



NEWSLETTER

15 - 21 April 2024

Revive
Restore
Reach Out

Worship Services Sundays 9am

Easter 4

Dates for your Diary

NRCC 2024 Calendar

Apr	
17	Zoom Prayer Meeting
19	Craft Group 10am
May	
4	Bupa Worship Gathering 10am
7	Church Council Meeting
12	Mother's Day
19	Pentecost
25	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
26	Trinity Sunday
June	
22	Senior's Worship Service 10.30am

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
Erzsébet Marosszeky (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
STEPS: 1. VISIT [STEPS.ORG.AU](https://www.steps.org.au) OR THE HILLS COMMUNITY MARCH FOR CHANGE OR MAIL THE DD FORM
Register to hillscommunitymarch@gmail.com or call Bryan Walker (0448 389 834) or
Dr Michelle Byrne (0448 248 140)

Thanks to: Castle Hill RSL, Castle Hills Police, Castle Towers, the Hills
Scoutmasters, Southtown 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

God of Grace

Today we are going to consider the God of grace and see how He dealt with Adam and Eve's sin and rebellion.

First, Adam and Eve did not immediately die when they sinned in the Garden of Eden.

Justice said they must die. God's grace came and said, "Yes, spiritually they will die, but physically I'm going to spare them." That's what the grace of God does. God said, "The day you eat from the tree, that day you will die." That's justice. If you break the law, you go to prison; that's justice. But grace comes in and says, "I will give you time to repent. Let grace work one more time."

Second, the God of grace promised Adam and Eve a Redeemer. Why? To undo Satan's deception. Genesis 3:15 says, "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." Here is the first announcement of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Thousands of years passed before the promise of Genesis 3:15 was fulfilled: The angel said to Joseph, "You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). But God always fulfills His promises, no matter how long it takes.

Third, the God of grace saved our first parents and demonstrated for us the cost of sin. Genesis 3:21 says, "The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them." Notice the sequence here. After they believed in God, the Lord made garments of skin, and He clothed them with those garments. To do that, Adam and Eve had to witness the first slaying of an innocent animal, the first shedding of blood in the history of creation, which was a foreshadowing of the sacrificial system to come and the ultimate sacrifice that would be paid by the divine, spotless Lamb—our Redeemer.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for being a God of grace. Thank You that the grace that You showed to Adam and Eve is the same grace that You show to us today. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!" (Galatians 2:21)

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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

