



NEWSLETTER

3 - 9 June 2024



Worship Services Sundays 9am

Pentecost 3

Guest Preacher

This Sunday we will be joined by Rev Allan Blyth to share his message with us.

Latest on Property Developments

Big Bear Academy North Rocks have almost finished their renovations of the Day Care Centre. They have reopened with children attending.

The skip has gone and parking is nearly back to normal.

The chain has been reinstalled at the entrance to separate the entry and exit drives.

Our barbeque, mower and other stuff has been moved into the shed near the end of the car park.

You will notice the new artificial grass outside the Church and the new separate entrance for the Day Care Centre -- we use the old cream gate not the black gate.

Security cameras are in operation covering the Day Care entrance and car park.

NOTE: Please do not park outside their office (parallel to the drive near where the barbeque used to be kept) during weekdays nor in their designated parking areas. Parking there is fine at the weekends.

Dates for your Diary

NRCC 2024 Calendar

June	
7	Craft Group 10am
12	Zoom Prayer Meeting
15	SIM Connect Seminar
22	Senior's Worship Service 10.30am

Craft Group @ 10 am-noon Fridays

Bring along your latest craft project and join us for morning tea and a chat. 10am each Friday in the church.

Community News and Notices

SIM Connect Seminar

The next SIM Connect is happening on Sat 15 June starting at 9.30am, and the theme this time is on Justice and Compassion Ministries, and the For Freedom ministry that Jacky is now involved in will be the main feature of that. It will also touch on the HOPE for AIDS ministry in Zimbabwe, which is similar to that which we were part of in Malawi.

SIM Connect is for anyone interested in cross cultural ministry here or overseas – especially for those who might be considering God's calling on their lives in that area.

Please register with SIM online or using QR code



Join SIMConnect
Expanding our Global vision together

Date: Saturday, 15 June 2024
Time: 9:30am – 11 am AEST on Zoom or in person

Sharing God's Good News through Justice and Compassion
How can we 'act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God' to bring His good news to those who are living and dying without hearing it? Join us to hear more about *For Freedom*, and how anti-trafficking can be a part of any ministry.

Register your interest:
sim.org.au/simconnect



Uniting Youth Camp 2024 (click on the image for more information)



UNITING YOUTH CAMP
30 SEPTEMBER - 3 OCTOBER 2024
TIME TO SHINE



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The Salvation Army Parramatta is funded to help provide people in aged care facilities volunteer visitors as part of the federally funded Aged Care Volunteer Visitor Scheme. We are looking for volunteers who would visit an older person in a local aged care facility once a week. We provide training and support. Can we advertise in your church bulletin? Perhaps you may already know of people willing to volunteer to visit Aged Care facilities?



The flyer features a logo on the left with a green and blue circular emblem and the text 'Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme'. A red banner at the top right contains the text 'Volunteers needed to be friends with people in Aged Care'. Below this, a dark blue section contains the following text: 'Aged Care Volunteer Visitor Scheme', 'We are looking for volunteers to provide friendship and help develop social connections and companionship to older people in Aged Care in the Paramatta and Hills areas.', 'We will pair you up with an elderly person in an aged care facility and provide you with training and support', and 'Can you visit a person in aged care:' followed by two checkboxes: 'Once a week/fortnight' and 'Do you have your own transport?'. At the bottom, there is a red button for 'For more information' with the contact details '02 9635 6870' and 'parramatta@salvationarmy.org.au'. A small photo of an elderly woman being embraced is on the right, and the Salvation Army Parramatta logo is in the bottom right corner.

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

To delight in the presence of God means that we have confidence in Him as our refuge, our Redeemer who defeated the powers of sin and darkness at the cross.

The Bible declares that God is our refuge, our fortress, our rock—an image of security and safety (see 1 Samuel 2:2; Psalm 18:2; 42:9). But the only way to enter the protection of this invincible fortress is by knowing and resting in the Truth of who God is. Only when we have grasped the freedom that Christ secured for us on the cross can we have unshakable confidence in Jehovah-Nissi, "God our banner." Only when God's Word finds a home in our heart can we have true peace.

It is not enough to read the Bible. We must "Let the message of Christ dwell among us richly" (Colossians 3:16). That means we must allow the deep Truths about God revealed in Scripture—His character and promises for us—to penetrate our heart, deepen our faith, strengthen our character, and lead us in the way of righteousness through His Spirit. Only the Word of God can sustain us under the pressures of life and protect us from the enemy. Only the Word of God can give us hope, joy, and victory for eternity.

Are you looking for a refuge from the stresses and storms of life? Look to God's Word and dwell on His faithfulness. Reflect on His character and run to the one who is your safe haven.

Prayer: Lord, You are my safe haven. I am confident in Your strength alone. You are my fortress and my salvation forever. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**"But the LORD has become my fortress, and my God the rock in whom I take refuge"
(Psalm 94:22)**

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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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