

NEWSLETTER

24 – 30 April 2023



NRCC News and Notices

▪ **New Sermon Series**

This Sunday is the third week of our 3 week sermon series on "Going Deeper into the Resurrection" - "***The Resurrection Means a New Life***"

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

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

Community News and Notices

▪ Synod Mentor Training

Let's see how inventive we can be
in encouraging love and helping out... spurring each other on...
Hebrews 10:24-25 (The Message)



Synod Mentor Training

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.

Mentoring is not an optional extra if followers of Christ are to mature and fulfil God's purpose for them. John Mallison

Training Details

The Synod Mentor Training is strongly recommended if you are a current mentor for:

- Pastors
- People in Phase 2 and 3 of ministerial education
- People in a Period of Discernment
- Anyone who may be considering becoming a mentor.

To complete this training you will need to attend 3 online sessions.

Our first set of sessions will be on the **23 May, 30 May and 6 June** from **9:30 - 11:30am**.

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/>

Reflection of the Week

Have you ever wondered how Moses handled discouragement? Or how Paul maintained a positive attitude when he faced the criticism and threats of others?

Surely Paul fought with discouragement when he faced the threat of death. However, he kept his focus set on Christ, his source of infinite strength and eternal hope. We can do the same.

Life may have many challenges—especially when you are doing what God has given you to do and the world and the devil rise up to hinder you. But you don't have to be overwhelmed by disappointment. We should long to be heroes of the faith—people who seek to win the race set before us and to achieve the goal that God has given.

When trouble comes, don't give up. Don't lose heart, and don't listen to harassment. God has a plan for your life. When you feel like quitting, think about Paul's life and all he did for the Lord. He was not called to be famous or to have a vast sum of money. He was called by God to preach His Word to the lost. Paul did exactly what he was called to do. He obeyed God and surrendered his life to Christ. He went from being a man of position in the Jewish faith to an outcast and traitor. What may have appeared to be failure from a human standpoint was actually the mark of true victory.

God does not ask you to cross a finish line with the goal of reaching worldly success. He does not hand out trophies that look good in a case or sitting on a shelf. Our reward is eternal and kept in heaven for us—the crown of life promised to those who love the Lord, who delight in Him and follow and obey Him because of that delight (see James 1:12; 1 Peter 1:4; John 14:15, 21, 23). Forsaking all else because

Christ alone is worthy, will you follow Jesus and proclaim His love and forgiveness to a dying world?

Prayer: Father, help me look to You—my utmost treasure—when I am facing discouragement and disappointment. You are my very great reward, and I know I have nothing to fear because You have overcome the world. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen

"Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him" (James 1:12).

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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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