

Church News

HURSTVILLE SOCIETY SYDNEY AUSTRALIA

The Hurstville Society has no Pastor at present, but receives visits from ministers both from the United States and from Australian colleagues. The Rev. Trevor Moffat has visited and held services. Rev Alain Nicolier was there for over three months, December, 2007 to February, 2008 and now Bishop Brian Keith has made an Episcopal visit.



Brian and Gretchen arrived for their first visit to Hurstville Society just as the Memorial Service for Tom Taylor was conducted by the Rev. Julian Duckworth from the Roseville New Church. On Good Friday March 21st, the Bishop administered the Holy Supper and gave an address on "The Lord Bearing Our Sins" ,providing an understanding of the Easter Story. Sunday's Easter service was on the subject of Peace, summing up the Lord's work on this earth. After church all joined together for a delicious luncheon to formally thank and say farewell to Brian and Gretchen.

The Annual camp which combines all the New Church congregations in Australasia, i.e. Australia and New Zealand, is a happy gathering with ministers giving instruction, lots of fun and outings and happy entertainment. Here Rev Chris and Margaret Skinner, Brian O'Neill, Rev. Alain and Jeanne Nicolier, Rev. David Millar, Rev. David and Pam Moffat, Rev. Julian and Ruth Duckworth.

Alain and Jeanne Nicolier arrived December 2nd, and stayed until February 17th, visiting the Gold Coast New Church members and meeting Rev. Ian Arnold who is Pastor there. Alain also led in the Journey program for the Hurstville Society, also run by Michael Lockhart and Michelle Heldon.





The Hurstville Society were hosts to the visit from the Ngalangangpum Aboriginal School, last November, 2007. It was a “Bush to Big Smoke” visit, arriving from Western Australia were twelve aboriginal boys and six girls camped at the Church and a neighbor’s home for two weeks. They performed “the smoke ceremony” and sang songs like “One People One Land” written by the renowned Australian Christian composer Monica Brown. The visit owed its thanks to Leanne Mahy, a close neighbor to the Society, who teaches at this school in Western Australia.



Margart Heldon and Imran Paddy with the painting by Patrick Mung Mung

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Many will remember Tom Taylor, who passed away recently. Tom was the last surviving pupil of the Hurstville Society “New Church School” held up to the beginning of World War I. He and Shirley celebrated their 62nd anniversary, and have been life-long supporters of the Hurstville Society functions. The society also bade farewell to Trevor and Audrey Favell, who joined the Hurstville Society after seeing the bumper sticker of Rev. Douglas Taylor: “Have you read Swedenborg?”



Both Hurstville Society and the New Church at Ellerslie in Auckland, New Zealand, mourn the passing of Doreen Keal. Doreen with husband Hugh Keal were part of the Hurstville Society from 1961 to 1982, supporting its many uses under three or four pastors. Doreen was organist and headed many organizations and ventures. Their family is not only in Auckland but also in the Bryn Athyn and Kempton areas!

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BY JAN H. WEISS

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