



# NEWSLETTER

16 - 22 October 2023

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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 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	

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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	

## Community News and Notices

**The Galston Concerts** - The next concert will be on Sunday November 5.



**The Galston Concerts**  
Sunday 5th November  
Galston Uniting Church, 11 School Road - Galston

Starting 1.30pm in lieu of our traditional organ prelude, Robert will 'launch' our 2024 concerts line-up with news of performers and programs. Plus musical interlude repetitions by J S Bach, George Gershwin, maybe Henry the 8th and maybe a tango.

**2pm**  
Galston's favourite pianist, Hornby-resident, internationally acclaimed Tonya Lennoh, returns with a program by Top Ten composers (and maybe a Top Twenty) Beethoven, Mozart and their favourite mentor Josef Haydn of the Classical era. Dances by Chopin and 'songs' by Tchaikovsky in Romantic style. Bonus waltzes from Sierra Leone deserving 'Top' status.

Galston Concerts co-director, violinist Robert Harris, joins Tonya to celebrate love's joy, loves sorrow, and love's magical power.

Followed by afternoon tea

Tickets available at [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com) - search Galston or cash at the door  
Adults \$30.00 Seniors \$25.00 H&U/MI \$10.00 Children Free  
Enquiries Galston Uniting Church 9855 2039

### ▪ **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

This morning, when you got out of bed, did you look in the mirror? You probably took a shower, got dressed, brushed your teeth, and ran a comb through your hair. In other words, you took a good hard look at your reflection in the mirror and then took steps to change your appearance for the better.

The Lord's brother James said the Word of God is like a mirror. When we read the Bible, it exposes what is really in our hearts—our sins, our shortcomings, the areas of life where we need to repent. It's not always a pretty picture; most of us don't want to confront our hypocrisy, our compromises, our complacency. But when we do, God is able to do His merciful, loving work of transformation in our hearts.

The Bible is God's gift to us. He wants us to look more and more like Jesus each day. When we look at ourselves in the mirror of God's Word, we can see where we need to change—and we allow God to re-align our hearts with His. So today, when you pick up your Bible, look in the mirror—spiritually speaking—and allow your heavenly Father to show you how you can look more like His Son.

*Prayer: Jesus, I do long to be more like You, full of love, compassion, and kindness. May Your Word continue to transform me as Your Spirit renews my mind each day. Help me submit to Your will*

*displayed in Scripture. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

"Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like" (James 1:23-24).

### **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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