



NEWSLETTER

10 – 16 April 2023

Revive
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NRCC News and Notices

▪ **Baptism and Confirmation Service**

Last Sunday we celebrated with Robbie in his baptism, and with James in his confirmation. We continue to encourage them in their faith journeys into the future.

Click [here](#) to listen to Robbie's faith statement.

Click [here](#) to listen to James' faith statement.

▪ **New Sermon Series**

This Sunday we will be starting a sermon series on "Going Deeper into the Resurrection".

The Resurrection Sermon Series

Going Deeper into The Resurrection

1. (16/April) The Resurrection Brings **Peace**
2. (23/April) The Resurrection Multiplies **Joy**
3. (30/April) The Resurrection Means **A New Life**

Do you want to know the power of Jesus' resurrection? Join us for our upcoming sermon series as we explore the meaning of the resurrection in our lives!

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

▪ Synod Mentor Training

When: Tue, 23 May 2023 9:30 AM - Tue, 6 Jun 2023 11:30 AM

Where: Zoom

Cost: Free

We need mentors! Mentors from all walks of life. Mentors who are equipped and confident to spur on, to encourage, support, guide and walk with others as they open themselves to the grace of God in their lives.

Whatever your experience level, this training will provide the opportunity to strengthen and deepen your skills as a mentor. It will include teaching on how to mentor people at different stages of faith and ministry – for all phases of ministry development and for discipleship. Along with teaching content, and skills development, there will be the opportunity to both reflect on your own practice and to engage with other mentors in a collaborative, supportive community.

Click [here](#) for more information

▪ **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 Hebrews 10:1-10

When most people think about the cross of Jesus, they think about the New Testament. They think about Calvary and Pilate and Roman soldiers. But the cross did not simply spring up in the middle of redemption's story as though it were an afterthought in the mind of God. The cross had always been God's plan of salvation, and so we shouldn't be surprised to clearly find it in the Old Testament as well.

The cross was God's answer to humanity's sin and rebellion when Adam and Eve fell. For from the beginning, in the Garden of Eden, God instituted the shedding of blood. An innocent animal was slain in order to cover our first parents' sin (see Genesis 3:21). The Lord wanted them to know that their sin was costly, which is why, from Abraham to Moses to the time of Jesus' earthly ministry, animal sacrifices were offered continuously. Innocent blood was shed for the sake of guilty sinners. However, after Jesus endured the cross, animal sacrifices were no longer necessary. Atonement for sin, which was never achievable through the blood of animals nor the efforts of man, was finally and eternally settled by the blood of the divine Son of God.

From the earliest days of humanity, God's people have understood that their sin required a sacrifice—and they passed this Truth down to their children. Today, as we look back on the cross as the final sacrifice, there is no greater legacy we can give the next generation than to tell them about the seriousness of sin and the amazing grace of the cross of Christ.

Prayer: Lord, I know that sin is deadly serious—so serious that only the blood of the Son of God could make atonement. Help me to share this Truth humbly and lovingly with the next generation, that they might know Your salvation. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" (Hebrews 10:10).

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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

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Team Leaders

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