



NEWSLETTER

13 - 19 November 2023

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Meeting with Presbytery

This Sunday we will be meeting from 9-11am. As you know, Geoff Stevenson and Dirk van Doorene are joining us. They will be leading us in our Mission Planning / discernment process - the questions below will form the heart of our conversation and worship on Sunday .

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

▪ **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

Awesome

When John walked and talked with Jesus as one of the twelve disciples, he couldn't fully understand whom he was dealing with. But in Revelation 1, John sees Jesus glorified, magnified, transfigured—and that's how we need to see Jesus today.

When John saw the glorified Lord Jesus, he didn't embrace Him or lean his head on the Lord's shoulder as he had in the upper room. When John saw the glorified Jesus, he was stricken with awe and dread. He realized his own sinfulness and inadequacy in the presence of Jesus. John wrote, "When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead" (Revelation 1:17).

John demonstrated the awe and reverence with which we should approach Jesus. I have heard many Christians pray as if Jesus was their pal, their roommate, a guy from the neighbourhood. And I've heard people abuse and misuse this word awe, or its adjective form, awesome. I've heard people say, "This pizza is awesome!" But when you experience true awe and reverence for Jesus, your legs turn to Jell-O, and you fall on your face as though dead. Have you ever had a pizza that made you do that?

Nothing and no one is worthy of our awe but God—God the Father, God the Spirit, and God the Son. Only the glorified Lord is truly awesome. Nothing else comes close.

Prayer: Father, You alone are awesome. The wonders of Your love are astounding. I cannot comprehend Your greatness. Help me to honour You as You deserve, and have mercy on me, Lord. Thank You for Your grace. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"Jesus, . . . asked them, 'Who is it you want?' 'Jesus of Nazareth,' they replied. 'I am he,' Jesus said. Jesus said, 'I am he,' they drew back and fell to the ground" (John 18:4-6).

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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, or Pastoral Care Team.
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Church Council

Chairperson: Cathy Nelson

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Team Leaders

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