



NEWSLETTER

6 - 12 May 2024

Revive
Restore
Reach Out

Worship Services Sundays 9am

Easter 6

Guest Preacher

This Sunday Rev Clive Pearson will be preaching.

Latest News from Bill & Sandra

Thank you for praying for us, we appreciate your ongoing care and support as we continue to translate the Misima Old Testament and the Saisai New Testament from our home in Wollongbar, Northern NSW.

You might remember I, Sandra, had a second hip replacement in January - it went very well, and with my increased mobility and flexibility, I can now do things (like squatting to pick up things off the floor) that I haven't been able to do for several years. I am so grateful about how it has all worked out, and am trying to continue to improve by going for 3 km walks each morning, and doing other exercises (although exercise is not my favourite thing!!).



You are invited to our Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.
Let's get together and enjoy a cuppa so we can support those impacted by cancer.

At North Rocks Community Church

132 North Rocks Rd, North Rocks

On Saturday 25th May

From 10 am to 12.30 pm



Dates for your Diary

NRCC 2024 Calendar

May	
8	Zoom Prayer 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

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

Read Revelation 21:2-7.

In heaven, we will see Jesus face to face. There will be no barriers, no limitations to seeing the reality of our Lord. Of course, without Jesus, heaven wouldn't be heaven. But praise God, Jesus is in heaven, and He is preparing a place for us there. One day, He will come back and take us to our eternal home.

When we close our eyes one final time on this earth, we'll also experience uninterrupted fellowship with our loved ones who have gone before us in faith. Now, you might have heard that your departed loved ones are "asleep" until Jesus returns—maybe it's been called "a state of unconsciousness" or "soul sleep." That is not in Scripture. The Bible does speak about those who

have "fallen asleep" but only as a metaphor to illustrate an important Truth: Because Jesus died for us, our deaths are merely temporary. Because of His sacrifice, we can say with Paul, "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, o death, is your sting?" (1 Corinthians 15:54-55). So, when you get to heaven, all your loved ones who died in Christ will be there, and you will be reunited, never to be separated again!

In heaven, there will also be no more brokenness. Here, we experience broken careers, marriages, reputations, dreams, friendships, and on and on. And when we suffer these losses, it's easy for us to tumble into despair and hopelessness. But the resurrected Jesus will completely redeem and renew all things. In heaven, we will enjoy full restoration in the presence of Jesus.

In fact, in heaven there will be no more sorrow, no more grief—only joy. Revelation 21:4 says God will wipe every tear from our eyes and there will be no more mourning or crying or pain. We all go through discouragement and despair in this life, but these trials can never survive the journey to heaven.

Finally, there will be no more death. Death can be a frightening prospect, but on Easter morning, Christ canceled its power. Now, for the Christian, death is nothing more than a change of address. It is moving from the basement to the penthouse. Once we cross over to heaven, death no longer has power over us. Indeed, Christ—our Life and Resurrection—has declared, "I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades" (Revelation 1:18). Amen belongs here!

Prayer: Jesus, thank You for defeating death and preparing an eternal, perfect home for me with You in heaven. This Truth gives me strength for today as I trust in Your promises. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them'" (Revelation 21:3).

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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

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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

