

NEWSLETTER

15 – 21 May 2023

Revive
Restore
Reach Out

NRCC News and Notices

▪ Steve is taking leave

Steve will be on leave from May 8-21.

We are fortunate to have Bill & Sandra Callister preaching this Sunday. On May 21 Mike & Jacky Hammond and Tony K will be sharing a reflection on one of his songs. For any pastoral needs, please contact Robyn (Pastoral Care Team Leader). For other church matters please contact Cathy (Church Council chairperson).

▪ Women's Retreat

Carolyn Craig-Emilson is running a retreat for women on Saturday June 3. Please come along and invite friends who might also be interested in attending. Payment can be paid by cash (please put in an envelope with your name) or direct deposit into the church account:

BSB 634-634

A/C 100016305.

Please put 'Retreat' and surname in the description



Carolyn Craig-Emilson

Carolyn is an experienced retreat leader and spiritual director in Uniting Church. Led spiritual retreats for other organizations. A member of Well Spring Community in Australia.



**"FINDING REST & RENEWAL
IN THE LORD"**

\$55/pp Registration by 28th May.

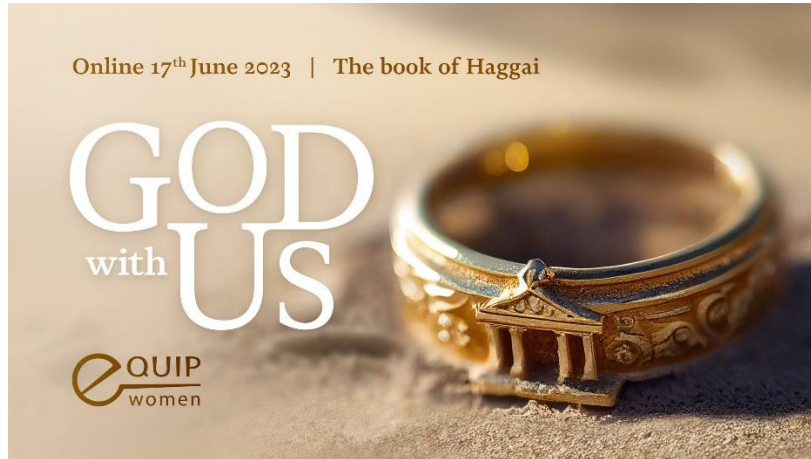
Morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea included.

Please contact Sue or Steve for more info.

(suzannevasilevska@yahoo.com.au) or phone 0432 272 518

▪ Equip23 Conference for Women

We are planning to host the Equip 23 Conference again this year on Saturday June 17, 10am - 3pm. Further details will be available in coming weeks.



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

▪ North Rocks PS Centenary Open Day

Saturday 27 May, 10.45am - 3pm at North Rocks Public School.

Past & present students, staff and community members of NRPS are invited to celebrate our Centenary on Saturday 27 May. Open school events will include a smoking ceremony, assembly, performances, food & drink stalls, centenary museum & school tours.

SAVE THE DATE

Centenary
EVENTS

Past & present students, staff and community members of North Rocks Public School are invited to celebrate our 100 year Centenary celebrations on **Saturday 27th May 2023** 10:45am - 3:00pm

Open school events will include a smoking ceremony, assembly, performances, food & drink stalls, centenary museum & school tours.

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▪ 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

What is the ultimate purpose of being adopted as a child of God? Is it salvation? Is it forgiveness? Is it justification? Is it cleansing? All are part of it, but the ultimate purpose of your adoption is the inheritance of the glory of God for the glory of God. Romans 8:17 says, "Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ."

Each adopted child of the Lord is going to receive His full inheritance. Everything that Jesus Christ received by divine right, believers in the Lord Jesus Christ are going to receive by divine grace.

It is when you die that you inherit your heavenly Daddy's estate. That is why the apostle Paul could say "to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21). For the believer, physical death is not an enemy; it is a friend because it takes the child of God into the presence of God.

It is also important to know that the Spirit of God turns your groans into glory: "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18). Whatever problem you are facing today that is making you groan, He is turning your groaning into glory. All the pain and all the hurt and all the suffering and all the agony, all the disappointment and all the dashed hopes and shattered dreams, all the insults and all the rejection, all are nothing when it comes to the Father's glory that you will one day inherit. You can't even begin to compare them.

Rest and rejoice in the Truth that the Spirit of God is giving you the ultimate victory. He is guaranteeing and sealing your adoption and turning your groaning into glory.

Prayer: God, thank You for the glorious inheritance that You've promised Your children. Thank You that all the trials that I face today pale in comparison to the glory You have in store for me. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory" (Ephesians 1:13-14).

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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 / 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
Interген: Cathy Nelson Mission: Steve Turner

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