



NEWSLETTER

3 – 9 April 2023

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NRCC News and Notices

- Please invite your friends and family to our Easter Services.

<h3>Palm Sunday</h3> <p>2nd April @ 9 AM</p> <p>"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" (Matthew. 21: 9)</p>	<h2>2023 NRCC Easter Services</h2>
<h3>Good Friday</h3> <p>7th April @ 9 AM</p> <p>Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (John 19:30)</p>	<h3>Easter Sunday</h3> <p>9th April @ 9 AM</p> <p>He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. (Matthew 28:6)</p>

Confirmation Service

On Easter Sunday we will be joined by friends and family of James and Robbie to celebrate their confirmation.

- **Safe Church Awareness Training**

Safe Church Awareness Training has been developed to raise awareness of the ways in which we can ensure our churches are safe places for all who we minister to. Synod has indicated the following people must do Safe Church Training, including ministers and other religious leaders, leaders of church-run programs/events with direct contact with children, Church Council members. The training can be completed by all other interested persons.

Members of Church Council are planning to complete this training through the Baptist Church with online modules and followed by a workshop at Thornleigh Baptist Church on May 17 7pm-10pm.

If you are interested please speak to Hilton or Cathy.

▪ Latest from the Hammonds

Click [here](#) for the latest "Freedom to Flourish" news from Jacky and Mike.

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

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

As we continue looking at the statements of Jesus on the cross, today we look at His second: "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43).

In one of His final interactions before His death, Jesus compassionately extended eternal life. As He openly prayed for the forgiveness of His killers, Jesus sparked an internal transformation in the criminal next to Him. In humility, the criminal said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (v. 42). In the midst of great suffering and torment, our Savior did not allow His own pain and circumstances to distract Him from the cries of faith from a repentant sinner. Jesus knew that this was

the very reason He was hanging on that cross. Just as He was not too preoccupied to minister to this criminal, He is never too busy for our concerns.

Prayer: Jesus, thank You for being there to hear my cries for help. I cannot fathom how You care for me, but I trust Your Word and thank You that I can boldly come before Your throne, knowing that You hear my prayers. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"Jesus answered him, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise'" (Luke 23:43).

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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

Worship: Steve Lee Discipleship: Alex Chow Pastoral Care: Robyn Pike Fellowship: Sue Vasilevska

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