



North Rocks

COMMUNITY CHURCH

5th Sept 2010



Worship Bulletin

Transforming Lives and Communities

Morning Worship 9am

Nite Rocks 7pm



Sharing the Good News
Acts Chapters 18 to 28

Teamwork

Today we are starting the last section of a long sermon series looking at the book of Acts. Over the next 3 weeks we will be exploring Paul's 3rd & last missionary journey

Speaker: Rev Phil Swain

Bible Reading: Acts 18:1-23

Communion Presider: Rev Jorge Rebolledo

Next week: "True Friend" Acts 23:12-22

Living as a Christian in
a 21st Century World.

The Beauty Myth



Speaker: Ann-Elise Koerntjes

Next week:

The Pornographisation of Society



WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Help us make Lamingtons



Times when we need helpers to dip, roll and pack lamingtons are:

Wednesday 8 Sept from 6pm – 9.30pm

Thursday 9 Sept from 8.30am onwards.

Pick up day is Friday 10 Sept.

If you are available to help in any way, please contact JANE NAPIER for more details,
ph 9873 1838 or send an email to : lacham@optusnet.com.au. *Thanks!*

Of course we will still accept late orders and will try to fill them if we have enough lamingtons made.

Congregation AGM - next Sun 10:30am

The annual general meeting of North Rocks Community Church will be held on next Sunday **12th September at 10.30am**, at the church. Members of both the morning & NiteRocks congregations are invited to attend.

At the meeting we will be looking at and approving the budget for 2010/2011, tabling reports and electing a new Church Council Chairperson.

Nominations for Chairperson are:

1) Mr Murray Dismoor

Murray has been a member of NRCC for four and a half years. He is married to Sherryl and has two children (Matthew 17 and Katie 14). Murray was part of the morning worship teams for three years. He has spent a number of years as Presidents of school P&Cs and a Sailing club and has chaired many meetings. Murray feels he is able to serve God and the church by allowing others to bring forth their gifts on Church Council.



2) Mr Warren French

Warren has been with NRCC for 15 years, married to Judy and father to Kristin, Bradon and Hayley. Warren is a member of the current mission team heading to Cambodia in 2011. Warren believes he has a well developed sense of humour, although his wife assures him that is not the case. While Warren's focus is the mission of the church, he recognises that there needs to be a well run church in order to be at mission. While he is not particularly proud of it, after 3 decades in the corporate world, Warren has some bureaucratic skills to offer the church as council chairperson.



3) Mr Michael Groom

Mikey has been an active member of NRCC for 14 years, attending Kids Klub, Grunt, Nudge, and subsequently leading these groups. Having had a musical background has been a leader and member of the Nite Rocks Music Team for over 10 years. Having been involved, and still currently in the Property Team and Technology Teams, Mikey loves to give back practically where possible.



Thanksgiving Sunday

Sunday 19th September, 2010

This is a day when the church pauses to give thanks to God for all his blessings on us as a church and as individuals over the past 12 months. Please collect an envelope outlining the the special thanksgiving offering from the back of the church

Spiritual growth is of central importance to our church. Whether people are just starting to explore the Christian faith, or are long-time Christ-followers, we want to do everything we can to help people on their spiritual journey. So as a church we are participating in a very special opportunity. We're asking for people's feedback on our church and their spiritual journey through a Spiritual Life Survey that people will access on the Internet. We want to know what's helping you grow spiritually, and what's getting in the way.

There are four things you need to know about this survey:

- *It's comprehensive and thought-provoking*
- *You should set aside 35-40 minutes to take it*
- *It's completely anonymous so you can be open and honest with your feedback*
- *It's extremely important. The findings from this survey will shape our decisions about how to create the best possible ministry strategies to serve you better.*

We want to hear from ALL people connected to our church. We encourage you to go to our website www.northrocks.org.au and read through all the information and next week we will inform you of how to access and participate in the survey.

Some Questions and Answers...

What is REVEAL? REVEAL is a church wide survey asking people to reflect on where they are on their spiritual journey and what things are helpful in their spiritual growth. It was first run by Willow Creek Community Church in the US five years ago and since then around 1,200 church (totalling over 280,000 individuals) have taken the survey. The survey is an online survey which will be open to all people connected to our church. The survey is anonymous and all the results are compiled by an independent team of researchers based in the US who treat all information as highly confidential. A report will be produced for our church will be emailed to the minister/church council. The report does not list individual responses but rather is a collation of all the church's responses.

Why has our Church Council decided to run this survey? At the end of 2009, a number of people suggested we reflect upon how our church was going in terms of its vision, programs and where the staff focus their time and energy. Instead of running a survey which asked questions such as, "What is good about our church" and "What is bad about our church" – we felt that the approach of the REVEAL survey which focused on what things are helpful for spiritual growth would give us much better insight into our vision and activities.

What about people who don't have a computer at home? We will make some computers available at the office during office hours and after church for people to do the survey. We are also looking into the possibility of being able to bring in a computer to people's home and helping them fill the form in.

How do I be part of this survey? Next week we will put all the information you need in the bulletin. If you have an email, you will also be send an email which will include a link to the REVEAL questionnaire website. For more information talk to Phil or email Phil on phil.swain@northrocks.org.au

Church Council

Church Council is the main decision making body of our church. It is a team made up of ministry staff, elected executives and representatives from both congregations and teams. They meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month to prayerfully consider issues such as Vision, mission, property, finance, staffing and reports from all aspects of church life.

The current church council is:

Phil Swain, Ann-Elise Koerntjes, Jan Bird, Debbie Carruthers (Secretary), Iain Thompson (Treasurer), Reg Seagrave, Rae Trenerry, Steve Ford, Craig Dwyer, Pete Holden, Glenn Garrard, Pip Corderoy, Trent Critchley, Steph Monaghan and Jenny Marshall.

Worship Teams

Worship is our main weekly activity and we have a number of teams that are involved in the planning and running of our worship services.

Our 9am morning worship have 3 Planning Teams (which plan 3 services per term). People on these include Jen and Tony Keyte, Steve & Rachel Collis, Dave & Kriss Nash and Ian & Dianne Harrison.

We are looking for more people to be involved!

NiteRocks has a leadership team who looks at issues to do with NiteRocks and helps organise their services. This team includes Ann-Elise Koerntjes, Tim Coombes, Simon CJ, Megan Dwyer, Luke Hyland, Trent Critchley, Phil Swain,

Preschool Management Committee

This team oversees the ministry & management issues of the preschool as well as provide support for Tanya and the other preschool staff.

The church members on the team are Rosea Kemp, Michelle Holswich, Greg Cunningham, Krystal Webb, Merrin McDonald, Chris Cunliffe-Jones and Phil Swain



The Teams which Ministry and Mission

Finance Team

*This team gives oversight to church finances and makes recommendations to Church Council on matters such as budgets and fundraising. **The team is** Iain Thompson, Steve Ford, Alex Chow, Steve Turner, Ian Harrison & Brian Nelson*

Children & Youth

This team, better know as FUEL, includes all the leaders in our different children and youth groups. Not only do they do an amazing job of running these groups each week but they meet once a term to look at issues arising and future directions within this critical ministry area.

They are Megan Dwyer, Luke Hyland, Phil Swain, Matt Nash, Brad Holswich, Simon CJ, Brendan Atkins, Michael Turner, Cassie DeGooyer, Tom McCracken, Claire Dwyer, Andrew Bird, Dan Nash, Jonno Critchley, Chris Maber, Penny Sinden, Liz White, Ruth Godding and Ann-Elise Koerntjes

Would you like to be part

All the teams are looking for people to get involved in their mission within their area. If you feel called to be involved, talk to a person on the team or contact Phil, Jan or Ann-Elise



God uses to make happen in our church!

Property Team

*This team of people have made a huge difference over the past 5 years. They are responsible for the planning of property upgrades and have been the instigators of the new driveway, kitchen, fence around the church etc. They are also grateful for the help of people on the **cleaning and grounds rosters** and those who help with little maintenance and repair jobs. **The property team is Steph Monaghan, Glenn Garrard, Mikey Groom and Quinten Napier.***

Adjust/TEAR

*This team of people are passionate about social justice issues. They are involved in raising awareness within the church of such issues and helping provide opportunities for people to get involved - "being the change". They meet every Monday fortnight. **Those involved in Adjust/TEAR are Warren & Judy French, Kristin & Tim Khoo, Hayley French, Krystal Webb***

Want to be part of one of these teams?

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...e and they will help.

Pastoral Care Team

The PCT is full of wonderfully caring people who give oversight to the pastoral care needs in the church.

They meet monthly to assess and plan different programs and activities which foster a culture of caring in the church. They also can be called upon to "care for the carers" - to give support and help if you are caring for someone. They have a close relationship with the prayer chain and offer prayer up the front of church after morning worship.

The current PCT is Jan Bird, Helen & Reg Seagrave, Ann Groom, Heather Dwyer, Pip Corderoy, Win Gibson, Cay Carmichael, Felicity Kleu, Katherine Kleu, Phil Swain, Judy French

Mission Support Team

The Mission Support Team have as their key focus supporting those who are in mission, including our full-time overseas missionaries, people like Shane Hamilton in Muirfield High School & members from our church who are engaging in short-term mission. They help provide communication updates and this year have been working on a process for all people doing mission to go through—providing preparation before a mission team, support while on mission and opportunities to share after they return.

The current MST is Jenny Marshall, Alison Archer, Felicity Kleu, Jess Chow, Luke Hyland, Matt Nash, Claire Anderson, Margaret Sweeney, Phil Swain

Prayer, Worship & Evangelism Team

*This team considers any issues that might arise within these critical areas of our church. Although this team has been "on hold" this year there is a desire to bring new energy and life to this team and invite new members. **The current team is Phil Swain, Malcolm Kleu, Chris Cunliffe-Jones & Trent Critchley***



Preloved Clothing Sale Saturday 18th September 10am-4pm

North Rocks Community Church
132 North Rocks Rd

The funds raised by this Op Shop will go towards North Rocks Community Church's mission trip to support the work of Destiny Rescue, an NGO working with children in the slums of Cambodia.

At this one-off Op Shop you can purchase good quality clothes at bargain prices.

Offers include:
\$10 Bag-A-Bargain
Fit as many clothes in the bag as possible!

We are currently accepting male and female clothing donations until Wednesday the 15th of September. (including: baby clothes and toys, maternity wear, formal wear and accessories)
Please drop quality donations to North Rocks Community Church office, 132 North Rocks Rd.
Please note, we will not accept undergarments or shoes.



Please Pray for our Church and Community

- We pray for Mike, Jacky, Josh and Chris Hammond as they settle back into the mission field in Malawi after their time home in Australia. We pray especially for Chris as he prepares to start high school.
- Pray for students who are doing the HSC this year, we particularly think of Cameron Harrison, Matt Dismorr and Jessica Swinnerton.
- We pray for healing of Michael Tolar who has been diagnosed with acute phrenic nerve palsy, which gives him difficulty breathing.
- Pray for Beryl Perry who is in Mount Wilga hospital for rehabilitation after a hip replacement and for her husband, Colin, who has pneumonia.
- Pray for the mum at our Preschool who has been recently diagnosed with breast cancer.
- We pray for all that we know who are unwell or recovering. Dawn Pearce's sister is improving, thank you for your prayers. Praise God for the great news that Matilda, Maureen Hornidge's grand-daughter had no leukaemia cells found during her most recent tests.

Next Week's Rosters - 5 Sept

Morning Worship

Welcomers: Sharryn White & Jenny Marshall

Stewards: Cay Carmichael & Lynette Lane

Flowers: SOMC

Morning Tea: Dorothy Ferry & Barbara Barber

Bible Reading: Michael Maxwell

Prayers: Win Gibson

Grounds: (4/9) : Jim Carmichael

Cleaning/Setup(4/9): SOMC

NiteRocks

Welcomer: "Meet and Greet" Michael

Bible reader: "Articulate" Andrew H

Prayers: "Phantastic" Phil

Supper: "Masterchief" Bromheads

Worship leader: "Praiseful" Claire

Vocals: "Crooning" Lauren

and "Harmonious" Hayley

Piano: "Awesome & Amazing" Ann-Elise

Guitar: Tom "my Emmanuel" & "Riffing" Matt

Bass: "Musical Maestro" Mikey

Drums: "But I am overseas..." Simon CJ

Wind: "Resonating" Ruth

Tech: "Mighty" Matt & "Noobful" Michael

Do you have a prayer request?

Our church has a "chain" of people committed and ready to pray and bound to confidentiality. Just ring your request through to Dawn Pearce on **9630-6193** or email Felicity on fakleu@optusnet.com.au

NRCC Church Calendar

This Week:

Wed 1 Playgroup 9.30-11.30am

Thurs 2 Playgroup 9.30-11.30am

Fri 3 Craft Group 10am

BUGZ 3.30pm-4.30pm

Kids Klub & P1 5.30-7.30pm

NUDGE 7.45-9.30pm

Sun 5 Morning Worship 9am

NiteRocks 7pm

Coming Events

8/9 Sept Lamington Drive

18 Sept: Pre-loved Clothes Sale

19 Sept: Thanksgiving Sunday

1-4 Oct: Black Stump

23 Oct: Cambodia Mission Trip Night

5 Nov: Church Carnival/Fete

15 Dec: Carols by Candlelight

Check out the updated Website: www.northrocks.org.au

e - give (Direct Electronic Giving)

To support our mission and God's work through our church by direct electronic transfer into the Church account, here are the details.

Account Name: North Rocks Community Church

Branch (BSB): 634634

Account Number: 100016305



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