



NEWSLETTER

18 March 2021

Revive
Restore
Reach Out

NRCC News and Notices

▪ **COVID-19 rules:** Group singing is allowed with masks on. Please bring your own mask if you want to join our singing.

▪ **We are having a “Thanksgiving Service” on Easter Sunday 4/4**

Government Covid support finishes at the end of March'21 and our cash flow forecast shows we will be in a deficit of \$13000 at the end of June'21. We are really thankful for the way God has provided during the past year with all the difficulties we have gone through.

Could you prayerfully consider giving up something during Lent and donating the amount at the Thanksgiving service on Easter Sunday. You may also consider giving a one-off thanksgiving offering. Some may be able to give more or some less, or some unable to give at all. Give as the Lord leads. You could either give through putting your gift in an envelope in the offering bag at the door or by direct giving.

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Blessings

Anne (Treasurer)

EASTER Thanksgiving Sunday
4th April 2021

“Let us come before Him with thanksgiving” (Ps. 95:2)

We are going to bring our special thanksgiving offering to God for the Lord's faithfulness over the past challenging year and for what He has in store for us and for our church.

Please use the envelopes provided or E-Giving
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▪ Playgroup meeting on Mar 23, 7.30 PM

At the Vision Day in 2020 it was decided to start exploring options for a Playgroup here at North Rocks Church. We will be having a meeting on Tuesday March 23rd, 7.30pm here in the Church, to start conversations about options. Please contact enquiry@northrocks.org.au

▪ Join with us this Easter:

Good Friday (2nd April 9 AM): "**At the Cross**". A service of reflection on the moments of Christ's passion journey.

Easter Sunday (4th April 9 AM): "**Saviour Is Risen Indeed**". A thanksgiving service for the new life our Lord has achieved for us through His resurrection.

Dates for your Diary

▪ **Thursday Evening Prayer @ 7.30 PM on ZOOM:** If you feel led by the Spirit of the Lord to uphold our church community in prayer with other fellow sisters and brothers, please come and join us.

Community News and Notices

▪ Stations of the Cross Exhibition

Stations of the Cross 2021

You are invited to enter a different space and come together as spiritual leaders to prepare for this special event in the church's year and support each other as we grow together.

Thursday 25th March, 2021
10am - 3pm
Northmead High School

Cost: \$15 cost includes lunch and refreshments

Retreat led by the Moderator, Rev. Simon Hansford.

RSVP: 15th March 2021
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stations-of-the-cross-2021-tickets-139571695699>

For further information, contact Gretzel Mandingado:
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2020 Station 15 - Resurrection - Euan Macleod, Fogman (two heads)

Reflection of the Week

When Jesus rebuked the disciples in Matthew 8 for having "little faith," Jesus wasn't talking about saving faith but rather daily living faith (see Matthew 8:23-27). Our saving faith remains constant, but our daily living faith rises and falls according to the strength of our relationship with God. When we are not in constant intimacy with God, the first storm that hits will create fear and panic. When we give God the crumbs of our time and attention, our faith and understanding in Him will weaken.

Fear-conquering faith requires an absolute trust in God. It is the kind of faith that has an open heart to whatever God provides for us. It is a faith that is manifested as an utter dependence on the sovereignty

of God. When we live by faith, we can trust that God is working out His purposes for us—even when the storm is at its worst.

How often do we trust God with our eternal souls yet not our daily needs? When Jesus rebuked the disciples for their lack of faith, He was referring to their failure to trust Him in this practical situation. God wants us to trust Him not only with our salvation but also with our relationships, our resources, and our futures. He wants to see our professed faith in action. He wants us to put our complete trust in Him for every detail of our lives.

When we walk close with God and trust Him daily, our faith will conquer our fears. When we put our focus on God, fear will fade into the background. At the first sign of fear, our plan of action should be to seek God in prayer.

Prayer: God, I trust You with my salvation, but sometimes I struggle with trusting You with the details of my life. Strengthen my daily living faith so that my trust in You is greater than my fears. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?" (Matthew 6:30).

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Prayer Chain

Our church has a "chain" of people committed & ready to pray & bound to confidentiality. Please contact Felicity, Dawn or Church office.

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