

NEWSLETTER

5 June – 11 June 2023

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NRCC News and Notices

▪ **Sermon Series**

This week we continue with our Holy Spirit sermon series – Faith Like Abraham's.



▪ **Guest Preachers June 18**

Richard and Lindsey Parker will be preaching on June 18. It will be a wonderful opportunity to hear about their ministry and learn how the Spirit of the Lord has been working in their lives and their ministry.

▪ **Equip23 Conference for Women**

North Rocks Community Church will be hosting the Equip Conference for women again this year. Please share this invitation with any women you think might be interested.

Where: North Rocks Community Church

When: Saturday 17 June 10am - 3pm

Cost: \$22 includes a light lunch.

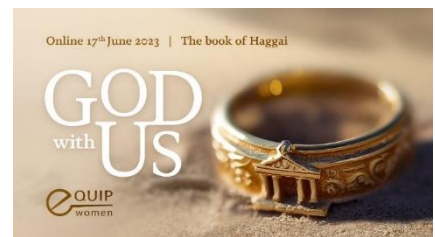
Information: Please contact Robyn for more information, or to register as part of our group.

Mobile: 0424 791 916

Email: robynpike48@gmail.com

To see available resources go to <https://www.equip.org.au/equip23-info>

Once payment has been received we will send you the login.



▪ **SIM Connect Event**

The next SIM Connect event on 24th June, 9.30-11am. See link below.

This is an on-line interactive event, and people can register direct and/or I will be hosting a hub at our place for anyone who would like to join me in person to be part of this webinar.

SIM Connect is designed to help people gain a greater awareness of some of the ministries and ministry locations where SIM is involved, and especially good for anyone considering cross-cultural mission ministry either short or long term.

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If you are interested, you can register directly or contact Mike Hammond. (0493072958 / via WhatsApp at +265999412407 / email: mike.hammond@sim.org)

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

Because we do not see God in the way we see other people—in a physical, tangible way—we often shy away from asking Him for help. Sometimes it can take us a long period of time to bend our knees and to ask God to intervene on our behalf. Deep down, we may even wonder if He even knows how difficult we have it on earth.

Jesus, God's only Son, walked on the same earth we do, and He had many of the same experiences we

face each day. Even though we may read the Bible daily, we can quickly forget that Jesus experienced life in a similar fashion to us.

When we hear about the ordeals that others are enduring—ordeals we have experienced in the past—our ears perk up. Instantly, we can relate to their situation. We know what it's like to suffer like they are, to keep battling in a seemingly hopeless fight. And compassion oozes from us as we make every effort to assist them through their hardships.

Although we may not quickly think of Jesus as someone who has experienced what we are feeling, He has. All the pain we have felt He has felt—every last twinge of it. And because of that, He wants to help us in our times of weakness.

God's grace gives us confidence as we realize that He cares about us deeply. He also wants to intervene in our lives because He has been there. He has walked more than a mile in our shoes and knows the daily trials and temptations we face. God is not a distant stranger but an intimate friend who wants to share in our experiences. Will you trust Him with your life today?

Prayer: Lord, thank You for Your mercy, grace, and compassion. Give me confidence to come boldly to You in challenging times. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. . . . Jesus wept" (John 11:33, 35).

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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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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

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