

# NEWSLETTER

2 -8 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 8 & 29, Rev Je-Kon Oh on October 15 and Rev Clive Pearson on October 22.

### 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	

## 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

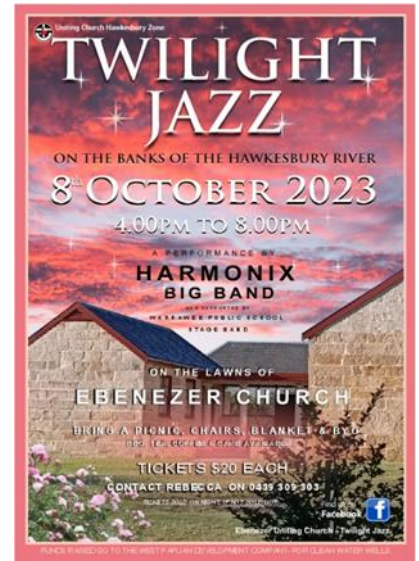
Sept		Oct	
9	Trivia Night	Sue	28 Planning meeting
23	Fair Trade Markets	Jacky	
24	Steve's Closure of Ministry		
Nov		Dec	
		3	Advent
		10	Potluck Lunch Sue
		25	Christmas

## 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/>

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## Reflection of the Week

None of the heroes of faith we learn about in Hebrews 11 would have experienced victory with a weak, ineffective faith. Each of them was courageous in their faith because they knew the enormity of God's power and trusted that He would follow through on His promises. They knew that if God commanded them to act in battle, then God had a plan for victory. God's plans may not always make sense to us, but if God is truly speaking, then we must follow in obedience.

Can you imagine what Joshua must have felt walking in circles around Jericho? Or what Gideon must have felt facing an army "thick as locusts" (Judges 7:12)? Yet they followed through with God's plan because they had courageous faith.

Only courageous faith will keep us going when we are puzzled by our circumstances, suffering for our choices, and walking through the valley. Following God's plan will not always be easy, but we can trust that the all-powerful God will continue to equip us, guide us, and strengthen us in our battles.

We must always trust in the good and holy God who will never make a mistake. We must persistently believe in the sovereign hand of God, who is working all things "for the good of those who love him" (Romans 8:28). We must continuously call on Him in prayer and follow Him with all our hearts. We must remember that even in our suffering we are victorious because our eternal dwelling place is in heaven. No matter what situations or enemies we face, we can be confident because Christ has won the greatest victory—and that is a great foundation for courageous faith.

*Prayer: God, thank You for the examples of courageous faith found in Your Word. Help me to always trust You and Your plan for victory. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

**"For the LORD your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory" (Deuteronomy 20:4).**

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## **E-give** (Anonymous 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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