



NEWSLETTER

22 - 28 April 2024

Revive
Restore
Reach Out

Worship Services Sundays 9am

Easter 5

Dates for your Diary

NRCC 2024 Calendar

Apr	
24	Zoom Prayer Meeting
26	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 Marosszék (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.200years.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

We tend to speak of faith as if it were a tangible commodity that can be measured and weighed and quantified. People sometimes say, "I wish I had your faith," as if they were saying, "I wish I had your blue eyes," or, "I wish I were as tall as you." Some people talk of faith as if it is here today, gone tomorrow—"I used to believe, but I lost my faith."

Faith is not something that can be weighed by the ounce. Faith is not something we inherit through

our DNA. And faith is not something we can lose the way an absent-minded professor loses his glasses. Faith is a growing relationship of trust in the living God.

Relationships are dynamic, not static. Therefore, our trust relationship with God is equally dynamic. It's like a tree whose roots grow deeper into the soil and whose branches grow higher into the sky—but which dies without water. It's like the muscles of an athlete—muscles that grow strong with exercise but atrophy when inactive.

If your faith is weak and spindly, you need to water it with the Truth of God's Word. If your faith is flabby and atrophied, you need to exercise it by living in utter dependence on God. The believers in Thessalonica were continually in the Word as they tested and trusted God's promises. Won't you grow your relationship of trust in the living God by seeking His face—His character—in His Word?

Prayer: Lord, I want to trust You more and more with my life. Help me to prioritize time spent with You in Your Word so that I can better live out each day in submission to Your will. Strengthen my faith with Your Gospel. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!'" (Luke 17:5).ne more time."

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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