

The Christian Community in Australia
MOVEMENT FOR RELIGIOUS RENEWAL

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Rev Cheryl Nekvapil will be arriving in Brisbane on Wednesday 10th August and at Mapleton on Thursday 11th August. In addition to the community programme outlined below, she is available for individual consultations; you can contact her for an appointment by phone or by email.

Dear Members and Friends -

When we gather together during this visit, we will share community prayer in celebrating The Act of Consecration of Man and we will share in conversation, insights and understanding on the themes of talks and workshops, building on what we have done in the past that we remember and draw on today. In congregation, each of us is bringing what is stirring in our religious/spiritual striving.

It is also time for us to share a review of the activity which you in Queensland have called for and hosted over the past 20 years for The Christian Community. With all the changes which have happened over that time, overall, we need to then look to the future with open hearts and minds, looking at possibilities, what we really want and need and can do. This comes under the heading "community conversation". Out of those sessions we will take future direction for activity of The Christian Community in Queensland.

I look forward to meeting with you again, in the Spirit of all that we share;
Cheryl Nekvapil, 21st July, 2011.

PROGRAMME

Friday 12th August

7.30pm: Gospel Study at The Allen's home, 33 Glenys Street, Burnside.

Saturday 13th August

9.00 am: The Act of Consecration of Man

This will be followed by morning-tea and a community conversation. Please bring something to share.

Saturday 13th August

1.30 pm - 5 pm: Talk and Workshop at Noosa Pengari Steiner School. As this is a long workshop there will be two breaks during the afternoon.

Ideas and Practice towards Social Individualism

Self development and finding our way can be described in the quest of "Who am I? What Is My Task?" Before long we are faced with also asking "Who are you? Can we work together?" - Our individual journey is in the social domain, and increasingly our outer life demands much of our focus. In these talks and workshops we will consider how our inner meditative life can expand our social capacity, drawing on what is speaking in our lives. With reference to Rudolf Steiner, Parker J Palmer and Otto Scharmer's work, we will practice some exercises and encourage each other to bring inner and outer life demands together in what is now recognized as experience of authentic self.

Sunday 14th August

10.00am: The Act of Consecration of Man

11.15am: *From St Johnstide to Michaelmas* - guided by the Trinity Epistle and the Gospel readings each week, there is a course of contemplation in the sequence of pericopes over a 10 week period. Such Christian meditation turns our inner gaze to the future in our personal lives, giving hope for the future of humanity.

12.45 pm: Lunch

1.30 pm: Further community conversation and Committee meeting.

3.00 pm: Close of Day

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