routine.

Leeds Church Services have continued at 3.00pm each Sunday throughout the year and we have been able to offer a short Spiritual Healing Session prior to the Divine Service and a Service for Holy Communion once a month.

On Remembrance Sunday we welcomed friends and family to worship together when we remembered and prayed for all those men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice during the many wars, conflicts and troubles around our world.

We gave our love and thanks for our

Greater World alive in the here and now. Your activities, thoughts, words and deeds, do not go unnoticed. May all the blessings of Easter remain with you no matter what!

peace at this time and prayed for those still involved in problems worldwide. Our speaker was Revd. Angela Marshall, organist was Marley Watson and the Service was led by Dawn Middleton. Afterwards we retired to the tea room and enjoyed tea/coffee and shared poppy inspired cupcakes' and cakes donated by Sharon.

We held an afternoon of Private Sittings on the 25th November which was well supported and added to our funds. Teas and Coffees were served in the Tea-Room and all enjoyed the Social aspect of the day, which included our usual tombola.

An uplifting Carol Service was held on Sunday 17th December with a Service of Readings and Carols chaired by Revd. Angela Marshall. The Lessons were read by Revd. Angela Marshall, Marley Watson, Diane Cuffe, Dawn Middleton, Jacqui Watkins, Michelle Pawinski, Pauline Jones and Barry Sheridan; interspersed with well-known carols, accompanied by Marley Watson. Angela Marshall read a wonderful Christmas Message from



our National President Revd. Megan Long which was well appreciated. We enjoyed seasonal refreshments after the Service, good wishes, love and Christmas Blessings were exchanged as everyone then made their way home.

We closed for Christmas and New Year celebrations and opened again on Sunday January 7th 2024 at 3.00pm for the Spring Season. We look forward to celebrating the various Christian Festivals of Candlemas on February 2nd (Luke 2 v 22-40) and Ash Wednesday, February 14th preceding Lent (Mark 1 v 12-13) leading us up to Easter.

Thank you to all our “knitters” who made Christmas hats and for those who made puddings, which were filled with a chocolate. Each item was sold in aid of Church Funds. To all those who bought them – Thankyou. A total of £84.00 was made.

Please continue to send out your loving prayers and thoughts, giving thanks for all that has been received. We have been given opportunities, received hidden blessings and the understanding that love is the strongest power in the world. Be positive in your knowledge of the Love of God and Jesus Our Saviour and share all that is received each day. Spring will soon be on its way, trees budding, bulbs sprouting, animals, birds and other creatures busy preparing for new birth and the

seasons move on once again. Enjoy all that you do. Observe the changes around you and watch the beauty of Nature giving you renewed strength.

As Easter approaches be aware of the significance of this special season for us all as you attend and/or take part in the various Services.

Take care of yourselves, your loved ones and stay safe. We send you Love for a Blessed Easter for everyone.

God bless you all in your endeavours.

[Margaret Bellamy](#) GWMIn. CGWM  
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# The Unknown Gift

**W**e meet for a special purpose. At this moment the purpose is beyond the mind of the physical body to grasp.

We meet to carry on this sacred work. We meet in those close ties of love and understanding and mutual aims. This harmony is essential for that which the Father has laid down to transpire during these hours we are together. War goes on all the time. The points are these: whether the battle is constructive or destructive; whether something worthwhile can be gained through struggle or whether, once again, it throws humanity back into something resembling barbarism.

Looking back over the past, the 'little past' so far as you are concerned, a long, long past where I am drawn in. For I see not only that which has transpired since my sojourn in an earthly body, but the Lord of all has parted the veil which hid much which lay before that time. As I stand in your presence I look back and the past is as vivid as the events of this same hour. When that which you name 'spiritual sight' is bestowed at a moment's inclination, if that inclination can be pure, it is possible to call up as in a vision the details concerning the spiritual history of mankind. However, the most important point is that those details which do not relate to the freeing of man's Spirit and to the evolution of that which it represents – those incidents which are of the earth earthly of any other sphere, which have no connection with the freeing of the Spirit within, these are gathered together and are burnt even as the rubbish which you place apart and seek to destroy. This is the mercy of God. To you bound by the physical mind it seems that those free from the body are burdened with much in the shape of memories.

No individual, save God, could bear the contemplation of all that wasted effort, all those missed opportunities, all the folly which has made up the past. God alone has that poise, that strength, that vision which can take and hold the details of the past, the present and the future of His many creations. God has taken upon Himself that burden, otherwise there

might be one here or there who could exclaim, with truth, that He was an incomplete Father of those He had brought into being.

Where we are concerned, those things which contribute to the plan – and in measure those definite actions which thwarted at any point the furtherance of the plan, these things are held by us; but no more. So much belongs to that which is as dust. The sweet breeze from those realms which are of the Spirit comes sweeping across our minds and that which is as dust is gone. God's mercy in very truth.

When you look back over your short past to hold this thought in mind. Mistakes may have been made – many blunders you will exclaim; but in the measure that those blunders were not intentional, that it was not out of turning from God that you did this or that – then all shall be swept beyond your horizon. When you stand face to face with the One Who loves you best and feel His hand upon you, it shall be taken from you to recall such things as these.

So many fear that which they name 'self-revelation' when the body is cast aside. They think that their failures present so ominous an appearance and wonder what they will do when faced with the accumulation in those conditions where 'forgetting' is no more. What will you do? You will look around and say to those gathered – 'What of my past?' they will answer, instructed by the Holy spirit Who rules their hearts: "The past is past; the future lies open before you in all its glory, its wealth of experience, its unlimited opportunity!" With the tools which you, yourself, have bought by that which you endured, there shall come no sorrow to cast a shade over the perfect Love which has closed in around you.

If you ask "how does this fit in with the regret so often expressed by those who return and speak to us through messengers prepared for service?" Everything that relates to God is worked out on exact, logical and closely reasoned lines. If you come back in this way, during that time you speak, as it were, the sensation of the physical body which you don, will bring its memories.

But how long do you wear that garment! A few minutes at the most. As you leave so by the past recalled you have gained a fresh impetus to effort, a higher and nobler ambition by the consciousness of the bounty of God and the rays of His sympathetic understanding, which have made those mistakes and blunders fade almost entirely from that remembrance which is yours.

There is a great purpose in this information because there are many who turn one to the other with looks of hope, with a sense of comfort. They are those who by unspeakable struggle have aroused that which is their lesser selves and in a measure have released the Divine within. These in the past turned away from Light to darkness; many inflicted grievous wrongs on others. Now they stand before you and before God as ransomed souls, inspired to reach the highest and the best. That which they did in ignorance, that which they did apart from ill-intent, that which has been blotted out long since, but between them and the realms of Light lay many boulders of deliberate ill, many acts which were carried through with determination by the mind associated with that which they wore in the past. These things cannot be lightly put aside.

An act is but an outward expression of the bondage that is within! They did and they thwarted, they hindered and they held back not only themselves but many with whom they came into contact. Yet, such is the mercy of God that a way has been found and that way, although you may not know about it, that way for these many strangers has been provided through the link that you yourselves have made. What is this link? Not in the gathering together evening by evening to listen to God's direction .... But the dedication, the thought, the sustained effort over the years which have passed. This has built up a bridge where before there was no bridge! Many, beyond the power of the physical mind to grasp, have slowly but surely gathered closer and closer to those in the world of Spirit. Now the instruction goes out to countless thousands and the message of God the Father is that in the tomorrow they shall retrace their steps, but this time to save others; this time they shall enter that darkness

which so gladly they have left. The power shall be vouchsafed to them to draw up the weakest and the frailest.

This most holy work has been carried on, for the most part, unknown by you. Fear would have held the mind of the body had you know for what purpose those conditions between you and the World of Spirit were opened. Think of it and rejoice! You look at those upon the earth and say to them; "a gift is ours. Come and share and have the gladness which this Holy Communion so freely brings!" You send out your thoughts to strengthen a weak one here and a sad one there. Sometimes it seems that you long to do so much and yet so little you have accomplished. Pause and think! During the years you have given yourself to God's work, slowly the veil has been drawn aside and you have been astonished at the growth of the influence of this little gathering. How wonderful are God's ways; how many have been gathered in, the words have been spread far and wide and humbleness has crept over you because you realise that out of your gift of service a mighty return has taken place.

You are requested to go beyond the vague illusions regarding the 'rescue work'. Open your hearts and understanding to this demonstration of the Spirit at work over the areas and conditions beyond the mind of man. You have achieved your heart's desire all unknowingly to yourselves. Still there is a wide-spread influence, power and love of the Holy Spirit which represents so faithfully the great Creator of us all.

Read regularly about the disciples of the Master. Note how they listened to the voice and obeyed the guidance – how they met in quiet places; how they gathered together those prepared by suffering, by work, by dedication to the Crucified One Who had risen again. Note how they withdrew from the cities and out in some lonely spot they gathered together to draw down upon themselves that great, great power, which the Beloved had promised in so definite a way.

What do you think they were thinking! They knew that all around were enemies in plenty. They knew that there were those amongst them who would drink of the same cup as the

Master – for Love’s sweet sake. They knew that upon their shoulders rested the responsibility of carrying on the Truth which the Messiah had come to bestow upon a doubting world. Like the children that they were – they were alarmed. Yet they were obedient to the Voice! They gathered together in some quiet spot and one or the other, used in precisely the same way as today, received the gift of Holy Spirit and drew down the power upon the little group who listened. By that power so the will was hardened; so the courage was strengthened; so that power which was Divine within was released in that measure which allowed them to look into the chaos of their future upon the earth with calm and quiet reflection.

They did not know what they were doing. How could they! They did not know what you know at this stage. All that was in their minds was to obey. Their life upon the earth was for a purpose, part of the plan. The Master Who had departed from them in clouds of glory had told them that He would prepare a place for them. In their minds that ‘place’ was so connected with the glory of the Christ that life in the physical body was as nothing in comparison to the joy which lay in front.

These you name the Holy Sons. Why? Because they listened to the Voice. Because they tried to contribute their little portion towards the succouring of others. But while they listened to those who spoke to them – through the power of the Holy Spirit and through that power alone – they too were gathering out of conditions too terrible to be described in words – gathering those who in the long past had turned from God in every respect and had sought only that which was detrimental to His work on earth.

Here the point of similarity between them and you is very strong. They knew nothing and you can grasp scarce a fragment of what is being unfolded to you. But God’s ways are not as man’s ways and the pattern is worked in, for out of the little a great refreshment of Soul and Spirit is brought to pass.

You will think of their lives and your life today. Still today there is much which causes the heart to ache. In that far-off time because of the stronger forces to be counteracted, so, in that measure, greater strength was provided by

those who were free: Even as today when the strain is great so the power bestowed is great in proportion. Thus the conditions of that far-off time has drawn to us a resistance and a stability which was even of those Holy Spirits who worked and suffered with us.

Take into yourself the happy aspect of effort, of doing, of constructing and of bringing into being that which shall remain forever. When you think of the gift of the Holy Spirit working in the hearts and minds of humanity, to take the wider view. Do not limit it to any season, to any period of history, but to realise that this power, in its unceasing flow, is poured down upon you not only for the purpose which is apparent, but by the very blindness and limitations of the messengers upon the earth; so by the grace of God it accomplishes a hundredfold more than you can understand.

The gifts of the Spirit, as enumerated, seem so wonderful and you long to make them your own. Yet you cannot grasp that by the withholding of some of the most attractive of these gifts you have put into motion the greatest and finest gift of all! In the sacred Record there has been promised that to the faithful so the grappling with evil shall be given, so the gift of raising the “dead” shall not be withheld; so the gift of healing the sick and of consoling the broken-hearted shall be given to those who have dedicated themselves to the Most High.

You and all those who devote themselves truly to the service of God, all the many who have succoured the weak upon the earth; who have tried to heal and yet have drawn disappointment to themselves as to the completion of their work; who have sorrowfully stood aside from the so-called dead knowing that the power is missing from within. Know that in a sense ten thousand times greater than the physical sense, all these deeds have been done by you again and again. You have grappled with that which is venomous and poisonous, you have passed through evil untouched and undefiled; you have gone to those so bound by the past that not only in outward semblance but even as concerns the Spirit within they have seemed as dead in very truth and you have called them back to life, that life which is consciousness of



what they were and to Whom they belong. The healing of the mind, the straightening of those deformed garments in which they are encased, the purification of the emotions (that which you name the heart) this has been done by you all, unconsciously to the mind of the body which you use during your waking hours.

Can you not grasp how over the years man has limited his God and yet the great Mind of Love all the while has been pushing aside those limitations and has built for unbelieving mankind that which shall never pass away. Those upon the earth, except for the few, are blind to that power of the Holy Spirit which even now is at their disposal. Bound by restrictions of thought, chained to all that which has been built up by the mind of the body during the centuries, they take the written Word. Many who call themselves Christians take one portion only of the written Word and seek to apply it in their daily life and in regard to those around. So little are they that they have built up a conception of the littleness of God. But even in their vanity and disbelief God shows how great He is by saving for them that which they in their folly have thrown away.

The few take the written Word as it is in the sacred Record. They enumerate the gifts of the Spirit laid down therein and they say: "This has been given by God to me and to all! I will prepare myself, I will take the steep road and the Father will not withhold that which He has promised!"

These are what those of the world call them, "advanced" and many add that which is detrimental to that word. They accuse them of taking too much for granted, they call after them: Come back here it is too late! Those things were meant only in an allegorical sense and danger and evil will assail you if you seek to make the gifts your own in literal fact!"

This has been spread far and wide by teachers and instructors; yet they know not of what they speak! The advanced the 'reckless' the ones who are 'tempting' the evil forces by taking upon themselves that which is reserved for God, they but seek to put into practice what the Master laid down for all to read, yet even these have gathered but a fragment of the Truth. Only the edge of all that which lies within the gift of the Holy Spirit, which can be bestowed

upon everyone when the individual is ready to receive it.

Have no thought but this: What you have received is a preface to all that mighty volume of power, of doing, of opportunity. Of achievement which shall follow. While the body binds certain limitations are necessary for your protection. Yet, even while the body binds the Spirit can dominate and control. You have found, you have seen, you have proved that under certain conditions the body and its weakness can be cast aside and that the Spirit can manifest itself in a way which is staggering to you.

That is but a preparation for reality. You know not what you are, nor the power housed within. You know not that you construct as your thoughts seek those things which are of God. You know not what your thwarted instincts have had the power to build, those instincts which make you long to leave the task at hand and to go out and grapple with the weak and those who are named the evil ones, by the power which God has promised, to draw them in and to save them from themselves. In so little measure you can do this holy work – so you think! In a measure beyond the mind of anyone upon the earth to grasp, you have done that for which your Spirit longs.

There is much for you to learn. Give your trust to the Father and Mother Heart of God. Out of the little so the great Creator has wrought a mighty creation.

Regarding the gifts of the Spirit! Let no misgivings ever approach you as to those which are withheld at this stage. By the mere fact that you have given of yourself, your earnest thought, the toil of your mind, the toil of your hands; could the eyes of the Spirit transfer sight to the eyes of the body, you would see a splendour of achievement which would aghast you by its length and breadth. Be encouraged and consoled. The Comforter is not only working in your heart and mind, but through that which you have given out so refreshment has been brought to thousands beyond your understanding.

This is the way that God works amongst His children upon the earth! All who read these words are encouraged to take the bigger view;

to extend their vision beyond that which indeed is limited in every respect. Do not judge God by physical standards. Have faith in His promises; seek to probe beneath the Words in which those promises are framed and to try and get a glimpse of the spirit beneath that which was expressed in the language of that time.

Holiness so often escapes us when we speak in words familiar to those on earth. It may escape our capacity to convey it – never, ever, think that Holiness escapes you or the ones upon whom it is bestowed. The Spirit of God is like an arch covering all who are gathered. Its rainbow tints express understanding of every individual as well as every race. Like a huge arch across the physical world is that which you name the Holy Spirit and the time is coming when its rays shall be so irresistible that over the world those in any measure spiritually awakened shall arise and proclaim aloud – not the mystery of the Godhead – but the unquenchable, unlimited Love of the Creator of us all.

Mysteries? These things remain because so few are willing or have the desire to penetrate into “mystery” so that they may discover for themselves what is there and explain to others. Yet always over the past there have been some, putting aside self, according to their Light, they with humble hearts have stepped forward into “mystery” and have found – not the clouds which obscure, not the horrors which some prophesied, not the dangers which beset those who are “over-bold”. No! they have entered the mists of that which was Unknown and according to their courage and their faith, they have found streaming upon them the sunshine of the Love of God.

This is our future! What has been represents twilight and before us is that radiant dawn of understanding! When the light and the warmth and the comfort of that stage is reached, the past will be forgotten in the joy which holds your hearts; the past will be forgotten for ever and ever. Out of the courage you have shown, out of the work you have put in, out of the hopes and the strivings, the mistakes of the past have been worked out and the seeming blunders of the present when the will is given up, even these blunders shall represent a mighty gain!

Think over these words and lay them upon your

heart. Under the direction of the Most High you have been given that cheer which is Truth and that Truth shall be worked through in the tomorrows which are to come. We are bound together by such cords of love and what you are and what you hope to be – God has promised – that it shall be accomplished and that all shall be worked out even as the Spirit within demands.

“Blessed are they who thirst after righteousness for their thirst shall be quenched and their souls shall be filled with Holy joy”. Thus the Master speaks through the servant at His command. Blessed are they who thirst after righteousness!

The work goes on. Not only with those who speak but with you individually. As you long to bestow the gifts of God to others, so the gifts shall in time and in turn come back to the One Who loves us best. Mighty is the Mind of God and most loving the Holy Spirit at work.

Because instinctively you turn to the Christ for direct guidance and act according to that guidance so you shall find that no doors in regard to spiritual aspects shall be closed to you. As you knock upon the door so shall it be opened. Have faith in all things. The plans of God are never delayed when the will has been given to Him. The divine within you, communing with the Great Divine is satisfied that God’s time is not only the best time but the sweetest.

Thinking of patience – let it not assume an aspect which is cold and threatening. Rather let patience seem to you as the ‘think veil’ which is protecting the loveliness within: Yet the veil that can be thrown aside when the appointed time arrives for you to make your own that which God has bestowed.

Patience is faith and faith brings patience which no enemies can disperse. You are blessed with patience; with the capacity to see how great a thing patience can bring to pass. It is protection! Thus your Spirit’s desire may come to you even as God intends, with unsullied beauty and with a power which is perfect in all those things which count.

You are blessed in very truth by the One Who shares your life; by the One Who Loves you best.

*Address given at the Zodiac Circle, Sunday 5th June 1927*







## We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus, the Healer of all mankind

**“O God, send down Thy Power – Thy Power, Thy Peace, Thy quieting influence – send down Thy Power so that Thy children, in faith, in hope, and in anticipation, may receive Thy Healing Power in abundance, each according to their need. Amen”**

### Healing Prayer

Loving Heavenly Father of all mankind look upon the needs of Thy children wherever they may be. Let the daily prayers of Thy children be strong and meaningful, holding Thy torch of truth powerful within their hearts and minds. Let their strength be as the strength of ten so that they may ever be able to sustain the difficulties of daily life which they encounter. Let the spiritual release of the Christ within send out into the world that spirit of compassion, of strength, of tolerance, of understanding, of truth; thus shall all men know that as they give so shall they receive. Bring peace where there is war; love where there is hate. We commend ourselves and the whole world into Thy keeping. Hold out your hand loving Father and lift us out of the pit of darkness into the realms of light. In the name of Jesus the Christ, our Saviour. Amen

### Your Healing Prayers are asked for:

Harrison, Sylvi, Abbie, Adrian, Maureen, Carol, John, Pat, Daphne, Peter, Carolyn, Damian, Richard, Steve, Pauline, Jamie, Andrea, Christine, Edmund, Caroline, Maria, Amanda, Michael, Mike, Anna, Colin, Sara, Brendon, Mavis, Ann, Tony, David, Ann, Kyron, James, Sam, Kay.

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Tel: 01634 819 268

Healing Leader: Rita Davidson. *Monday: 1pm – 4pm Thursday: 7.30pm - 9pm*

# A New Ex another

**A**nniversary time is always a happy time – it may not be your anniversary as far as the earth is concerned but it is indeed your anniversary in Spirit. As you think of the past there are many who have come and gone. But, this anniversary is one of friendship and what could be more blessed by God! Work towards bringing about harmony in your life as much as possible. That is not always an easy task. The earth life often interferes with the spiritual desire of the soul. When the mind is fixed too firmly on the material, naturally, you bar yourself from entering into the peace which passes all understanding. So when you come together the Spirits have to deal with your mind and your feelings as well as your

opinions and your understanding and – by the power of the Holy spirit weave them into a finer vibration – which they bring with them; brought about by Divine power in a measure unimagined, not only by you but by anyone on earth. This has been accomplished over and over again. Your part is a small one; very small in comparison with those of the Spirits involved. They just ask you to think of God and then to think of what you would like to be, as you imagine God intended. When this is accomplished the harmony is complete.

Always remember that these ties upon the earth are for some great purpose in the Hereafter when you will eagerly link up with those you knew when in a physical body; still



# Existence in our world

more – those who you trusted and those who trusted you. What joy comes to us to be able to count many thousands ready to link themselves to us and we to link ourselves to them. Great work is entrusted to us by our Father and Mother God. When you attend the Anniversary Services of others remember my words – that there are many unseen by you rejoicing because it is another anniversary of unbroken friendship and comradeship in the work of God.

You all know that you must pass through the change called death! You have heard a little about Life in the next stage. You have been delighted when mothers and fathers, those who had hard lives, have come back to you and have told you that

they have a lovely home – and that it will be there waiting for you when your time comes to join them. They do not mean that you will not have your own home. But it is always pleasant to feel that when we go into a far country there is someone there who loves us waiting to say: “Welcome home, my dear! I have waited for you for such a long time. Now separation is over and we are together again!”

## **WHAT IS YOUR IDEA OF HAPPINESS HEREAFTER?**

When thinking of a NEW EXISTENCE it is wise perhaps to be a little more searching because it is a very interesting subject. If you were going to another land while



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still in the body, you would want to get what information you could about the climate, about the scenery, about the people and about living conditions. Is it not more important still to know a little about that great Life which you will enter for certain? Sometimes plans on earth fall through. Sometimes a change is made and the traveller goes to another place. But in regard to the transition, you have a new existence in another world. Some would say: “My idea of the Spirit World is to be with those I love; to feel that they have not changed towards me. I am not looking for anything important or anything very special; where they are, there lies my happiness!”

How wise you are not to set your mind upon any particular thing that you wish to find in the Spirit World, but more upon those persons you want to be there. Because there is this point to be considered: On earth you are surrounded by material things. They have their place; with some people, as you know, they have too big a place, they seem to be of all importance and such as these are not concerned about any other state, nor do they build up those conditions here which will help them in the Hereafter. So when they pass through the change called death – they cannot escape it, very often it comes when least expected – they are aghast; it seems to them that they have awakened in a strange world where all those things which

mattered most are absent. They were not as the wise virgins, they did not prepare for the Bridegroom. So instead of finding the light and beauty and love and power in the next world, as God intended, they are lonely people, solitary people and sometimes very frightened over the change in their conditions.

## WISE TO PREPARE NOW FOR CERTAIN CHANGES

You are advised, here, with your life of service and kindness of heart, your compassion over the sick, prepare your mind for certain changes. Those things so familiar around you will be reproduced but in a different guise. As you know

with Nature – it passes through different stages. Consider the tiny seed buried in the ground. In due season a little shoot is shown piercing the earth. That again is a very early stage; you do not have to be content with that. You want maturity, you want blossoms. Or, if it is regard to fruit, you want results for your labour and you are entitled to them.

This tiny simile will show that everything in life changes in its appearance. There are, as it were, changing moulds. What resemblance does the tiny seed bear to the plant in its full maturity? It is very difficult to find a connecting link. The seed holds the germ of Life. In order to express itself

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## **WE ALTER BUT PERSONALITY REMAINS**

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those changes as they come are not to your advantage. The body becomes troublesome or heavy or out of repair. Things that you took as a matter of course seem to be failing you one by one as age comes along. Man and woman feel very weary of it all. What a wonderful change for them to cast off the old and to put on the new! No longer is the body an encumbrance; it is something that bears the signs of beauty.

THIS could not be unless during the earth stage you had faced discipline. You have had your troubles and – to a degree – you have fought through



them. So you see there is one thing on which you can count and that is on having a pleasant body to use and to look upon.

The sufferer might say; 'that to me would represent something of Heaven! I am tired of illness; tired of weariness; tired of pain and of growing old.' But it is only for a little while. Have courage. Do not let your heart fail you because the road seems over long; the milestones are passing quickly; you are climbing rapidly and the time will come when the "door" will be opened and the dimness of the earth will be no more and you will be received into the brightness of the Spirit.

Now! The next thing brought to your attention is: You must remember that when you have shed

the body and the physical mind, in due course your ideas will have changed. The things that seemed very important to you when upon the earth will then appear rather trivial, second-rate or third-rate – according to your own language. You will look back and say; 'Fancy worrying over losing that; fancy wanting to have anything which had such a short life! I had Nature; I had the flowers and the trees; I had my friends.' These were the things that mattered; the material things are of the earth, earthy.

## **NO "SUBSTITUTES" IN THE WORLD OF SPIRIT**

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that has a longer life. So, you are reminded in regard to your homes, you will get accustomed to changing moulds; the changing appearance of things. Those articles you so prized, which you would not have lost for anything; they have gone and in their place there is something which no longer is a “substitute” but something that is REAL. You do not like substitutes; you are tired of them; you know that they represent an inferior article. When the earth life is over you can lay aside the thought of substitutes because you will then have the real thing.

God will not hurry you! There is no Spirit Power on the Other Side to change you abruptly. You will grow in grace, like the seed piercing its way through the

earthly soil, stretching out to a wider area altogether.

Think of this in regard to your talents. You may think that you do not have any – or many. You cannot judge. You are only looking at things from a physical standpoint. We judge from what is in your heart and mind, what you want to do and what you are denied doing because of circumstances. See what a wonderful vista lies before you. When in the Spirit World you will find that you possess gifts you never dreamed were your own. Why is this? Because the REAL you, in taking on the physical body, chose a restricted life in the sense that there should be limited gifts.

Some may say – I have always wanted to sing or paint or bring

into being something that would demonstrate my idea of beauty..... You may have tried and the result was so poor that you dropped the idea altogether and became resigned to a certain amount of limitation. Can those thoughts ever die? No! You shall see them in an enhanced form and by not having during this stage, you take up those gifts in a wider expression of the gift – in that happy Home which is then your own.

### **DO NOT ALLOW CIRCUMSTANCES TO TARNISH YOUR IDEALS**

There is an important warning that you need to be aware of. Do not allow the circumstances of earthly

life to tarnish your ideals or to kill your good ideas. Remember that they are laid aside, as it were, in storage. The conditions of the earth world were not suitable for their fruition. They are laid aside as the bulbs are laid aside and as they were during the war years for years and years, buried deep down in the earth, so that the enemy should not find them. But they are yours! However deep the burial had to be because of circumstances, they are there and the life is teeming within them only waiting for the opportunity to express itself.

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### **WHAT OUR NEW EXISTENCE WILL HOLD**

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Your new existence is full of interest. The little ones who pass over certainly will be older when you join them. Remember that every night in the sleep state you meet them; so there will be nothing strange then. The poor and the tired who lay their head upon the pillow and ask God to take them – they will be changed also. They will have reached a state of maturity in its best sense; full of energy; full of love. Because during the earth life they tried to do their best. Know that what is possible for them, naturally is possible for you.

With regard to your idea of beauty – you will find certain changes will take place there also. What you

prize here will not seem to fit in with God's World. They are only substitutes, substitutes, but you will find the real thing there and those things will grow nearer and nearer to beauty as you gain experience; as you grow in Spirit so changes will take place in that home which seems as you pass over almost perfect. You will be evolving fast and as you evolve so your ideas will change and change again. You will always strive for something better, something nearer to the Christ ideal. Your home will always have the door ajar to welcome in the wayfarers. As you try to stem the tears or to give cheer to the broken-hearted to restore the faith of those

who have turned from God, so then, that desire of yours will be increased a hundred-fold – later on – a thousand fold. The opportunity will be there to do that which you desire to do with all your being.

## HOW GOD WILL MAKE ALL THINGS NEW

“BEHOLD I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW!” That statement does not mean the annihilation of the things that were. NO! God makes all things new; they shed their material guise; they get rid of the sordid influences of the earth; rid of all the base thoughts. “Behold I make all things new!” For you – those words mean that the old things have passed away. The new things in all

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their beauty and power await you – and - as you grow ready they shall change and change again; shedding that which held the remembrances of the earth until they are akin to the Soul: That word Soul expresses the real you which is contained within the Spirit – which is you and which is seen by all in your new existence. They see the unlimited love and joy and light and health for evermore.

There are many upon the earth who would like to shed the old and put on the new. At times it appears to them that they have to wait and wait and the body, instead of improving seems to grow worse. Remember all those over the generations who have been through the same tests. They prayed to God for help and it seemed

to them that no answer came to their entreaty. You are only one of millions. But when those past generations found themselves in their new home how glad they were, how thankful they were that God had NOT answered their prayers. For they came into that new life with wonderful equipment.

How was that? It was built up by the suffering and the obedience, by the patience, by hoping when the dark clouds of physical life seemed to close them in; it was built up by the resisting seen and unseen enemies. So that thank God with grateful hearts – because He knew best. God knows what the real you wants so much better that the physical mind can instruct. Now you see through a glass darkly. The



time will come when you will face Reality and you will know then that the purpose of the earth was to gain experience and if you have not gained experience then the “purpose” will be wasted.

## HOW THE FATHER WORKS FOR US BEHIND THE SCENES

Sometimes you rail against fate; or ask yourselves – or others – what is God doing to allow such misery to take place. Know that God is on the side of the Soul within mankind and He is working out His purpose so that all things shall be made new; new in a lovely guise and these new things are for you.

Do not let sorrow hold your heart. Remember your new existence in another world. How gladly you will look to this side and that and what you will see will far surpass your highest hopes. You will say within: ‘I was but a child; I did not understand but now I do understand and because I understand I am satisfied.’

As you know, during the earthly stage very few people are ever satisfied. It is wonderful to think that when the earth life is over you can be satisfied. That means that the old restlessness has gone for ever. It means that although we take on other experiences we find the strength within to master them – we are not mastered by them –

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and that makes all the difference. Once you become conquerors, then the so-called 'blows' which fall upon you merely touch the surface. The heart and mind and soul are in God's keeping.

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fear for evermore.

You are blessed by all the members of the Flock of Jesus the Christ. What is the blessing? You are blessed with renewed hope, with greater courage, with a hardened determination to see the battle through. Then the future can be glorious to behold.

There will be a meeting in that other state when the bands of workers from the different churches upon the earth will celebrate their anniversary – the anniversary of friendship which nothing on the earth has had the power to destroy. What a wonderful promise lies in that one sentence.

## THE HIGH PLACE OF FRIENDSHIP IN THE SPIRIT WORLD

Friendship is first importance in the World of Spirit. That is why hearts ache on high when they see some in the body allowing seen and unseen enemies to triumph; think unkind thoughts of others – and those who think unkind thoughts of them and perhaps after working together for a long time the tie snapped. What utter waste to think that two souls, pilgrims on the way Home to God, should allow the unseen enemies to so triumph over them.

When these things happen face the truth. What comes first? God or injured feelings or wounded vanity? When those in the body can face this fact, the unseen enemies can torture them no more. They are triumphant because they see whence the trouble comes and then hasten to their fellow-workers, once comrades together, and do their utmost to heal the breach and bind it fast by love and service for Christ for evermore.

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All the workers – from near and far – who have made one more sacrifice in the name of friendship, friendship to those on earth; but

more still they are friends of Christ and they wanted His work to have the support that they could give. Can you not feel the wonderful rays of Spirit pouring down upon you. For that which you have done is good in the sight of the Father. It shall be shown to you in a new guise in that other world which in due course you will inherit.

You are blessed. Love pours around



Address given on Saturday, October 21st 1950.  
Commemoration of 15th Anniversary of  
Free Night Shelter for

everyone – your conditions are known. The difficulties of temperament that surround many are known. While time on the earth is still your own give out still more love to fellow workers for the sake of the sweet bye and bye.

When they enter their new existence in another world they shall see what the sacrifice of personal feeling has built up for them in opportunity and in power.

May the rays of the Christ sphere

stream upon you. When sleep holds the body at night many will meet and they will be able to see for themselves – not the substitute for the earthly state – but the real estate which God intends shall be your own.

The Cross is on the brow of you all. Allow it to remain; for you are missionaries in Spirit and it is a symbol and it is a sign to those who have lost their way that in you they have a friend.

MISS WINIFRED MOYES devoted her life to acting as the sole instrument for the inspired teachings of 'Zodiac' who in his earthly life was a teacher in the Temple of Jerusalem at the time of Jesus. He chose the name 'Zodiac' to lift men's thoughts from the earth to the heavens'. Zodiac delivered 1,475 addresses between 1924 and 1957 at meetings which

often attracted thousands of people. The teachings continued to inspire those enquiring into the meaning and purpose of life, the function of the natural gifts of Healing and Spirit Communion, and the reassurance of the immortality of the Spirit. Zodiac named his great work 'The Christ Mission', and it is upon this that The Greater World is founded.

Belgrave Central Hall, Belgrave Street, Leeds.  
of the Leeds Greater World Sanctuary and  
for Homeless Women.



## ADA ELAINE BAGSHAW

26th December 2023



**A**da Elaine Bagshaw known as Elaine passed suddenly to the higher side of life on 26th December 2023 aged 77 years.

A loving devoted Wife of John, Cherished loving Mother of Susan, Adored Grandmother of Liam, Dearest Mother-in-law to Steve, Liam's Girlfriend Ellie.

Treasured Sister to Sheila and the late Douglas. Sister-in-law to the late Noreen, late Ivan. Aunty, Cousin, friend too many.

Elaine was born on 19th June 1946 to parents Tom & Gladys Baines.

Elaine was the youngest Sister to Douglas & Sheila. They lived at Silverdale.

Newcastle-Under-Lyme which was a tight-knit former mining village.

Right from an early age Elaine attended the local Methodist chapel, where her Nan played the organ. Elaine had a very happy childhood and became aware of the Spirit World at a very early age, she called them her friends and helpers.

Elaine attended Newcastle Christian Spiritualist Church in the early 1960's and was a dedicated and sincere member over 60 years.

Elaine Married John on 2nd November 1963 they moved to Chesterton and lived there ever since and celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary last year 2023.

They have a Daughter Susan and Son-in-Law Steve, Grandson Liam, Liam's girlfriend Elli. Elaine loved her family dearly and had many Nieces and Nephews and kept in touch with them all.

Elaine worked for the majority of her life at Rists Wires and Cables, which was the largest car components factory in this area. Elaine was offered a position as Forewoman/Supervisor after her people skills were recognised. Elaine was no

Pushover and expected her girls to work hard, as she would herself. Elaine enjoyed the laughter, banter, comradery, many lovely memories of her working Life, so many friendships forged over the years.

I know a few of you would be quite surprised to learn that Elaine actually went Abseiling down the vertical face of the BT building in Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent. This was when the Firm decided to send some of the employees on team



building courses. On the dreaded day she was petrified, felt sick, her whole body trembled it wasn't with excitement. Elaine felt she couldn't let anyone down.

True to her word completed the task, after the event Elaine said she never felt so near to God in more ways than one.

We count ourselves fortunate and blessed to have known such an amazing dear friend. A Wonderful Immensely committed Minister and Matriarch of our Church. Who had a genuine passion, empathy, for all people.

A devoted Christian Spiritualist who was ordained as a Minister in London. At The Greater World Sanctuary on 22nd December 2001, Elaine said that it was a very profound, humbling, experience that changed her forever. She still found the experience too moving to talk about it even today.

Elaine dedicated her entire life worked tirelessly for 60 years or more first as a member of the church, became a remarkable Messenger, a registered Healer.

Steadfast and unwavering faith until the very end. Following in the footsteps of Jesus.

Elaine was selfless, gracious to whoever walked through the Church doors. Offering encouragement, sharing her wealth of knowledge, advice and guidance to many or simply a hug. For those that have lost loved ones, consumed with unimaginable grief. Who are simply searching for answers, sometimes finding those answers for

the very first time, having a glimmer of hope and assurance that life does indeed go on.

We give thanks for her companionship as our dear friend, what a privilege to have known her. An awesome gentle soul, her humility shone through all the threads of her life. So many years of devotion and service, not to a religion but a way of life.

Gracious with her time for everyone, more importantly who gave of herself and her love.

What you saw, was what you got. Elaine had no airs or graces, not pretentious in anyway, humble, quiet, unassuming.

Elaine forged many close bonds with friends because of who she was. Her kindness and cheerful nature quickly endeared herself to all Elaine met on life's pathway.

Friends loved spending time in her company, Elaine was always interested in what was going on in their life, listened to their problems enjoyed having a good laugh.

Elaine could never get home on time after a church service because too many people would want to talk to her.

Elaine was very accepting to all walks of life. Reaching out to the needy, to those that had fallen through the cracks of our society.

I have lost count how many people Elaine has helped over the ensuing years of her life.

So many have benefited through her charity evenings that have raised thousands of Pounds for worthy causes.

The Senior Citizens Centre in Newcastle who were able to go on coach trips, Christmas parties, redecorate, raised all the money for a new kitchen to be fitted. Then there were many individuals that had illnesses, cancer, blindness, and Brain tumours. Animal sanctuaries, the list is endless. Even The Greater World family in London, Elaine would say it's just doing God's work.

What's more astonishing is that, Elaine never took as much as a penny for herself. Truly inspirational.

Elaine was compassionate caring and brought people together, Elaine never went seeking any kind of recognition or praise, nor applause just got on with things, unfaltering tenacity, never phased by anything or anyone.

A testament to the power and resilience of her human spirit.

I know that I speak for all of Elaine's dear friends here, we would all say, what an amazing dear friend. Elaine you've been to all of us over many years you made an immeasurable difference to our lives in more ways than you will ever know.

Today Elaine you take a little piece of everyone's heart with you.

No longer impeded by the physical body, free from the earthly bondage. Death is not extinguishing the light, it is putting out the candle, because the new dawn has come.

Her legacy would be to treat everyone with kindness.

I will always remember her cheeky smile, how her eyes always seemed to

twinkle. Elaine was an amazing women, loved by her family and all of us.

A Star burning brightly in dark times, even despite her declining health. This didn't define her or hold her back, if anything it made her more determined.

Her indomitable spirit and courage a force of nature. Which was testimony to her character and warrior like resilience. Never to be forgotten. Her presence would brighten up any room, always remained optimistic, and counted her blessings every day, truly inspirational to one and all. One of life's gems. Never a trace of bitterness always had a sunny disposition. A truly beautiful soul.

And in time we will be able to say our life is much better, blessed and enriched because of knowing Elaine. So we will cherish the wonderful memories that will raise a smile and warm our heart. May we always remain worthy of her love.

Elaine's funeral took place at Bradwell Crematorium on 19th January 2023

To give thanksgiving and celebration of Elaine's life. Conducted by Maria Walley President of The Light of Christ Christian Spiritualist Church, Newcastle-Under-Lyme. Entrance music was Over The Rainbow by Israel Kamakawiwo'ole. Chosen by family. Order of Service from the Greater world Service book.

Followed by Elaine's favourite Hymn Jerusalem, Bible Reading Gospel John 14: 1-7 Lord's Prayer Eulogy which was read by Maria. Hymn The Lords my Shepherd. Poem Do not stand at my grave and weep by Mary Elizabeth Fry.

The Recessional Music Time to say Goodbye by Sarah Brightman Andrew Bocelli. Chosen by the family.

So many people attended the crematorium besides Family friends, most of our church Members. Other Spiritualist Churches members, messengers, President Vicky Danks along with the vice President Burslem Spiritualist Church (SNU) to convey their respects. Elaine loved flowers and on the day had many beautiful Floral tributes.

The gates of heaven from our church. Many had sent flowers also to the church, Elaine's family, The Greater

World Family, Burslem SNU Church. They were very much appreciated which permeated our Church with aroma of fragrance weeks later.

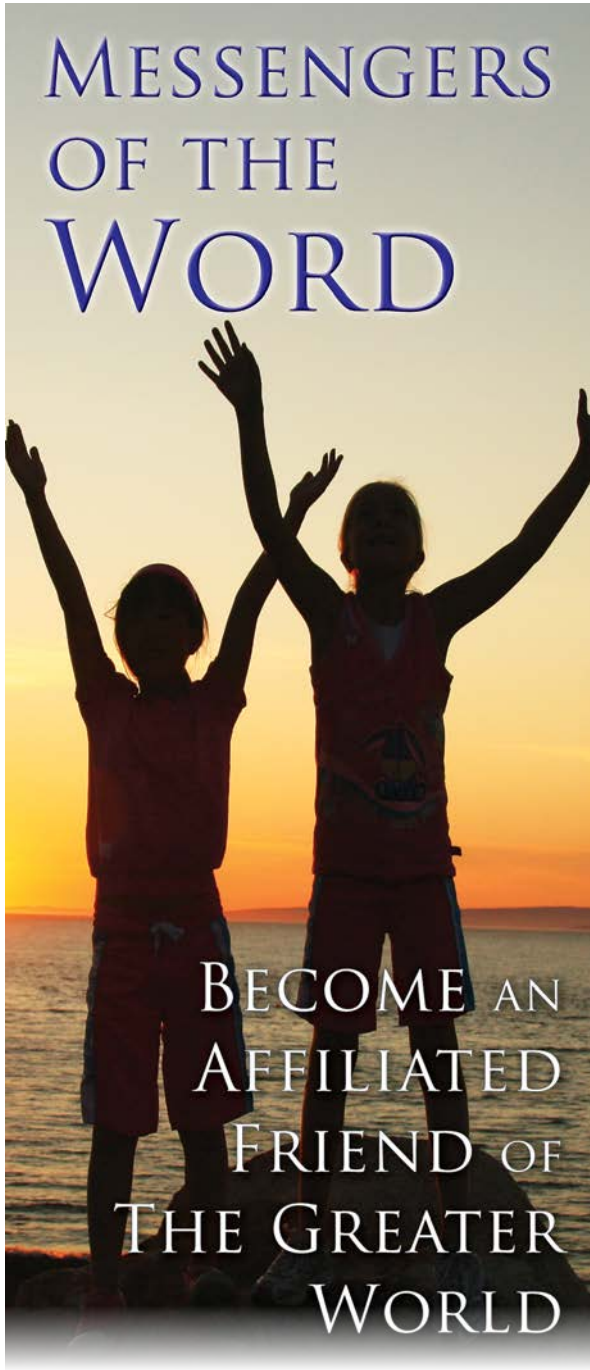
After the funeral everyone was invited to join the family back at The Light of Christ Church, where all the members had come together and worked so hard to prepare an outstanding buffet. There was so much food we could have fed the town. Elaine's family had donated all the wine.

But it was so nice to meet with old friends, and new to share in the many happy memories we have of Elaine.

**Maria Walley**  
President. The Light of Christ Church  
Newcastle-Under-Lyme.







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# St Matthew Ch.5

*When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up to the mountain;  
and as he sat down, his disciples drew near to Him.*

*And He opened His mouth and taught them: -*

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven;*

*Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted;*

*Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth;*

*Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for justice for they shall be  
well satisfied;*

*Blessed are the merciful for to them shall mercy be given;*

*Blessed are those who are pure in their hearts, for they shall see God;*

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God;*

*Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of justice,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven;*

*Blessed are you, when they reproach you and persecute you  
and speak against you every kind of bad word, falsely,  
for My sake;*

*Then be glad and rejoice, for your reward is increased in heaven;*

*for in this very manner they persecuted the prophets  
who came before you.*

*You are the salt of the earth.*

*But, if the salt should lose its savour,*

*With what could it be salted?*

*It would not be worth anything, but to be thrown outside*

*And to be trodden down by men.*

*You are the light of the world;*

*A city that is built upon a mountain cannot be hidden.*

*Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket;*

*But on a lamp holder so it gives light to all who are in the house.*

*Let your light thus shine before men,*

*So that they may see your good works and  
glorify your Father in Heaven.*



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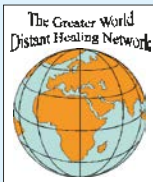
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*Jesus said to Thomas:*

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Blessed are those who have not seen Me  
And have believed.”*