Outlook

The Latest Events Sheet from the ASWC

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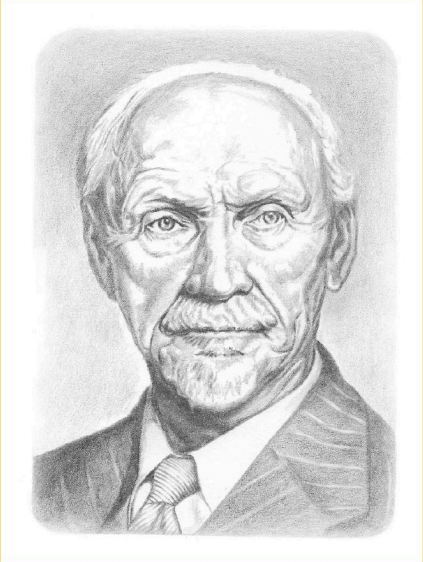
Today is Martinmas, 11th November

Opening a forty day season of preparation leading toward Christmas, an early forerunner of Advent. Martin, was a young Roman cavalry officer, who came upon a man shivering at the roadside with almost nothing to cover him. The story tells us that he drew his sword, cut his military cloak in two, and wrapped one half around the stranger. That night he dreamed of Christ wearing the very same piece of cloth, and he woke with a new direction for his life. Martin went on to leave the army, become a monk, and eventually be made Bishop of Tours, France, and was buried on 11 November 397.
From here the season unfolds in stages. Advent begins on 29 November, the word itself means arrival, a waiting that invites us to slow down and make room. Then comes the solstice on the 21st of December, when the sun seems to stand still, here at its highest point before the light begins to turn. Martin offers the

first lesson of that passage. Before we can wait well, it helps to know what we are carrying, what we can share, and what we are ready to lay down.

ASWC EVENTS

THIS SUNDAY



A Celebration of the Centennial of Jan Smuts' Holism and Evolution: 1926-2026.

Richard Cox will lead us in this celebration on Sunday 15 November, 4 pm at Sophia House

Why does Nature display such coherence?
Why do living forms appear so meaningful?
Why do patterns recur across scales and species?
And why does consciousness itself resist explanation through mechanism alone?
These questions live today with renewed urgency.

A century ago, the South African statesman and philosopher Jan Smuts introduced the word “Holism” in his remarkable book Holism and Evolution. Smuts proposed that Nature could not be fully understood merely through the actions of its parts. Organisms, societies, ecosystems, and even consciousness exhibited properties that emerged from the intrinsic character of wholes themselves.

CURRENT AFFAIRS CAFE - we will meet Wednesday 25th November at 4.30pm in the library at Sophia House. All welcome

OTHER EVENTS



We are living in a time of profound change. Technology, climate uncertainty, political polarisation, and social fragmentation are deeply reshaping our world.

How do we create the conditions for conversations that matter, make sense of our changing world together, and find our way towards shared purpose and wise action?

The Art of Hosting is a globally practised approach to participatory leadership that helps groups, communities, organisations and networks draw on their collective wisdom, navigate complexity and discover new ways forward together. For 24 years, the Art of Hosting has been at the heart of how we live, learn and work together at Kufunda Learning Village in Zimbabwe.

For a long time we have been encouraged to bring this work to Cape Town. And now it is finally happening!

Join us for three days of immersive learning and practice as we explore how to host conversations that matter, strengthen our capacity for participatory leadership and create the conditions for meaningful collective action.

What we will explore

Deep listening and meaningful dialogue · Participatory leadership · Facilitating collaboration · Working with complexity and uncertainty · Building trust across difference · Collective action and community engagement

More Information

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Who is this for?

Facilitators, coaches, educators, social entrepreneurs, activists, artists and community practitioners as well as organisational teams seeking ways to work more collaboratively internally as well as with stakeholders.

You will leave with:

- Practical facilitation approaches you can use immediately
- Greater confidence working with groups
- Fresh perspectives on leadership and collaboration
- New relationships and a place in a living community of practice
- If coming as a team, a shared approach your team can use together

Teams of two to three who attend together are best placed to carry the practice back into their organisation.

More than a facilitation training, the Art of Hosting is a living, evolving body of practice, carried by a global community of practitioners who are learning how to lead, collaborate and create together.

Join us and become part of a global community of practice.

Your hosts: Maaianne Knuth, Sikhethiwe Mlotsha, Irvine Muzuva, Admire Gwatidzo and Undine Whande

Investment:

- Individuals: Suggested R5,000 (sliding scale R3,500–R6,500+). Further concessions available. We want everyone to be able to join us. Simply indicate what you can contribute when registering.
- Non-profit organisations: R7,500 per person.
- For-profit organisations: R9,500 per person.
- Group discount: 15% for three or more participants from the same organisation.

18-20 November, 9-5 pm daily
Non-residential @ Novalis Ubuntu Institute, Wynberg

Register here

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What if the change we long for depends on how well we learn to lead together?

Registration:

GATHERING FOR REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEAD

Every year on the last Sunday of the Christian Year the week before the first Advent Sunday the following week, the Christian Community holds a celebration for those who have crossed over the threshold into the spiritual world. The celebration will include music, poetry and other contributions

This year it will take place on November 21st at 4pm at the Christian Community Church in Timour Hall rd. Plumstead.

Everyone is invited to attend to remember loved ones who have passed, either in the past year or in previous years.

Donations towards candles etc will be welcome.

The celebration is expected to last about an hour.

ONLINE EVENTS

INSPIRATIONS OF MANI FOR THE FUTURE OF CHRISTIANITY AND THE REDEMPTION OF EVIL – 11 online talks on Saturdays 9.00pm from 26 Sept – 5 Dec. *OPEN HERE* for full schedule and details.

Next Presentation:
THE FUTURE OF MANI'S ROLE WITH EVIL - presented by Andrew Linnell on Saturday 14 November, 10 pm SA time. Rudolf Steiner placed Mani "higher" than the Gautama Buddha and other Bodhisattvas. His mission has been the redemption of Evil. In our Fifth Post-Atlantean Cultural Age, it is our destiny to face Evil. So, what does it mean for us to pray, "deliver us from the Evil?" Andrew reaches conclusions based on indications from Rudolf Steiner about the Eighth Sphere and the next cosmic condition following Earth. This talk is hosted by Three-Fold Mankind and is free but a donation is suggested, please, follow the link to DONATE.https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=XG9MXD3RGZ9E8
Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81259450439

THREEFOLDING AS A PATH FOR PEACE - an online international conference with speakers Dr Friedrich Glasl and Gerald Hafner, Sunday 15 November 20:00 SA time. For more information and to register https://anthroposophysocial.org/global-threefolding/

***THE DESTINY OF THE GRAIL COMMUNITY* - With Douglas Miller**
NOVEMBER, 20th 9.00pm SA Time (ZOOM)

As described in Wolfram von Eschenbach's *Parzival* and other 13th-and 14th-century works, a particular community was formed around the presence of the Grail on the Earth. We will look at the history and difficult destiny of that 9th-century community at Munsalvaesche and also consider what that destiny meant for its own time and for the present time.

Douglas is a retired professor of German at the University of Michigan–Flint in the United States; his research, publication, and lecturing has focused on Goethe's accomplishments as a scientist and writer, as well as on the history and meaning of Rudolf Steiner and anthroposophy.
Zoom link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82632129836
Meeting ID: 826 3212 9836, Passcode: 755359

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(ON ZOOM)

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HOW TO LOVE ANYONE

JOIN ME NOW TO CONTRIBUTE TO A GOLDEN FUTURE
BY BUILDING PEACE IN YOUR CORNER OF THE WORLD

In 12 thought provoking motifs this course offers a new perspective on everyday social dynamics. This new understanding can gift us inner peace while very practical exercises allow us to bring peace into the relationships with our partner, children, parents, colleagues, and wider community.

Participants support each other to make discoveries, experience deeper learning, and implement real changes in their lives.

starting 29 November 2026

Sundays at 8pm CET for 1h, alternating lessons and study buddy sessions, until 9 May 2027

COST:
For participants from the global north: 450€

For participants from the global south: 280€



30 DAY MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

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HOW CHILDREN LEARN

JOIN ME NOW TO DISCOVER HOW TO PREPARE CHILDREN FOR THE FUTURE, AND HOW TO TURN HOUSEWORK INTO JOY

In 12 thoughtful motifs this course offers a deep dive into child development. Enabling us to provide a healthy environment for children to grow up in, and to find ways to heal what we were not able to provide before. Also allowing us to heal some of our own childhood wounds like a disdain for housework or procrastination.

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For more information about the year's course click here

NEWSLETTERS, ARTICLES, RECORDINGS

BIODYNAMICS, THE VORTEX, DIGESTION AND MANI - a look at how these themes weave together - a recording of this recent talk by Donna LaPre is available on the following link
https://www.youtube.com/@VidarGroup/videos

THE MYSTERIES OF THE HOLY GRAIL - PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE - a recording of

this recent talk by Florian Sydow is available on the link
https://www.youtube.com/@VidarGroup/videos

MENTAL HEALTH, MATERIALISM AND THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF YOUNG ADULTS - a recently recorded talk by **Laura Scappaticci** who brings anthroposophy into the here-and-now, by connecting it with contemporary cultural concerns and innovations. The https://vimeopro.com/user125921268/front-range-anthroposophical-cafe-1/video/1244538346 Hosted by the Front Range Anthroposophical Cafe

That Good May Become, is Laura Scappaticci's podcast which focuses on personal practices and exercises for self-knowledge and transformation, acknowledging that inner work is the pathway to the positive evolution of humanity.

Extending the Art of Healing through Anthroposophy, Laura's most recent podcast explores burn-out, stress, allergies, anxiety, and more.

EURYTHMY AND THE ELEMENTS - FIRE, AIR, WATER AND EARTH - Eurythmy for Personal Practice - a recording of Cynthia Hoven's first Module on the Elements has been made available https://vimeo.com/1242975989/bfa0f0be28?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci



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