



# NEWSLETTER

28 March – 3 April 2022

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## NRCC News and Notices

NRCC **EASTER** SERVICES

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR

**FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL** | **SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

<b>GOOD FRIDAY 9 AM</b> A SERVICE REMEMBERING THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST	<b>EASTER SUNDAY 9 AM</b> COME AND MEET THE RISEN ONE CELEBRATE NEW LIFE & NEW HOPE
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NORTH ROCKS COMMUNITY CHURCH  
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▪ **Lent Event** calls you to join other Christians in a pledge to give up or take up something in solidarity with those who live with less. From 2 March to 14 April, Lent provides us with opportunities to reflect on our relationship with Christ and put faith into action.

For more information or ideas go to <https://unitingworld.org.au/lent-event-is-coming/>



## Community News and Notices

▪ **Moderator's Flood Appeal to help devastated communities**

The Uniting Church NSW/ACT has launched a special appeal to help those communities devastated by record-breaking floods.

<https://nswact.uca.org.au/communications/newsroom/media-release-moderator-s-flood-appeal-to-help-devastated-communities/>

## - Resilience and the Human Spirit – Stations of the Cross 2022

April 1 – April 17. 10.00am - 4.00pm daily

Exhibition Space, Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School.

Information: Northmead Uniting Church 9890 5814,

Northmead CAPAHS 02 96304116

<https://www.facebook.com/NorthmeadSOTC>

Since 2007 an annual exhibition has been curated as a fresh way for people to have a deep and rich experience of Easter. Over the past 8 years, the exhibition has grown and developed as a cooperative project of Northmead UCA and Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School (CAPAHS.)

Each year we invite 15 major Australian artists to take 9 months to reflect on a short brief and then to create a particular artwork which we show in a joint exhibition. The artworks come into conversation with each other and invite the viewers to consider Easter texts in new and fresh ways. We want to provide an opportunity for people in the community to engage with some of the deeper life questions that are embedded in the Easter story.



The exhibition will be opened by Sr Rosemary Crumlin, the doyen of modern art and the religious imagination.

**Exhibition Opening**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April - 6pm curatorial tour, 7.00pm Opening

**Guided Tours**

2.00 pm on weekend days or by appointment.

**Wine and Cheese Night -**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 pm

**Eremos quiet half day Retreat**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April from 10am-1.00 pm

**Jazz Night**

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 6.00 pm

**Good Friday**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 9.00 am

## Reflection of the Week

Read Romans 15:1-13.

What would our marriages, homes, and churches look like if we all practiced selfless, fully surrendered obedience to God in our daily lives? What if we completely aligned our will to our Father's will?

Following Pentecost, the Holy Spirit empowered the early church to boldly proclaim the Gospel and perform awesome signs and wonders that testified to the Truth of their message. Why did God grant them such favor? Because the believers were of one accord. They selflessly worked together to see the Gospel go forth (see Acts 2:42-47). We often pray for a spiritual awakening in our world, but God isn't going to send a revival to people who aren't united, body and soul, under the hand of the Holy Spirit.

In Romans 15, Paul shares six principles we must exhibit to receive the unique blessing of unity:

1. We put ourselves under the authority of Scripture.
2. We put others up.
3. We put ourselves lower.

4. We put Christ always before us.
5. We put ourselves under God's power.
6. We put the pursuit of God's glory above all else.

(Notice that selfless unity must first be grounded in God's Word; the Truth of the Gospel should never be compromised just to get along.)

Where believers put these principles into practice, watch out! God's power and love will become manifest to a world in darkness.

*Prayer: Lord, give me the strength and the will to seek to live out these principles of unity for the blessing of Your people and the world. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

**"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 15:5-6).**

### **E - give** (Direct Electronic Giving)

**Account Name:** North Rocks Community Church  
**(BSB):** 634634 **Account Number:** 100025906

### **Prayers**

If you have any prayer requests or would like to know of those with particular pastoral needs to pray for, please contact Robyn, Steve or Pastoral Care Team.  
Robyn: 0424791916

## **Ministry Leaders**

**Minister:** Rev. Steve Lee / [minister@northrocks.org.au](mailto:minister@northrocks.org.au) / 0433 698 690

### **Church Council**

Chairperson: Cathy Nelson      Secretary: Jenny Keyte      Treasurer: Anne Crabb

### **Team Leaders**

Worship: Steve Lee    Discipleship: Alex Chow    Pastoral Care: Robyn Pike    Fellowship: Sue Vasilevska  
Interger: Fiona & Cathy    Mission: Steve Turner

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