

Midwinter Festival
Rudolf Steiner Centre Hastings
Sunday, 28th June 2025
7.00 pm

From the Soul's Calendar by Rudolf Steiner

verse 37

To bear the spirit light into world winter night
Strives blessedly the impulse of my heart,
That soul-seeds, brightly shining,
Within world grounds take root,
And God-Word in the senses' darkness,
Transfiguring, through all being sounds.

(transl. Julian Pook 2021)

verse 38

Holy Night Mood

I feel, as though spell-freed,
The spirit child in womb of soul:
In shining brightness of the heart
The holy World Word has begotten
The heaven-fruit of hope,
Which grows, rejoicing, in worlds-afar reaches,
out of my being's Godly ground.

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Events of the day

10 am: Seasonal reading and conversation, Lecture 5 from
'The Four Seasons and the Archangels' by Rudolf Steiner



7 pm: Refreshments – please bring a plate

7.30 pm: Festival Celebration

Evening Programme

There will be Music played by Bob and Jenny from Central Hawke's Bay. John Jackson will welcome everyone and speak two midwinter verses from Rudolf Steiner's Calendar of the Soul. We will then hear the Midwinter verse 38 from Julian's 52 Rounds of the Soul's Calendar, and Matthew will lead us in singing it together.

Shakespeare's sonnet 116 on love will be brought to life by Robyn Hewetson – In the festival address, Johnny Ryan will be taking us into the inner space of the heart on the theme: **"Light in our Darkness"** – and John Allison will get us moving together in Eurythmy.

To conclude the evening, our festival chorus will speak the powerful words of St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 13, *'In Praise of Love'*, Agape, the highest form of Love, in Rudolf Steiner's version: – with a musical echo on the lyre.

Festival preparation: John Jackson and Astrid Anderson