



NEWSLETTER

9 - 15 October 2023

Revive
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NRCC News and Notices

Guest Preachers

We are grateful to the following guest preachers who will be sharing with us in October.

- October 15 Rev Je-Kon Oh
- October 22 Rev Clive Pearson
- October 29 Rev Ross Mackay

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). Cathy is also looking for people happy to help with setting up the chairs for our services. If this is you, please talk to Cathy.

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

▪ **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

As we run this marathon of faith, we need to "throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us" (Hebrews 12:1). Excess baggage and weight will only hinder our marathon and will lead to tired and ineffective running. These added weights could be feelings of anxiety, worry, bitterness, or greed. Our weights could be unconfessed sins or doubts about God's power. These hindrances can slow our race down to a halt. We can look at the examples of the faithful in Hebrews 11 and realize that they overcame many obstacles and weaknesses. They overcame, and so can we.

One of our greatest hindrances is our preoccupation with ourselves. Instead of staying focused on the road that we are running, we begin to compare ourselves to other runners. We begin looking to our sides and behind us, instead of keeping our eyes forward. We need to keep our eyes on Jesus, who stands at the finish line waiting for us to complete the race. He should always be the focus of our faith because He is the giver and wellspring of faith.

Jesus Christ Himself is our greatest role model for finishing the long marathon. During His life on earth, He endured opposition, ridicule, scorn, blasphemy, torture, and betrayal. Yet Jesus endured because He was motivated by the glory and the joy that were awaiting Him in heaven. Jesus' prize is our prize. When we finish the marathon, we will find our rewards in heaven. That should be enough motivation to keep us running, persevering, and moving forward.

If you are feeling weak, tired, and unmotivated—fix your eyes upon Jesus. He is the greatest role model of faith and wants to motivate you, encourage you, and equip you in your race.

Prayer: Father, help me to throw off anything that is hindering me in my marathon of faith. Help me to stay focused on You and to follow Your example. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**"You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary"
(Revelation 2:3).**

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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

Intergen: Cathy Nelson Mission: Steve Turner

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