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More recently, we hosted here in Sydney the New Church in Australia committee as they held a two-day meeting. They are certainly an efficient bunch, getting through their business in just a day and a half. On the following day it was nice to welcome to church the out-of-towners, three of whom, Kevin and Erlinda Attwater and Ruth Duckworth, were past-time regular attenders at this church. Rev. David Moffat preached during the service, and the whole thing was meant to be streamed live to Melbourne, where, since David was here and not there, church was closed for the day. Unfortunately, for some unknown reason the technology did not cooperate and the stream did not happen. At least the service was recorded for later viewing.

Our minister, Howard, is currently working on arranging the next church retreat. It is to be in a year's time in or around Sydney. A retreat this summer proved out of reach as demand for venues was too great after all the Covid lockdowns. In the meantime Howard is organising another of our virtual retreats which will be held next month. January 20-21 are the planned dates.

Wishing everyone across Australasia a very enjoyable and meaningful Christmas season, and, with natural disasters in mind, a safe and uneventful summer.

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Seasons greeting and best wishes to everyone, especially those members and friends of our sister New Church groups around the nation and across the Tasman.

The month just past saw several of our members here in Perth go down with various ailments. Trevor and Joy Moffat caught Covid-19 and had to isolate. They are now on the mend, but tire quickly. Have been told to remember, "that they are not spring chickens any more!"