

Sunday Service January 3rd 2021

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Good afternoon Ladies and Gentleman.

And, a Happy, Healthy and Hopeful New Year to you all!

This is Gina Langsfield, welcoming you on behalf of the SAGB to our first Reunion of 2021. And, for those joining us on zoom a very warm welcome to our medium for today, Dorothy Young, and our chair person, Penny O'Meara.

Would you like to join me please in prayer

Dear God, loving Spirit

We ask your blessing upon 2021 that darkness may be defeated by light, despair by hope, loneliness by love, sickness by health, poverty by plenty, negativity by positivity, tears by laughter and the hopelessness of spiritual lack of knowledge replaced by the joy of spiritual understanding and comfort.

Into your hands we commend the future of your children of earth.

Amen

The year of new beginnings

We have finally got here to 2021, a year in which we all hope and pray that the terrible scourge of 2020 brought to us will be defeated and we can at last start bit by bit to reclaim the normal lives of which we were suddenly deprived last March.

Tragically of course there are those amongst us to whom life will not be able to return in the way it was before the pandemic. Those in particular who have lost a loved one to Spirit during this time, whether due to Covid or any other cause, all leaving the same wound in the heart for those left behind and all causing their own forms of inconsolable grief.

Our hearts go out especially to those whose loved ones have passed to Covid only recently, so close to the hopes of the vaccine bringing an end to this nightmare.

On earth we will never understand the reasons we have to endure such tortures, we never have. Pictures, such as the soldier who came through the war unscathed only to meet with a road accident upon returning home. Or, as in the case of my own grandmother, who endured the hardships of war, rejoiced with her family as it ended and passed to Spirit on the first holiday with my mother after normal life was restored.

Fate can seem so unfair. God has his/her reasons and Spirit have a far greater understanding of how things are balanced than we do. One day we will have those answers. Sadly until then we have to just trust that there is a reason that our loved one is not dead, only transitioned to Spirit and that they haven't left us and nor will they. They are waiting with excitement also to continue being a major part of our lives. The lives most of us hope to resume, in this near new beginning.

We will know far better how to appreciate any magic moment because of the year we lost them. We will appreciate far more the devoted family and loving friends because of the year we were separated from them. All the happy, simple normal parts of life, a pub lunch, a trip to the shops, taking a grandchild to the playground, a catch-up coffee with a friend, will be as new beginnings because we know now what it feels like to be without them and we will better emphasise with others suffering grief, illness, loneliness, poverty, abuse, shattered dreams, stress and fear because we will all have experienced at least one of them, some of us more than one.

In short we need to make becoming a more spiritual, better and kinder person our New Year Resolution for 2021. Happiness will return for many of us, magic moments for most of us, peace and hope for all of us. Let's use these blessings well and wisely. 2020 is a year most of us would rather forget but instead let's remember it and learn from it and appreciate all future magic moments.

Now that we have made it through to the year of new beginnings, physical loved ones soon to be at our side again. Spirit loved ones have been there with us all along, from them whatever happens there are no passing.

On behalf of our manager Karl and the trustees, our mediums, healers and of course myself, Gina, stay safe for now and may you be blessed with a happy year of new beginnings and many, many magic moments.

And for those who join us on zoom back over now to Penny O'Meara.

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Background Music – Magic Moments