



NEWSLETTER

25 April – 1 May 2022

Revive
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NRCC News and Notices

▪ Preachers while Steve is on leave

This Sunday Robyn will be sharing her story with us - *“Be Strong and Courageous”*

Steve T (8th May) and Sue (15th May) will be preaching while Steve is away. It will be a great blessing to listen to their messages for us. Please invite your family members or friends who might want to join our Sunday services and our fellowship.

If you are not able to get to our services, the messages are uploaded to our YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9XZ6bg-Sb5az1E9oqqPbFA>

While Steve is away please contact Robyn (pastoral matters), Jenny or Cathy (worship and other church related matters).

Dates for your Diary

▪ Equip 22

Our church will be hosting Equip 22 again this year. Please contact Robyn Pike for more information or to register as part of the group.

Date: 18 June 2022

Time: 10am – 3pm. Please arrive early so we are ready to start at 10am. Tea and coffee will be served on arrival.

Cost: \$20 per person (\$18 with a group of 10+), teens free.



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/>

▪ Applications for PNP Communications Officer

Parramatta Nepean Presbytery is recruiting a Communications Officer for Presbytery. If you are interested in applying please email enquiry@northrocks.org.au and further information can be sent to you.

Reflection of the Week

The two disciples on the road to Emmaus were hopeless and depressed. Even though they had heard reports of the empty tomb, in their minds the Messiah was not supposed to suffer and die—He was supposed to conquer Israel's enemies and set up a political kingdom for God. But now, Jesus was dead. They were downcast and heartbroken.

Read Luke 24:13-35. When these two disciples encountered Jesus on the road to Emmaus, they did not recognize Him and shared the reason for their sorrow as they might have with any friendly stranger. But Jesus lost no time in rebuking their false assumptions: "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" (Luke 24:25-26).

The resurrected Jesus challenges our false assumptions, too. Without the resurrection, Jesus is just a martyr, a moral teacher, a dead hero—or worse, a liar. The resurrection of Jesus challenges the common false beliefs of our culture—that all religions are true and equal and any attempt at morality will earn you a seat in heaven.

Once they recognized the resurrected Jesus, these two discouraged, depressed, and disappointed disciples moved from fear to courage, from pain to power, from hopelessness to eternal hope, and from depression to mission. The evidence was conclusive: The same Jesus who had bled to death on the cross before their very eyes was talking to them and standing in front of them, alive and well.

They *immediately* got up—it was dark outside, the day was done, the road back to Jerusalem was dangerous—but they had a mission. Fear had gone and courage had taken over. Why? The Truth had been confirmed. They wanted to share the Good News: Jesus was alive. He had risen from the dead. Indeed, God had fulfilled His promise to Israel for the blessing of the whole world.

Prayer: Lord, please reveal any false assumptions I have about You. Help me see You as You really are—and help me to boldly and unashamedly share that Truth with others. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32).

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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.
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Church Council

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Team Leaders

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