

The Christian Community – Adelaide

Newsletter Whitsun and St. John's 2017

Dear members and friends

This letter is short and mainly to inform you of a number of wonderful events we look forward to over the next three months.

I have noticed that the rhythm of our community has an interesting dynamic. We have times where we have a few weekends together and then I'm away again. Then there are times when I am here for several weeks in a row followed by a time where I am away a lot. The next few months will be a time where I am here a lot, and then in August and September I will be away a lot again.

This year is turning out to have a lot of visits and events. After Roger and Elke's visits we can look forward to a couple more during May.



Visits

Firstly we will have a visit from our Regional coordinating Lenker **Rev. Cheryl Nekvapil** on Sunday May 14 who will speak to us after church on the theme of "*Growing in Religious Community through common language, experiences, memories and awakenings*"

Secondly on the last weekend of May we will host a singing workshop run by **Judy Clingan** who used to live here in Adelaide and teach music at the Mount Barker Waldorf school. She is the founder of Waldorf Wayfarers and this is certainly an event to participate in! There is a spate flier attached.

Later in the year we look forward to another visit by Elke as well as a four day Icon Painting Workshop over the Michaelmas weekend (Last weekend in September).

New Events

We will also hold our third **Letting Death in life event** on Sunday July 2nd at 11.45 am. The theme that we will address is: *spiritual questions and ethical dilemmas around suicide and euthanasia.*

Another group that has been germinating is a revival of our **academy work**. Once a month on Friday a day has been set aside for people to come along and research questions together. Someone commented that they do not even know what their question is let alone trying to research, formulate and record their findings. This is a gentle group that will develop research methodologies together. Our hope is that with time we may have a presentation day and even begin a publication journal with our findings. We are meeting together to keep ourselves on task and quietly share and encourage each other. The dates are Fridays May 12; June 16 and July 14.

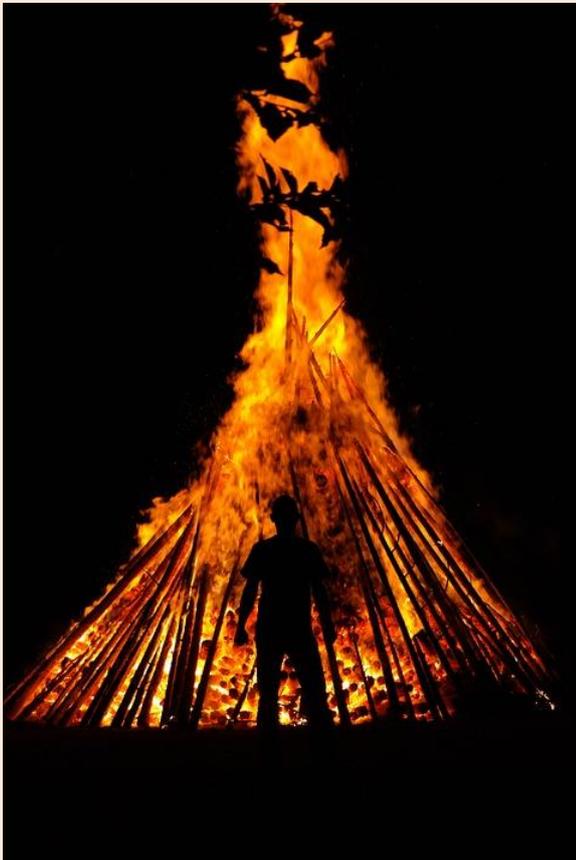
For those who may be interested on talks about raising children I will be giving a series of talks at 7pm at the Trinity Garden Waldorf School. These three evenings will allow you to reflect on your own journey through childhood and school and relate it to what our children are going through today.

Tues 23rd May - Early years: Parents and family as the formative culture

Tues 30th May - Primary school: Love of Teachers

Tues 13th June - Secondary school: Respect and Responsibility

Working Bee and Building Maintenance



On Saturday May 20th we will have a working bee from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm The main part of this will be to continue our clearing out of some of the greenery that has overgrown over the last years. We have had numerous official and ad hoc groups working in the garden and so much undergrowth has been moved. The whole property is lifting into a new light again.

You may be aware that last year in the storm we had a flood in the cellar and we have been working to remove wet carpets and artifacts from the cellar. We have been given a donation to ensure we can repair the waterproofing in the cellar and the deck. Steps are in progress to do this. We have in the course of working out what to do uncovered many water outlets, cleared blocked gutters and repaired the rain water system.

So do come along and help us move the building and property into a new energy.

Any help is wonderful and no task too small including vacuuming, window cleaning and ordering draws.

Looking forward to seeing you at some or all of these wonderful events.

A handwritten signature in black ink on a white background. The signature is cursive and appears to read 'Martin Samson'.

Yours, Martin Samson

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