



# NEWSLETTER

29 May – 4 June 2023

**R**evive  
**R**estore  
**R**each Out

## NRCC News and Notices

### ▪ **New Sermon Series**

This week we continue with our Holy Spirit sermon series – Go and Make Disciples.

A Sermon Series on  
**The Ministry of the Holy Spirit**

1. (28/May) Rivers of Living Water
2. (4/June) Go & Make Disciples
3. (11/June) Faith Like Abraham's

Come join us for an exciting new sermon series on the Ministry of the Holy Spirit!  
Together we will explore and discover how to embrace and be empowered  
by the Holy Spirit in your own life. Many blessings!

### ▪ **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.

Online 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023 | The book of Haggai

**GOD**  
with **US**

**Equip**  
women

## ▪ Bupa Art Trail Event with High Tea

We are invited to join the fun at Bupa Care Home for Art Trail Event with High Tea!

When: Tuesday, 20 June 2023

Where: Bupa North Rocks Aged Care, 23 Speers Rd. North Rocks.

Contact Steve L by Saturday, June 10.

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## 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

### ▪ 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

While we always should show reverence to God, we should never fear Him the way we fear frightening things. God is love, and His love for us is unconditional. Though we do not deserve it, God freely gives His grace to us.

However, many times when we need God the most, we end up feeling as though we are least accepted by Him. Nothing could be further from the Truth! Even when we fall flat on our faces due to sin, God does not turn His back on us. In fact, He does just the opposite—He opens His arms to us and beckons us to come to Him.

We need to understand a principle concerning grace: It is not currency we carry around in our pockets, spending it at will whenever we sin. Instead, God's grace is precious because Jesus Christ paid the eternal sacrifice for all our sins—past, present, and future. His death on Calvary's cross made it possible for us to experience eternal salvation through grace alone.

It is impossible to earn God's grace. As fallen humans, we certainly do not deserve His mercy, yet He

opens the windows of heaven and pours His grace on us.

As we grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ, we begin to understand He truly cares about our lives. We learn that He wants to build intimate relationships with us. Instead of living in terror of Him, we are given the opportunity to be children of the King of kings. Over time, we will grasp that He wants us in His throne room, where grace showers all who enter His presence.

*Prayer: Lord, give me confidence to come to You when I have sinned, knowing You still love me. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

**"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves—it is the gift of God—" (Ephesians 2:8).**

### **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.  
Robyn: 0424791916

## **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

Intergen: Cathy Nelson   Mission: Steve Turner

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