



NEWSLETTER

3 October – 9 October 2022

Revive
Restore
Reach Out

NRCC News and Notices

▪ Our Guest Preacher this Sunday is Mike

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

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.

Account Name: North Rocks Community Church

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

Community News and Notices

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.

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ARRCC
Association of Religious Response to Climate Change
Scan the QR code for more info

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.

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.

PNP Adult Fellowship Gathering

Date: October 22

Time: 10 am – 1 pm

Venue: Grantham Heights Uniting Church

RSVP: by October 15 to

Gail Kalaitzis: 9670 4602

Or

Kevin Harkness: 0408 218 964



**PARRAMATTA NEPEAN PRESBYTERY
UNITING CHURCH ADULT FELLOWSHIP**



invites you to the next gathering at

GRANTHAM HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

on Saturday 22nd October

from 10am to 1pm

Guest Speaker is Rebecca Andrews
from Pitt Town Uniting Church

'Building Water Wells in West Papua'

Retiring offering to Water Wells
will be collected



ALL FOOD AND DRINK PROVIDED

for specific dietary needs contact Barbara Maxwell 9636 2252

Please RSVP before 15th October to either

Gail Kalaitzis: 9670 4602 or

Kevin Harkness: 0408 218 964

Nearest railway station is Seven Hills. Let us know if needing a pick up.

COVID SAFE RULES APPLY. PLEASE REMAIN AT HOME IF YOU ARE UNWELL.



GRANTHAM HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH
cnr Mackenzie Boulevard
& Nipigon Road SEVEN HILLS



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

Some people say that the natural response to salvation by grace alone is something like his: "Now that I am saved by grace, I can break every one of the commandments." Anyone who believes and practices that is not saved. The Bible tells us clearly that those who are saved by grace keep the law. They are not habitual lawbreakers (see 1 John 2:3-6; 5:1-4).

Those who have experienced the love and the grace of God are not only going to keep the letter of the law, but they are going to keep the spirit of the law. Not only do they not kill because they are obeying the commandment, but those who have received God's grace through Jesus Christ also do not hate, which is the first step that leads to murder. That is the spirit of the law. And not only do they not take revenge, but they also forgive those who hurt and despise them. They love their enemies—the spirit of the law—because they have received the grace of God by faith alone, believing in Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

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Grace changes the heart. How, then, can a Christian who is saved by grace alone keep the spirit and the letter of the law? When you are saved by grace alone, the Holy Spirit of God comes to dwell inside you, and He empowers you to do the impossible.

Legalism imposes an outward code. It can never change our hearts and inner desires. Grace, on the other hand, provides the inner desire and the power to obey God. If you want to live in victory and in power, receive the overwhelming grace and love of God today.

Prayer: God, thank You for Your grace that empowers me to keep not only the letter of the law but also the spirit of the law. Thank You for changing my inner desires so that I want to live in obedience to You. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 1:14).

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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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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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