



NEWSLETTER

8-14 April 2024

Revive
Restore
Reach Out

Worship Services Sundays 9am

Easter 3

Guest Preacher

This Sunday Rev. Geoff Stevenson will be taking our worship service.

Information to the Congregation about changes in NRCC's Property Use

After much behind-the-scenes work to repair and renovate the properties, and admin work with Presbytery and Synod, the Property Committee and the Church Council can announce that:

- a. The Manse is now leased for 12 months.
- b. 136 North Rocks Rd is being rented out under a Licence to Mr. Tim's Classroom (a children's ESL business). They will initially be operating 3 weekday afternoon/evenings per week and Saturdays during term time and also during some school holidays. They start preparation work on the 15th April.

We thank the Property Committee for all the work they have done on these properties to enable this to go ahead.

Dates for your Diary

NRCC 2024 Calendar

Apr	
12	Craft Group 10am
13	Walk & Breakfast at Cumberland State Forest
14	Guest Preacher : Rev. Geoff Stevenson
May	
4	Bupa Worship Gathering 10am

Community News and Notices



The Galston Concerts

Sunday 28 April 2024

a pre-concert chat c. 1.40, the concert at 2
(with players' relaxed comments) till 3.15ish,
then a 'meet the musos' afternoon tea,
all in **Galston Uniting Church**, 11 School Road, Galston

Gold & Silver ~ Cello & Piano

Popular music by Classical greats: Bach, Beethoven, Brahms;
toe-tapper 'encores' from Budapest, Barcelona & Buenos Aires
(plus Chopin, Handel & Schubert - a Top Ten lineup) with ABC FM
Classic 100's favourite instruments in 2023 ... Cello & Piano!



with **Zoltan Szabo** (cello) and
Erzi Marosszky (piano),
Australian-Hungarian
husband-and-wife duo,
Sydney-resident after Europe,
UK & USA triumphs.

Bookings advised on trybooking.com
(search *Galston 28 April*)
Cash-only sales at the door on the day - \$40/30/10/12&u FREE
Enquiries phone 9653-2039

Will you join with the Hills
Community and March for Change?

TOGETHER WE STAND AGAINST DOMESTIC AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

The Community March for Change will take place on 3 May
2024 at 7am, commencing at Castle Place (outside Castle
Towers carpark).

The march will conclude at Castle Hill RSL with breakfast and
speakers bringing us up-to-date on the incidence of DV and
strategies developed to reduce its occurrence.

So gather up your family, your friends and your work mates and
be part of the march for change in the Hills.

FOR CATERING PURPOSES PLEASE REGISTER FOR THIS FREE EVENT AT
[HTTPS://EVENTS.ACT2UCA.COM/THE-HILLS-COMMUNITY-MARCH-FOR-CHANGE](https://events.act2uca.com/the-hills-community-march-for-change) OR SCAN THE QR CODE
Enquiries to hillsagainstdv@gmail.com or call Bryan Mullen (0468 339 336) or
Dr Michelle Byrne (0448 258 140)

Thanks to Castle Hill RSL, Castle Hills Police, Castle Towers, the Hills
Songwriters, Baulkham Hills Lions and the Hills Domestic Violence Prevention
Network for being part of this important march for change.



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

How often do you read instruction manuals for new appliances, toys, or gadgets? Most of us are guilty of either not following the directions closely or tossing out the booklet completely. But there is one instruction manual we cannot afford to ignore—the Bible. It is our spiritual operations manual. And when we ignore it, the consequences can be eternal.

Scanning through the Scriptures for the main points won't stretch us. Randomly flipping through the pages won't develop our spiritual maturity. We can't skim the surface and expect to find the pearls. We need to dive deep under the surface to find the treasure. To truly grow spiritually, we need to devote time, effort, and focused attention to learning from God's Word

Before we begin reading God's Word, we need to prepare our hearts. Our first step is to ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in learning, to give us discernment, and to help us recognize our own distorted viewpoints. We should come to the Bible seeking the Truth—not our own hidden desires

Prayer: Father, forgive me for the times I've merely skimmed Your Word for my own agenda. I pray that You would help me to devote time, effort, and attention to truly studying Your Word. Guide me, give me discernment, and show me areas where I need to grow. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"Blessed is the one . . . whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night" (Psalm 1:1-2).

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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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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