



NEWSLETTER

30 October – 5 November 2023

Revive
Restore
Reach Out

NRCC News and Notices

Guest Preachers

We are grateful to Ross who will be sharing with us November 5, 12, 29

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

Nov		
19	Congregation discussion	Presbytery
Dec		
3	1 st Sunday of Advent	
3	Congregation discussion	Presbytery
10	Potluck Lunch	Sue
24	Christmas Eve	
25	Christmas	

Community News and Notices

NSW Floral Art Association

NSWFAA is celebrating their 50th Anniversary on 4 November here at the church hall.

There will be a demonstration of floral art presented by David Berger who will be preparing flower arrangements to the title 'High Tea For Two'. If you love flowers, then you'll really enjoy David's

presentation. All the arrangements will be raffled.

Competition flower arrangements will be on show.

When: Saturday 4 November

Time: 10:30am to 12:30pm

Cost \$25.00

Morning Tea: \$5.00 served from 9:30am

For any further information, please call Sharryn Place on 0418 692 003

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 S Bach, George Gerstwin, maybe Henry the 8th and maybe a tango.

2pm

Galston's favourite pianist, Hornby-resident, internationally acclaimed Tonya Lemoh, 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 - search Galston or cash at the door
Adults \$30.00 Seniors \$25.00 HS/Uni \$10.00 Children Free
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▪ **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

During the construction of the Union Pacific Railroad, builders had to construct an elaborate trestle across a deep canyon. After it was built, the chief engineer wanted to test it. A train loaded with double the normal train cars and supplies was driven to the middle of the bridge where it stayed for an entire day.

Someone asked the builder, "Are you trying to break the bridge?" His answer was, "No, I am trying to prove that the bridge will not break."

In the same way, God allows us to be tempted by the enemy. There is a spiritual hedge of protection around the life of the believer that can only be penetrated with God's approval.

In times of testing, God wants to strengthen us through these trials so that we will be made ready for His service.

Prayer is the most powerful form of communication that we have. By teaching the disciples to pray, "[L]ead us not into temptation," Jesus was preparing them to face life's trials and temptations correctly by drawing on the Lord as their Captain—giving Him control over every aspect of their lives (Matthew 6:13). Likewise, our only source of wisdom and help is found in God; thus we pray, "Lead us not into temptation."

God does not allow us to face needless trials. Most of what we face comes as a result of living life in a fallen world. However, we must learn to say no to anything that would prevent us from living holy lives before a holy God. We must allow God to lead us, for He will always provide a way out, empowering us to say no to sin (see 1 Corinthians 10:13).

Prayer: Father, lead me not into temptation. When I face temptation, help me to see the way out You have provided. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it" (1 Corinthians 10:13).

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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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Church Council

Chairperson: Cathy Nelson

Secretary: Steve Turner

Treasurer: Anne Crabb

Team Leaders

Worship: Cathy Nelson Discipleship: Alex Chow Pastoral Care: Robyn Pike Fellowship: Sue Vasilevska

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