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October 2010 Newsletter

Welcome to Purley Chase Centre Newsletter in which we will be keeping you up to date with what is happening here at the centre.

Events coming up over the next few months:



Young Families
29th to 31st October



Two to Tango
12th to 14th November



Christmas is coming
3rd December onwards

If you would like to receive copies of the most recent brochure for yourself or to pass onto friends then please let us know.



As we look ahead we have many varied groups booked in over the next few weeks including a local Guide group as well as our own Worship Leaders and of course our Young Families at the end of the month. The picture above shows some creative work done by a group attending Purley, can you guess which one? – answer next month. Love Anne

The good life.

Greetings! This month I simply leave you with this quote from Swedenborg's writings. Although it obviously poses a few questions, it nevertheless speaks for itself: *"It is not so difficult to live the life that leads to heaven as is believed. Some believe that to live the life that leads to heaven, which is called the spiritual life, is difficult, because they have been told that a person must renounce the world, ... and must live spiritually; and they understand this to mean that they must discard worldly things, which consist chiefly in riches and honors; that they must walk continually in pious meditation on God, salvation, and eternal life; and must spend their life in prayers and in reading the Word and pious books. ... But that this is not at all true it has been given me to know by much experience and from conversation with the angels. I have learned, in fact, that those who renounce the world and live in the spirit in this manner acquire a sorrowful life that is not receptive of heavenly joy, since everyone's life continues the same after death. On the contrary, to receive the life of heaven a person must needs live in the world and engage in its business and employments, and by means of a moral and civil life there receive the spiritual life. In no other way can the spiritual life be formed in a person, or their spirit prepared for heaven; for to live an internal life and not at the same time an external life is like dwelling in a house that has no foundation, that gradually sinks or becomes cracked and rent asunder, or totters till it falls."* (Emanuel Swedenborg, Heaven and Hell, Section 528, <http://smallcanonsearch.com/read.php?book=hh§ion=528>)

I wish you constructive thoughts and action on the subject.
Rev. David Gaffney.