

NEWSLETTER

11 - 17 September 2023



NRCC News and Notices

Steve's Closure of Ministry

Steve's Closure of Ministry service will be held next week, September 24 at 9am. Please invite family and friends who would like to come. If you are able, could you please bring a plate to contribute to morning tea.

Spring Thanksgiving Sunday
10th September 2023

We would like to invite you to bring a special thanksgiving offering to God to replace the air conditioners in our church.

Please use envelopes provided or e-Giving
Account Name: North Rocks Community Church
BSB: 634634 Account Number: 100016305 with "Thanksgiving" as a reference

▪ Guest Preachers

Steve will be taking leave from August 28 - September 15. This week we will hear from Mike Hammond.

▪ Fair Trade Market

DATE: SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

PLACE: NORTH ROCKS COMMUNITY CHURCH,
132 North Rocks Road, North Rocks NSW 2151

TIME: 9am - 2pm

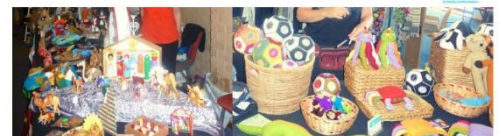
ITEMS FOR SALE: Jewellery, fashion, homewares, bags, body care, and more



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FAIR TRADE MARKET

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9am - 2pm

132 North Rocks Rd
North Rocks

- Jewellery
- Fashion
- Homewares
- Fairtrade food products
- Bags
- Toys
- Body care

Morning tea
Sausage sizzle
Get ready for Christmas



Choose fair trade products to help create a brighter future for millions of farmers, workers, and their families in developing countries.

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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

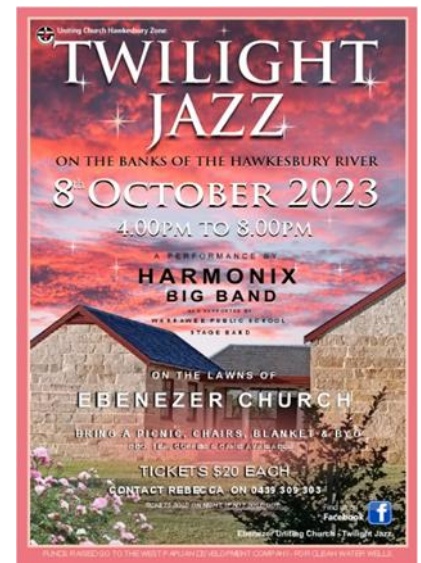
Sept		Oct	
9	Trivia Night	Sue	28 Planning meeting
23	Fair Trade Markets	Jacky	
24	Steve's Closure of Ministry		
Nov		Dec	
		3	Advent
		10	Potluck Lunch Sue
		25	Christmas

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Twilight Jazz

Attached is a flyer for this year's October Jazz Night at Ebenezer Church in support of building fresh water wells in West Papua.

It is on Sunday October 8, from 4:00 pm and will be a really good, fun night. Details are in the flyer and you can contact Rebecca Andrews on 0439 309 303 to purchase tickets or 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

Deep in the Arabian Desert is a small fortress. It stands silently on the vast expanse of the ageless desert. Thomas Edward Lawrence, known as Lawrence of Arabia, often used it. Though unpretentious, it was most efficient. Its main commendation was its security. When under attack, often by superior forces, Lawrence would retreat there for safety.

While staying there, the resources of the fortress became his—the food and the water stored there were life-supporting. The strength of the fortress became the strength of its occupants. Old-time desert dwellers talked about how confident and secure Lawrence always felt when he was within the walls of the fortress.

Prayer is the believer's greatest fortress. It is a place we can run to any time of the day or night. The strength and protection we receive in God's presence are unmatched by this world. The name of Jesus and His atoning blood are even more assuring than walls made of stone, iron, or concrete. Just as Jesus promised:

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them. (Matthew 18:18-20)

He has provided a supreme place of safety for you. Whenever confusion, fear, or feelings of doubt assail your mind, turn to Him. Pray for His protection to surround you and ask Him to provide the strength you need to stand firm against any and all deception.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for providing me with the safety of Your strength, power, and salvation. Because You've set up Your Kingdom in my heart, I call on Your power to defeat feelings of fear, doubt, and confusion. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"[C]all on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me" (Psalm 50:15).

E - give (Direct Electronic Giving)

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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.
Robyn: 0424791916

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

Intergen: Cathy Nelson Mission: Steve Turner

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