

NEWSLETTER

12 June – 18 June 2023

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NRCC News and Notices

▪ **Guest Preachers June 18**

This Sunday Richard Parker will be preaching. It will be a wonderful opportunity to hear about his and Lindsey's 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.

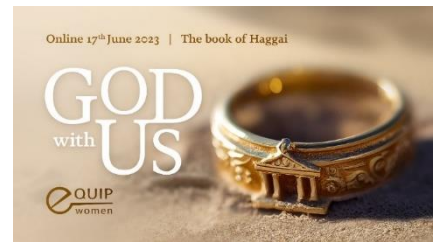
Information: Please contact Robyn for more information, or to register as part of our group.

Mobile: 0424 791 916

Email: robypike48@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

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▪ Leura Uniting Church retreat

- Saturday, July 1st 10am-3.30 pm
- Venue: Leura Uniting Church – close to Leura Station
- Theme is "Pause for Presence: Thresholds of our Lives"
- Retreat leader is Rev Glenda Blakefield, a member of LUC and a "Circles of Trust" (Parker Palmer) facilitator.
- Food: Morning tea is provided. We ask participants to bring their own lunch or there are cafes nearby.
- Cost: suggested donation is \$20.
- website. <https://leura.unitingchurch.org.au/services-and-activities/saturday-retreats/>

▪ 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

Read 1 Corinthians 10:14-22.

Corinth was a dark, entangling pagan culture. But God freed the Corinthian Christians, calling them to salvation through Christ Jesus. As God's chosen people, the believers in Corinth were to witness to the Truth of the Gospel in their society. But instead of witnessing, they fought over leadership, doubted Paul's apostleship, and treated the Lord's Supper as an opportunity to boast. With such behavior, they were poor ambassadors for Christ, distracting others from the Gospel message.

Some of the Corinthian believers were even dining at the temples of false gods—attending the temple festivals. Paul had already addressed the issue of eating meat sacrificed to idols, declaring it a matter of

conscience (see 8:4-8), but in this chapter, Paul addresses a different scenario. Some Corinthian believers were actually participating in pagan worship. If the Corinthians' unbelieving neighbors saw them eating and drinking at a table to a pagan god, what could their conclusion be but that their lives were no different than before?

Today our worship and witness can be tarnished in similar ways. We may not be worshipping at a pagan temple, but how many of us worship at the altar of wealth, status, or approval? We need to look to Christ to remember who we are. By the power of the Holy Spirit, He will give us undivided hearts and create in us a desire to boldly witness for Christ in the midst of our own spiritually dark culture.

Prayer: Lord, help me to identify the idols I worship in my life. May I lay them down by the power of Your Holy Spirit so that I can keep my heart set on You—the only one worthy—and bear witness to Your incomparable majesty. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too; you cannot have a part in both the Lord's table and the table of demons" (1 Corinthians 10:21).

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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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