



# NEWSLETTER

27 February – 5 March 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.

### ▪ **Latest from the Callisters**

Click [here](#) for the latest news from Sandra and Bill.

## 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**

<b>March</b>			<b>April</b>		
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
<b>May</b>			<b>June</b>		
28	Pentecost	Steve	3	NRCC Women's Retreat	Sue
			17	EQUIP Conference	Robyn
			25	Monthly Youth Gathering	Cathy
<b>July</b>			<b>Aug</b>		
22	Mental Health First Aid	Steve	11-12	Men's BASECAMP	Alex
30	Monthly Youth Gathering	Cathy	27	Monthly Youth Gathering	Cathy
<b>Sept</b>			<b>Oct</b>		
9	Trivia Night		15	Potluck Lunch	Sue
			28	NRCC Spiritual Retreat	Steve
			29	Monthly Youth Gathering	Cathy
<b>Nov</b>			<b>Dec</b>		
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 7:25-40.**

Just a few years after Paul wrote his letters to the church in Corinth, Christians suffered some of the most intense, evil persecution the world has ever seen. The Roman Emperor Nero even doused Christians in wax and set them on fire as human candles for his decadent parties.

I mention this disturbing anecdote from history because it illustrates how difficult it was for Christians living in the first century, just as it is difficult for Christians in many parts of our world today. Paul told the Corinthians to live as though the time were short (see 1 Corinthians 7:29). He told them to be focused on their service to the Lord. He wanted believers then and now to live with the singleness of heart and

action God promised to give His people (see Jeremiah 32:39). For, when we surrender our own agendas and let God's purposes rule in our lives, He will work in us mightily for His name, His Kingdom, and our good.

Paul reminds us: "[T]his world in its present form is passing away" (1 Corinthians 7:31), so we should learn to be content wherever we are. We should learn to love God and His Kingdom in increasing measure wherever He has placed us—to make God and His Kingdom our priority. What would it look like for God to take hold of your time? What would it look like for you to live completely focused on Christ? The time is short, so let's make the most of it.

*Prayer: Jesus, forgive me for living a routine that neglects You and Your mission. May I see that the time is short; help me use the days You have given me to proclaim Your goodness and Your Kingdom in word and deed. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

**"What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; . . ." (1 Corinthians 7:29)**

### **E - give** (Direct Electronic Giving)

**Account Name:** North Rocks Community Church

**(BSB):** 634634 **Account Number:** 100025906

### **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](mailto: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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