



NEWSLETTER

12 – 18 February 2024

Revive
Restore
Reach Out

Lent 1

Worship Services Sundays 9am

▪ **Lenten Bible Study**

We plan to have Bible study material available during Lent. You might like to use this in your current Bible study groups, or if you are interested in meeting with a new group over Lent please let Deborah know.

▪ **CWCI E3 Conference**

- We are planning to register NRCC for the E3 Conference (Saturday only) to be held online on March 16 at our church. If you are interested in joining us or would like more information please speak to Robyn.



**Please join us for a live streaming of the
CWCI E3 Conference for Women**

We will be watching the conference live, over the internet

For more about the conference, or if you wish to attend the conference in person visit www.cwcie3.com

Location: North Rocks Community Church

Time: Saturday 16 March 2024 9am — 3.30pm

Contact: Robyn Pike

Or email: enquiry@northrocks.org.au

We request a donation of \$10 to cover registration costs.

Tea, coffee and morning tea will be served.

Please bring your own lunch

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Dates for your Diary

NRCC 2024 Calendar

Feb	
6	Church Council Meeting
14	Ash Wednesday
18	1st Sunday of Lent
Mar	
16	CWCI E3 Conference for women
24	Palm Sunday
29	Good Friday
31	Easter

Community News and Notices

UCA Uniting in Prayer 2024 - invitation from Assembly

Following the popularity of the very first Uniting in Prayer event last year, we will be running the event again this year from 19 May - 22nd of June. We are currently working on a range of worship resources as well as the new 2024 Prayer Chain (a whole of church prayer chain that will include congregations, presbyteries, synod, agencies and schools).

For more information, or to sign up to receive resources click on this link. <https://www.act2uca.com/unitinginprayer2024>

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

God Is Sovereign

Read Ephesians 1:11-14.

The disciple of Jesus must go directly to the Lord Himself in the pages of Scripture to discover the Truth of who He is. And the most foundational Truth about God is that He is sovereign. God accomplishes all things according to the counsel of His will—nothing can thwart His purposes (see

Ephesians 1:11; Psalm 135:5-6; Isaiah 14:27; Job 42:2). God's knowledge, authority, power, and dominion extend to the smallest thing in the whole universe. And this absolute rule is the axle around which all God's other attributes revolve.

People tend to have one of two responses to the idea of God's sovereignty in the midst of this broken world: Either they don't believe the Lord is in perfect control of the universe, or they don't believe He is perfectly good. As we look around our world and see evil, pain, and suffering, it can be easy to conclude that God is not really in control or that He must not be all that good.

You see, in our sin we want to make God like us. We want to bring Him down to our level because we want to understand how everything works, we want to be in control. However, God has declared, "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:9). Brothers and sisters, it's okay to be baffled by God. His ways are not our ways.

At the same time, God has revealed to us quite a bit about His will. He wants us to know He loves to save repentant sinners and that He spent many centuries preparing the world for the coming of His Son. He wants us to know that His Son, by dying on the cross and carrying the penalty due our sin, satisfied the justice of the Father. And He wants all humanity to know the salvation available through Jesus Christ, even commissioning His disciples as ambassadors of His Good News.

God wants us to know that because He is sovereign, all things work together for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose (see Romans 8:28). He wants us to know that He is conforming us to the image of His Son, Jesus (see v. 29). He wants us to know we can live this life without fearing the future because it is in His hands—and He loves us.

Prayer: Lord, You are the one, true God, sovereign alone over all. May I live according to this Truth and enjoy the peace of knowing Your love through my Saviour, Jesus. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, . . ." (Ephesians 1:11).

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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.
Robyn: 0424 791 916

Ministry Leaders

Supply Minister: Rev. Deborah Yun / 0424 922 314 / revdeborahyun@gmail.com

Church Council

Chairperson: Cathy Nelson Secretary: Steve Turner Treasurer: Anne Crabb
Andrew Head, Hilton Petters, Jacky Hammond, Sue Vasilevska

Team Leaders

Worship: Cathy Nelson Discipleship: Alex Chow Pastoral Care: Robyn Pike
Fellowship: Sue Vasilevska Mission: Steve Turner Sustainability: Bill Vasilevski

