



NEWSLETTER

26 September – 2 October 2022

Revive
Restore
Reach Out

NRCC News and Notices

▪ Daylight Saving Time starts this Sunday

Sunday, 2 October 2022, 2 AM clocks are turned forward 1 hour to 3 AM local daylight time. Remember to move your clocks forward one hour.

▪ Spring Thanksgiving

We've raised \$8,690. A big thank you to everyone for your generous financial giving and your commitment. Blessings!

▪ Our Guest Preacher this Sunday is Dennis

Steve will be on annual leave 26th September – 9th October.

This Sunday our guest preacher will be Dennis. Next week (9 Oct) Mike will be our guest preacher. For any pastoral needs, please contact Robyn (Pastoral Care Team Leader). Other church matters please contact Cathy (Church chairperson).

▪ Sandra Callister's Operation

Sandra will be having surgery on her hip on 9 November. Due to the long wait she has endured and the pain she is experiencing she has changed to the private sector. If you would like to contribute towards some of these costs you can either donate at church or through e-Giving.

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BSB: 634634 **Account Number:** 100016305 with "Sandra" as a reference

▪ NRCC Bible Study Groups

- Monday Night Bible Group: weekly commencing September 19. 7.00 – 8.30pm, 23 Stirling Avenue, North Rocks (the Hammond's house). 6.30 pm for light dinner if you like. Please contact Jacky (0493 064 495) or Mike (0493 072 958).
- A Daytime Weekday Bible Group: weekly or fortnightly. Time and place to be decided. Please contact Robyn (0424 791 916).

▪ Sunday Service Zoom Webinar Link

For those who wish to but are unable to attend, please try the following Zoom webinar link. The link will be available from around 8.50 AM on Sunday.

<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/97503935532>

Webinar ID: 975 0393 5532

Dates for your Diary

▪ **Thursday Evening Women's Prayer @ 7.30 PM**

Please join our weekly prayer gathering on Thursday at 7.30 PM.

<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/99446593640?pwd=VjljektKUitGLzBxM3ovSmxqcMhnZz09>

Meeting ID: 994 4659 3640

Passcode: 800117

▪ **Wednesday Evening Men's Prayer @ 7.30 PM**

NRCC men are invited to bring our prayers to the Lord for our families, our church and our community.

<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/93355696102?pwd=WDdmU2VFUElieHpPSiY5ekdnazNTUT09>

Meeting ID: 933 5569 6102

Passcode: 838036

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Multi-faith Service for climate justice

Where: St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

When: Thursday, 13th October, 9.30 am – 10.30 am

Join with people of diverse faiths, in solidarity with Pacific and First Nations peoples, to show your support for an open letter to the PM calling for climate justice. The service will feature the OLMC string Ensemble, a Pacific Islander choir, chanting, congregational signing and prayers from a range of faith traditions. Come along and be inspired!

More information: <https://www.arrcc.org.au/f4cj2022>

**Faiths 4 Climate Justice 2022
Multi-faith service**
St Patrick's Cathedral
1 Marist Pl, Parramatta
Thursday 13 October 9.30am

For The Sake Of All Beings
NO MORE FOSSIL FUELS

This multi-faith service supports the launch of an open letter, signed by senior faith leaders, that calls on the PM to limit coal and gas mining.

We invite people of all faiths or none to join us in solidarity with Pacific and First Nations peoples in their struggle for climate justice.

Scan the QR code for more info

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Uniting Church Hawkesbury Zone:
"TWILIGHT OF JAZZ"
On the banks of the Hawkesbury River -
at Ebenezer Church
SUNDAY 16th OCTOBER 4:00PM - 8:00PM
Gates open at 3:00pm

Featuring:
HARMONIX BIG BAND

TICKETS \$20 per head - School students free
To prebook your tickets call or text Rebecca on
0439 309 303 or visit our Facebook page.
Tickets will be available on the night. \$100.00 per ticket.

Bring your chairs, blanket or a picnic.
Sausage sizzle, cake stall, tea & coffee
will be available to purchase.
BYO Alcohol

Funds raised go to the West Papuan Development Company for clean water wells.



WALKING TOGETHER

HOW CAN THE CHURCH EMBRACE FIRST PEOPLES' THEOLOGY IN A POST-COLONIAL AUSTRALIA?



Hosted by the Synod of NSW and the ACT, United Theological College, Uniting Mission and Education, and Newtown Mission, this Conference is an opportunity to hear the voices and perspectives of First Peoples on issues relating to the Uniting Church, Theology, and Reconciliation.

The theme - *Walking Together: How can the Church embrace First Peoples' Theology in a post-colonial Australia* - comes at an important time with the Uluru Statement of the Heart and plans to enshrine a First Nations Voice into the constitution.

You can find out more about our speakers and the event [here](#).

Saturday 22 October 9:30 am to: 4:45pm

Wesley Conference Centre, Sydney

In person and online tickets available

▪ **Uniting Church Assembly and Synod News Links**

Uniting Church Assembly: <https://uniting.church/news/>

NSW & ACT Synod: <https://nswact.uca.org.au/communications/newsroom/>

▪ **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/>

Reflection of the Week

There are times when God will call us to act immediately during a battle. But there are other times when He wants us to wait upon Him so that He may act on our behalf. What seems like a frustrating delay is God's preparation for a great blessing to come. "I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD" (Psalm 27:13-14).

Sometimes it takes as much courage to wait upon God as it does to act in His name. As we wait before the LORD in worship and as we walk with Him daily, He puts His strength in our hearts. "[B]ut they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31, ESV).

We need to remain in a constant state of readiness, recognizing that the only way to find victory is through God. Seek to follow God wholeheartedly—not only during times of battle but also in a daily walk with Him.

Prayer: God, so often it is hard for me to wait on You. Give me the courage to respond in obedience whether You are telling me to act or telling me to wait. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

“I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry” (Psalm 40:1).

Prayers for our Congregation

- We pray for all who have been impacted by the floods.
- We pray for those affected by Covid.
- We pray for teachers and students in our local schools that will enjoy a relaxing school holiday.
- We pray for Robbie, Joshua, and other year 12 students we know.
- We pray for the sustainability team as they work to find ways for our sustainable future.
- We pray for Church Council members as they discern the way to best serve the people of NRCC.
- We pray for those who are unwell or recovering from injury: Andrew, Dawn, Gail (Dawn’s daughter), Beryl, Bob (Radha’s husband), Lindsay D, Maureen H, Glen H, Peter, Christine.
- We pray for those missing loved ones due to death or distance: Cay, Nicole, Beth, Kelly, Lynda, Christine, those in nursing homes.
- We pray for Steve as he takes two weeks leave.
- We pray for our missionaries: Mike and Jacky Hammond, Bill and Sandra Callister, Richard and Lindsey Parker.

E - give (Direct Electronic Giving)

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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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Ministry Leaders

Minister: Rev. Steve Lee / minister@northrocks.org.au / 0433 698 690

Church Council

Chairperson: Cathy Nelson

Secretary: Sue Vasilevska

Treasurer: Anne Crabb

Team Leaders

Worship: Steve Lee Discipleship: Alex Chow Pastoral Care: Robyn Pike Fellowship: Sue Vasilevska

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