



NEWSLETTER

20 – 26 February 2023

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NRCC News and Notices

▪ **"40 Days of Blessing" during Lent**

This year during Lent, NRCC is going to share God's blessing with those who are important to us. Do you want to be blessed to be a blessing to others? Then, let's walk this 40-day's journey together as God's family.

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap." (Luke 6:38)

Choose 40 people whom you want to share your blessings with. Pray for them. Share your blessing. A message of blessing will be provided each day during Lent.



NRCC 2023 Lent Activity

When: During the 40 days in Lent

Who: 40 people you feel led to share God's blessings with

How:

1. Choose a time to reflect on a word of blessing
2. Pray for the person
3. Share your blessing with the person using text, email, phone call or social media.

▪ **Women's Conferences**

[CWCI Conference](#) March 10-12 at The Tops Conference Centre. Robyn is organising for a group from NRCC to attend the Saturday sessions. Please talk to Robyn if you are interested in attending.

[SMBC Conference](#) March 18, 9.30am-3.30pm at Croydon. Please talk to Jacky if you are interested in attending.

▪ **Beryl's Marmalade**

Beryl has made some marmalade to raise some funds for the church. If you would like to buy some it will be available on Sunday or from the office for \$5 a jar. Thank you Beryl.

Dates for your Diary

CC and the ministry team leaders have discerned together and put the dates of the events/activities for this year on our church calendar. Please feel free to contact any of the leaders if you feel led to participate or want to share your thoughts and ideas.

NRCC 2023 Calendar

March			April		
10-12	CWCI Women's Conference	Robyn	1	NRCC Lenten Retreat	Sue
18	SMBC Women's Conference	Jacky	2	Palm Sunday with Youth	Cathy
25	Fellowship @ Koorong	Sue	7	Good Friday	Steve
26	Monthly Youth Gathering	Cathy	9	Easter	Steve
			30	Monthly Youth Gathering	Cathy
May			June		
28	Pentecost	Steve	3	NRCC Women's Retreat	Sue
			17	EQUIP Conference	Robyn
			25	Monthly Youth Gathering	Cathy
July			Aug		
22	Mental Health First Aid	Steve	11-12	Men's BASECAMP	Alex
30	Monthly Youth Gathering	Cathy	27	Monthly Youth Gathering	Cathy
Sept			Oct		
9	Trivia Night		15	Potluck Lunch	Sue
			28	NRCC Spiritual Retreat	Steve
			29	Monthly Youth Gathering	Cathy
Nov			Dec		
26	Monthly Youth Gathering	Cathy	3	Advent	Steve
			25	Christmas	Steve

Community News and Notices

▪ **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

Read 1 Corinthians 4:1-13.

If you read the Bible regularly, you'll begin to notice something about God's ways: They run counter to the ways of the world. You see, in the Kingdom of God, we conquer by yielding; we find rest under a yoke; we reign by serving; and we are made great by becoming nothing. We become wise by being fools for Jesus' sake; we are made free by becoming slaves to Christ; and we possess all things by giving up everything. We triumph through defeat; we have victory and glory in our infirmity; and we live by dying. That's why a true servant of Jesus will always be an enigma and a paradox to this fallen world.

In 1 Corinthians 4, Paul explained this principle, using himself and the other apostles as examples: "This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ . . ." (v. 1). He doesn't want to be known as a tremendous leader or an expert church planter or a brilliant theologian. He wants the Corinthians to think of him simply as a servant of Jesus Christ. This is true humility: being obedient to our Lord above all else. Humility has everything to do with the submission of one's thoughts, one's opinions, one's ideas, to the Truth of God's Word. It's a greatness the world simply cannot understand.

Prayer: Lord, Your ways are not my ways. You call me to a life that confounds the world, but it is the best life because it leads me closer to You and makes me more like You, the most humble, the most loving. You alone are worthy of my worship. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed" (1 Corinthians 4:1).

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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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