

NEWSLETTER

25 September – 1 October 2023



NRCC News and Notices

Guest Preachers

We are grateful to the following guest preachers who will be sharing with us in October - Rev Ross Mackay will be preaching for us October 1, 8 & 29, Rev Je-Kon Oh on October 15 and Rev Clive Pearson on October 22.

This week Ross will be preaching on Psalm 23. Hope to see you there.

Term 4 Worship Roster

We are currently organising our Term 4 Worship Roster. If you would like to participate in various parts of our worship service please contact Cathy, Carol (Flowers), Val R or Robyn (welcoming or morning tea), or Darren (lawn mowing).

Ministry Teams

Over the past few years our ministry teams have been working hard on their particular areas which has helped to alleviate the workload of Church Council & encouraged you all to use your gifts. We hope that these teams will play an even more important role in the future. If you are interested in joining one of the teams or would like to find out more of what they do, please contact one of the leaders below.

Worship - Cathy	Discipleship - Alex
Intergen - Cathy	Pastoral Care - Robyn
Fellowship - Sue	Mission - Steve
Sustainability - Bill	

September summary

A lot has been happening at NRCC over the past month so here is a bit of a summary:

Steve's Closure of Ministry

Thank you for making Steve's Closure of Ministry such a wonderful celebration of his time with us. It was good to see so many people attend the service.



Thanksgiving Sunday



So far we have raised over \$15,000 towards air conditioning. If you have not yet contributed and would still like to you can either place your contribution in an envelope in the collection this week or deposit it into the above account.

Trivia Night

Thank you to Sue and her team for organising a wonderful Trivia Night. Over 70 people attended the event with around \$1500 raised.



Fair Trade Market

Jacky would like to thank everyone for their support and contributions to the Fair Trade Market. Around \$600 was raised for the church through stall registrations and about \$450 for SIM for Freedom ministry was raised from the cafe. Thank you Jacky for organising this event.



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

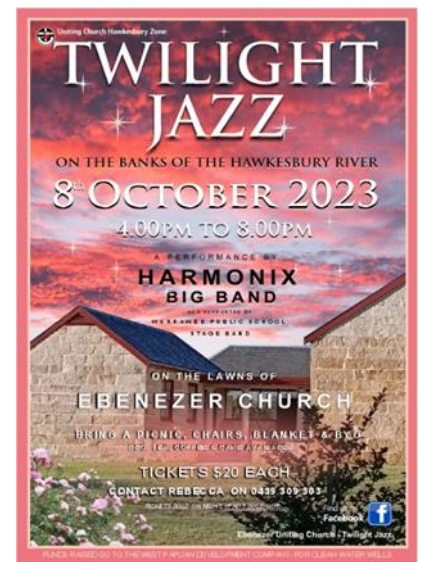
Sept		Oct		
9	Trivia Night	Sue	28 Planning meeting	
23	Fair Trade Markets	Jacky		
24	Steve's Closure of Ministry			
Nov		Dec		
		3	Advent	
		10	Potluck Lunch	Sue
		25	Christmas	

Community News and Notices

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

We can be optimistic in this life when Christ lives within us. We can find joyful hope when we put our relationship with Christ first and spend regular time fellowshiping with Him in prayer. A close relationship with God will give us joy in the midst of trouble, victory in times of temptation, fruitfulness and blessing in times of uncertainty. A solid prayer life will give us confidence when everything else is crumbling around us.

How persistent is your prayer life? Is prayer the first activity to be cut when your life becomes overscheduled? Do you skip prayer time on the days when you feel tired, ill, or apathetic? Are your prayers half-hearted attempts to fulfill a ritual or appease your guilt?

If your prayer life has been lacking, confess to God today how you have neglected this important aspect of your relationship with Him. Pray for the Holy Spirit's help to guide you in your prayers, to motivate you to spend time with Him, to give you the self-discipline to stay focused in prayer, and to prepare your heart for the presence of God.

Prayer: Father, forgive me for neglecting my prayer life. I pray that You would guide me as I pray and help me make prayer a priority in my life. Thank You for the privilege of prayer. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed" (Mark 1:35)

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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.
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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