



NEWSLETTER

13 -19 May 2024

Revive
Restore
Reach Out

Worship Services Sundays 9am

Pentecost Sunday

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Invite your friends and family to join us as we have a cuppa and cakes and raise funds for the Cancer Council.



You are invited to our
Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.
Let's get together and enjoy a cuppa with delicious
cakes to support those impacted by cancer.
Lucky door prizes and tea trivia will add to the fun!
At North Rocks Community Church
132 North Rocks Rd, North Rocks
On Saturday 25th May
Drop in anytime between 10 am to 12.30 pm

Contact: enquiry@northrocks.org.au



Latest on Property Developments

The Big Bear Academy Long Day Care Centre is closing this weekend for 2 weeks. During that period their major building and play area renovations will be carried out starting Tuesday 21st May.

During that period there will be a large skip placed in the parking area and varying amounts of building supplies placed at the far end of the car park.

It is suggested that non-disabled people do not park on our land between Monday and Saturday during that period and that those unable to walk the further distance park at the front of the Church. The chain that separates the traffic flow in and out will be down to allow for this using the usual entrance.

No work will be carried out on Sundays, so parking should be OK then but a bit limited.

We are asking them to be quiet during the Biggest Morning Tea.

Dates for your Diary

NRCC 2024 Calendar

May	
15	Zoom Prayer Meeting
17	Craft Group 10am
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 Matthew 6:9-13.

Though we walk in the hope of heaven as a future reality, heaven is within us here and now. Jesus Himself said, "The coming of the kingdom is not something that can be observed, . . . because the kingdom of God is in your midst" (Luke 17:20-21). In order to comprehend how the Kingdom of heaven can be our future home and yet also be within us, we need the Holy Spirit to give us an eternal vision. If we're not spending time learning from and listening to our heavenly Father through His Word and His Spirit, our spiritual eyes will not see clearly (see Ephesians 1:18-19). Furthermore, we won't be able to live a life of obedience because we won't see clearly who Christ is and what He's done for us.

You see, Paul says because of Christ's work, God "has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing" (Ephesians 1:3). When God changed my identity, He changed the way I live. He seated me in the heavenly realms with Christ (see Ephesians 2:6), and I began to experience a radical change in my speech and conduct—in the way I responded to temptation. Why? Because God has given His children now all the power, strength, and faith we need. The power that God gives us for life is the same power that raised Jesus from the dead and seated Him in the heavenly realms (see Ephesians 1:20-21). Amen belongs here!

Remember: Jesus said, "Do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them" (Matthew 6:31-32). God cares deeply about your real needs; He not only knows them, He also promises to provide for every one of them. But when does He do this? When His Kingdom is paramount in your life, when you are trusting His will for you (see v. 33). Friend, this is not the prosperity gospel; this is the character of God that some people have perverted.

Do you want to experience heaven right now—even before this life is over? Start praying and meaning it: "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." When we pray for God to bring His heavenly rule to earth, we find that He provides for all our needs—and our greatest need is for more of Him! So, spend time in His Word, deepening your trust of our good God.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for seating me with Christ in the heavenly realms and blessing me with every spiritual blessing. I know You know my needs and will meet them according to Your riches as I seek first Your Kingdom. I trust You, Father. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10).

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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

