

South Auckland Spiritualist Church SCNZ™



SPIRITUAL CONNECTION & HEALING

All Welcome

Sunday Service 5:30pm

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Newsletter December 2023

NEWS:

Hello everyone and welcome to December. The end of 2023 is near, and Christmas is in sight, with 3 more Sunday Services to go. The 17th is our Christmas Service, and we will be running a slightly different format. We will not have a demonstration of Mediumship, instead at the end of the service we will be providing some tasty nibbles for all to share, so please join us.

We would like to send out gratitude and appreciation to all the Mediums who have given their time and energy for our platform and Reading days over the past year and to our members and those you who may have attended one of our events in 2023, from the bottom of our hearts the committee of SASC thank you.

May you all have a very Merry Xmas and may the New Year be full of prosperity and abundance!

Please be sure to check out all our up and coming events at the back of the newsletter.

The Auckland Experience - Deepening Your Connection 5 day workshop with Kerry McLeod and Philip Dykes. **IMPORTANT OPTIONS ADDED.** As requested by many, Kerry and Philip have now added a 3 day and a 2 day workshop option. Please see the flyer attached at the end.

Please go to our Facebook Page www.facebook.com/SpiritualistchurchNZ

or our Website - <https://www.spiritualgrowth4u.com/> For Information on what is happening at SASC

♥ Till next month - talk soon ♥

The Magical Spirit of Christmas!

Often hailed as the most wonderful time of the year, Christmas brings with it a unique and magical spirit that seems to touch the hearts of people all over the world.

Meaning of Christmas:

Take a moment to reflect on YOUR true meaning of Christmas.

For many, it's a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, while for others, it represents a time of love, hope, and renewal.

While Christmas is rooted in Christian traditions, its spirit has evolved to encompass a broader sense of celebration and goodwill that is inclusive of people from all walks of life.

"Connecting to the deeper significance and opportunities of Christmas can help you connect on a spiritual level!"

Understanding the Christmas Spirit:

The Christmas spirit is a profound sense of goodwill, happiness, and generosity that permeates the holiday season.

It's a feeling of warmth and unity that transcends cultural and religious boundaries.

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love."

Hamilton Wright Mabie

The Spirit of Christmas is Unlimited:

The true spirit of Christmas is not limited to any specific religious or cultural tradition; it transcends boundaries and unites people in a common bond of love, kindness, and goodwill.

"The true spirit of Christmas goes beyond the superficial trappings and focuses on kindness, compassion, togetherness and love!"

Christmas Spiritual Values:

It's a time when we reflect on the spiritual values of compassion, love, generosity, unity, and community.

No matter our beliefs or background, the holiday season gives us an opportunity to embrace these values and share them with others.

"Spreading love, compassion and kindness embody the true magical spirit of Christmas!"



So, how can we embrace the magical spirit of Christmas in our lives?

Gift Giving:

Gift giving is a prominent part of Christmas. The act of giving not only brings joy to the recipient but also to the giver, reinforcing the spirit of generosity.

"Giving does not only precede receiving; it is the reason for it. It is in giving that we receive!"

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THE MIRACLE IS THIS ~
THE MORE WE SHARE,
THE MORE WE HAVE.

~LEONARD NIMOY



The Spirit of Giving:

It's not just about exchanging material gifts but giving of oneself with time, love, and care.

The act of selfless giving brings immense joy, both to the giver and the receiver.

Volunteer at a local charity, help a neighbour in need, do random acts of kindness, give a smile, or simply spend quality time with your loved ones.

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around!"

Leo Buscaglia

Togetherness:

Christmas is a time for togetherness.

In a world that often moves too quickly, the spirit of Christmas reminds us to slow down. Spend quality time with family and friends, appreciate the people in your life, and savour the moments you have together.

Whether it's sharing a meal, playing games, or simply enjoying each other's company, the bonds you strengthen will fill your heart with warmth.

"Togetherness is one of the hallmarks of the Christmas spirit!"



Express Gratitude:

Christmas is an ideal time to reflect on the blessings in your life and appreciate the beauty in the world around you.

Expressing gratitude for what you have can help you appreciate the true meaning of Christmas spirit.

Create a gratitude journal, spend time in meditation, or simply make it a habit to focus on the good things and thank those who make a difference in your life.

"It is not joy that makes us grateful; it is gratitude that makes us joyful."

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when
you
CHOOSE
joy
You feel good
& when you feel
good, YOU do good
& when YOU do good
it Reminds others
of what joy feels like
& it just♥
might inspire
them to do
the same.

Rekindling Relationships:

Christmas is a time when people make an extra effort to reach out to family and friends they may not have seen or spoken to in a while.

It's a season for reconciliation and forgiveness, an opportunity to heal old wounds and strengthen bonds.

The Christmas spirit encourages us to prioritize our relationships and show our loved ones that we care.

"Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see!"

Self Reflection:

In the hustle and bustle of daily life, it's easy to lose sight of our inner selves. Christmas can be a time to pause and reflect on our values, goals, and the direction in which our lives are heading. This self reflection can lead to a stronger sense of purpose and a deeper connection with your soul.

"Life is a reflection of what we allow ourselves to see!"

The Power of Hope:

Christmas embodies the spirit of hope, symbolized by the birth of Jesus.

It reminds us that even in the darkest times, there is the potential for light, love, and new beginnings.

Embracing hope can inspire your soul and give you the strength to face challenges with a positive outlook.

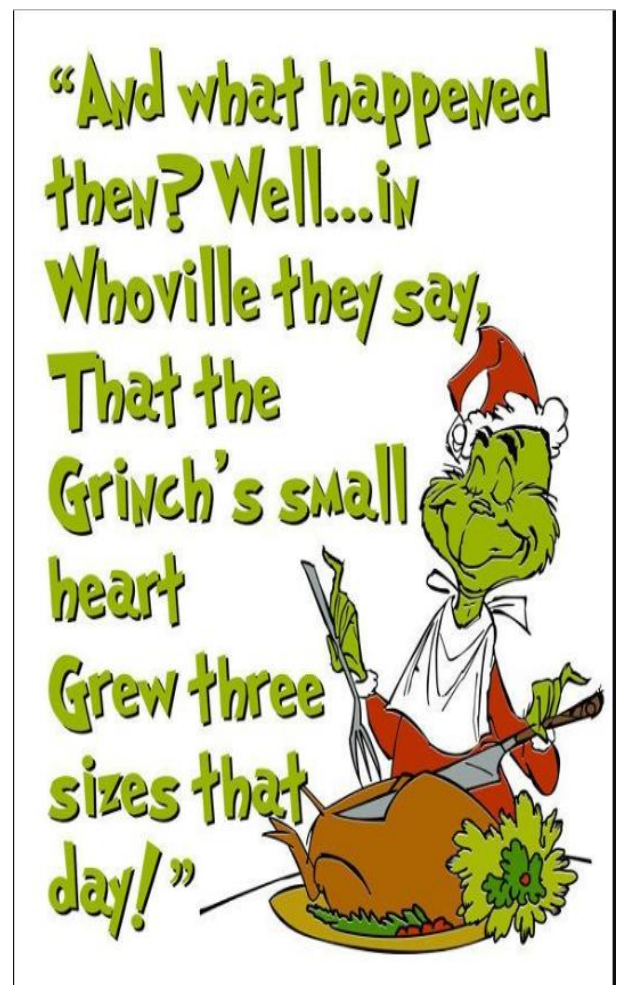
"The idea of a new year on the horizon and the possibility of a fresh start instills optimism!"

Create Traditions:

Establishing and continuing traditions is a wonderful way to infuse your life with the Christmas spirit.

Whether it's baking cookies, watching classic holiday movies, or decorating a tree, these traditions create a sense of continuity and nostalgia that deepens your appreciation and Christmas connection.

"At the heart of every family tradition is a meaningful experience!"



Christmas Music and Movies:

Music has the power to evoke strong emotions and uplift your soul. Listening to holiday carols or watching Christmas movies can instantly transport you into the Christmas spirit.

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything."
Plato

"Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts."
Janice Maeditere

No matter our beliefs or traditions, the spirit of Christmas has the power to inspire us to be better, kinder, more generous individuals.

"Peace on earth will come to stay, when we live Christmas every day."
Helen Steiner Rice

Believe
IN the
Magic
OF
Christmas

Believe in the Magic:

Lastly, allow yourself to believe in the magic of Christmas. Whether you're young or young at heart, holding onto that sense of wonder and belief in something extraordinary can make Christmas truly special and magical.

"Christmas isn't just a day; it's a frame of mind!"



Seeing is believing,
but sometimes
the most real
things in the world
are the things
we can't see.
THE POLAR EXPRESS



Christmas isn't a
season. It's a
feeling.

Conclusion:

Christmas is a time for love, kindness, and generosity, a season of traditions that connect us with our past and future, and a celebration of togetherness and hope.

Through acts of kindness, giving, and gratitude, you can truly immerse yourself in the magical spirit of Christmas and share its joy with those around you.

As you do, you'll find that the Christmas spirit is a gift that keeps on giving throughout the year making the world a brighter and more joyful, magical place!

By Trish Bolstad.

Below is a poem written by Laurie Richardson who passed into Spirit on the 10/11/23. A dear friend to one of our members, she asked if we could include it in the newsletter.

This is taken directly from the funeral program and holds significance, resonating with Laurie's connection to trains.

The Last Journey

There is a train at the station With a seat reserved just for me
I'm excited about its destination As I've heard it sets you free
The trials and tribulations The pain and stress we breathe
Don't exist where I am going Only happiness I believe
I hope that you will be there To wish me on my way
It's not a journey you can join in It's not your time today
There'll be many destinations Some are happy, some are sad
Each one a brief reminder Of the great times that we've had
Many friends I know are waiting Who took an earlier train
To greet and reassure me That nothing has really changed

We'll take the time together To catch up on the past
To build a new beginning One that will always last
One day you'll take your journey On the train just like me
And I promise that I'll be there At the station and you will see
That life is just a journey Enriched by those you meet
No-one can take that from you It's always yours to keep
But now as no seat is vacant You will have to muddle through
Make sure you fulfil your ambitions As you know I'll be watching you
And if there's an occasion To mention who you knew
Speak kindly of that person As one day it will be you
Now I can't except this ending And as it's time for me to leave
Please make haste to the reception To enjoy my drinks, they're free!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendar for December 2023

Sunday Service:

5.30pm to 7.00pm Platform Mediums:

3rd Bruce Jackson

10th Matthew Tod

17th Xmas Service

24th CLOSED

31st CLOSED

Next Service is 7th January 2024

Mix of Open Development and Healing:

From 7pm to 9pm Mondays:

NO Classes for Dec and Jan

Cost per Open Development/Healing class:

\$5 for members

\$10 for non-members

All welcome!

For all enquires contact:

Matthew Tod Ph: 021 1736344

Visiting International Mediums:

Kerry McLeod and Philip Dykes

Mediumship Demonstration:

22nd March 2024

For More information go to -

<https://www.spiritualgrowth4u.com/international-medium-dem>

Workshop options - 5 or 3 or 2 days

20th to 24th March 2024 for information and bookings go to -

<https://mymediumship.com/events/the-auckland-mediumship-experience>

Love and Light to you all



Yearly Subscriptions: \$30 to join per year.

Member benefits:

Discounted Reading days and classes and access to our library.

Our members are welcome to borrow from an extensive range of books from our library.

All funds raised go towards the running and upkeep of our Church.





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The Auckland Experience



The Workshop

Wed 20th, Thurs 21st, Fri 22nd, Sat 23rd & Sun 24th March 2024

Be part of a five-day experience with Phil Dykes and Kerry McLeod, who will provide you with a focused and immersive experience.

Through a combination of theory, practical exercises, and group activities, you will explore the fundamental training of mediumship, whilst enhancing your naturalness too.

Both international mediums, they will share their wealth of knowledge and experience, where you will learn and practice techniques for presentation in both private readings and demonstration of mediumship.

This will be an intensive five days with plenty of time to practice with one-on-one feedback, personal guidance, individual tutoring, and support.

There are 3 and 2 day options, which will join the larger course on days 3 and 4 respectively.

What You Will Gain

- Understand your mediumship and what is needed to take it to the next level.
- Looking behind and beneath the evidence to deepen it, to tell the story of life.
- Mastering the private reading.
- Improving your presentation and demonstration skills.
- Understand how who you are is shaping your mediumship..

Demonstration of Mediumship

Demonstration of Mediumship - Friday 22nd March 2024

cost \$20 pp, Organised by the Church.

To Book please email: events@spiritualgrowth4u.com



5 day Course cost - \$800 Per person - 10am - 5pm (4pm on Sunday)

3 Day Course \$480 (Fri,Sat,Sun) / 2 Day Course \$320 (Sat,Sun)

To Book go to the website: www.mymediumship.com

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