



NEWSLETTER

21 November – 27 November 2022

Revive
Restore
Reach Out

NRCC News and Notices

▪ **Our Guest Preacher this Sunday is Jenny K**

Steve will be on annual leave 21st November – 11 December. **Jenny K (27 Nov), Sue (4 Dec) and Cathy (11 Dec)** will be our guest preachers while Steve is away.

For any pastoral needs, please contact Robyn (Pastoral Care Team Leader). Other church matters please contact Cathy (Church chairperson).

A poster for Christmas Services. The background is a dark blue night sky filled with stars and the Milky Way. At the bottom, there are silhouettes of mountains and some lights. The text is as follows:

CHRISTMAS

Services

Saturday 24th December @ 6 PM
JESUS' BIRTHDAY PARTY
Sunday 25th December @ 9 AM
CHRISTMAS DAY

North Rocks Community Church
132 North Rocks Rd. North Rocks
<https://northrocks.uca.org.au/>

Callisters Chronicling November 2022

Thank you for your prayers and care for us. I (Sandra) particularly have felt uplifted by everyone praying ...

**PRAISES! Surgery completed,
recover underway!**

The night before surgery, the Lord reminded me of the story of the paralysed man – and his four friends, who did all the heavy lifting to bring him to Jesus for healing. I very much felt that all of our friends, relatives, church community folk were lifting me up to the Lord.

As a result, the surgery went very smoothly on 9 November, and I was quickly transferred to the ward. After 3 nights in hospital I was allowed to go home, armed with a list of exercises to complete daily.

A bonus was that our daughter Julie was able to take leave from her work in northern QLD to come down for a week - cook our meals, wash and iron clothes, and be my encouraging companion while I started on the road to learning to walk again with a new hip! (Bill has been able to continue somewhat on translation, working with a translation consultant remotely, who is checking the Saisai book of John.)



The three of us enjoying brunch at our church café 5 days after surgery.

Community News and Notices

Are you looking for Christmas presents?

Our new gift guide is here! It's such a great opportunity to make a difference in the lives of people striving to overcome poverty and injustice.



You can champion the ethical gift-giving movement this Christmas by giving gifts that fight poverty and build hope.

These are gifts that won't be left collecting dust but will transform the lives of those who need them most!

Go to <https://everythingincommon.com.au/> to start shopping

▪ **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

A city's walls keep her enemies from advancing. They protect the people inside from harm. They offer protection and a clear border that all can see. But when those walls are breached—when stone is torn from stone so that mere rubble remains—the city and its people are left vulnerable to every wind that blows and every vandal that prowls.

The book of Nehemiah tells the true story of a Jewish slave, cupbearer to the king of Persia, and his mission to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. But this historical account is about much more than construction. In Nehemiah, we find plans that will help us rebuild the broken-down walls in our own world.

Today, walls that once provided protection against the enemy's schemes are crumbling all around us—in our families, our churches, and our culture. Today, more than ever, God is calling His people to be men and women who, like Nehemiah, will trust Him with their lives and work to repair the damage before it is too late.

Being neither a construction worker, nor a contractor, nor a stonemason, Nehemiah was not an expert in wall repair. But God used him because he was a willing servant. As we look through the book of Nehemiah in the coming days, ask God to kindle within you a greater desire to serve—to be ready and willing to rebuild any walls in your life.

Prayer: Lord, show me the broken walls You want me to rebuild. Use me to rebuild the broken foundations in my life and in the lives of others. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

“As you come to him, the living Stone . . . you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 2:4-5).

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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

Chairperson: Cathy Nelson Secretary: Sue Vasilevska Treasurer: Anne Crabb

Team Leaders

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