



## **NRCC News and Notices**

## ■ 2023 Term 1 Worship Roster

There are many areas you can bring your heart and passion to our Sunday services so feel free to let Steve L know if you feel led to participate in our worship.

### Scripture Teaching @ North Rocks Public School

NRCC has been involved in teaching SRE for many years. We are currently short of teachers for Kindy and Year 6 classes. If you are interested in teaching scripture please talk to Bev or Steve.

### **■ CC Members & Team Ministry Leaders' Retreat**

Will be held at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre from 27th Feb - 28th Feb. Please pray for them to have a refreshing time in the Lord.

## Kelly's Book

Hi Church Family,

As some of you know, I have written a book about the adoption of Rosie our rescue dog and about her life with us for the past 10 years. Here's the link below, if you're interested! It's available on Amazon or I bring copies each week to our Sunday service.

They are \$15 cash. Happy to sign for you!

- \*\*10% is donated back into our church.
- \*\*10% goes back to NSW Pet Rescue.

I'd love you to read it!!

Cheers, Kelly Young

https://www.amazon.com.au/dp/B0BMX4H9YV

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**Community News and Notices** 



This **Sunday 22 January** you are invited to join others across the Uniting Church in observing a **Day of Mourning**.

In marking this day, we celebrate the survival and resilience of First Nations people, we honour their ancient culture and spirituality and we confess and seek forgiveness for the dispossession and violence committed against First Peoples in these lands.

### Uniting Church Assembly and Synod News Links

Uniting Church Assembly: <a href="https://uniting.church/news/">https://uniting.church/news/</a>

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**

With each passing year, there are more and more ungodly influences vying for the attention of our nation's young people. Biblical values are perceived as strange and antiquated. Christian families are under attack from all sides. How will the emerging generation ever find the strength to follow God's ways and be warriors for Christ?

Thousands of years ago, the psalmist asked the same question: "How can a young person stay on the path of purity?" He answered it: "By living according to [God's] word" (Psalm 119:9).

Read Psalm 127. Verse 3 says, "Children are a heritage from the LORD, . . ." A heritage is a gift, and we must steward well what we have been given. This applies not just to parents but also to every member of God's church. Each one of us is called to lift up the next generation in prayer, to train the young people in our lives in the things of the Lord, and to be an example of godliness.

Every January, just before the new school year begins, we pray for students as they head back to school. We ask God to look after our little ones starting kindergarten or returning to grade school, and we pray that He would be with high school and university students as they face a variety of

academic and social pressures. But what about the rest of the year?

If we truly desire for the Lord to work in the lives of our children, we must make prayer for them a priority in our lives. No matter how busy life becomes, we must never be too busy for prayer. When it comes to our young people, it must be our first priority.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for the "heritage" You have given me through the young people You have placed in my life. Help me to set aside focused time to pray for them. Thank You for the privilege of impacting the next generation for Christ. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up" (Luke 18:1).

## **Prayers for our Community**

- We pray for all who have been impacted by the latest floods.
- We pray for school students, teachers and staff as they begin a new school year.
- We pray for the sustainability team as they work to find ways for our sustainable future.
- We pray for Church Council members and the ministry team leaders as they discern the way to best serve the people of NRCC.
- We pray for those who are unwell or recovering from injury.
- We pray for our missionaries: Mike and Jacky, Bill and Sandra, Richard and Lindsey.

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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 Man Heui 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

Intergen: Cathy Nelson Mission: Steve Turner Sustainability: Bill Vasilevski