

# North Rocks Community Church

## Advent Worship Bulletin



**Advent #2 - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2010**

*Preparing together to receive Jesus this Christmas*

**Morning Worship 9am**

*Of Royal Descent*

*Preacher: Rev Phil Swain*

*Bible Readings: Matthew 1:18-25  
Isaiah 9:2-7*



NITE ROCKS - 7PM SUNDAY WORSHIP  
**ADVENT SERMON SERIES**

**CHRISTMAS POWER**  
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*Inherit Power*

**Preacher: Phil Swain**

**Bible Readings:**  
Matthew 1:1-16  
Philippians 2:6-8

the newborn  
**KING**



**North Rocks  
Carols by Candlelight**

North Rocks Park 1701 Ferntree Ave & North Rocks Rd

**Wednesday 15th December**  
5.00pm - 9.00pm

**Can you Helping Out At  
Carols by Candlelight?**

Thank you to those people who have already offered to help out with Carols by Candlelight. If you would like to help, you can still add your name to the sign-up sheet, or contact Claire Anderson or Dave Robinson. Every little bit helps make this community event a great celebration of the Christmas Season. We still need people to help deliver Pamphlets, Set-up on 15<sup>th</sup> Dec and stalls volunteers (during the event).

**Prayer Corner at Carols**

The pastoral care team would like to offer the option of a 'prayer corner' as a way of offering practical support to any who may like to take advantage of it. To achieve this we need the support of people who are prepared to be rostered on for 15-30 minutes on the night and willing to make themselves available to be a presence to listen and to pray with or for others. If you think you may be able to assist, Katherine or Felicity Kleu would love to hear from you.



**Carols Band Practice**

Wednesday nights from 7pm

8 Dec in the church.

Contact Michael Groom or Ann-Elise Koerntjes for more information.



# Our Church Family...

Win Gibson interviews:

**Tony, Astelle & Shantelle Burke**



**So, what do you do during the week?:**

*Tony: one of Quentin's team of Home Maintenance Workers*

*Astelle: does office work 4 days a week, she has worked for this local plumbing business for 12 years.*

*Shantelle (13): is in Year 7 at Muirfield High School*

**How long have you been coming to NRCC?** *Two years as a family, Astelle attended Nite Rocks for some years previously*

**What do you enjoy about the church?** *The depth and strength of the congregation in helping others.*

**What do you like doing together?** *Bush walks and family picnics.*

**Do you have any time for your own interests, sports or hobbies?** *Shantelle enjoys swimming and dance classes, Astelle goes to the gym, Tony has no time!*

**What was the last movie you watched together as a family?** *Eat, Pray, Love*

**Do you have a favourite bible verse, hymn or worship song?** *Yes, 23rd Psalm*

**Why is it important to you that your family follows Jesus?** *He helps us to keep a positive attitude for whatever life throws at you!*

Be ready - Win might be tapping you on the shoulder to interview you soon.



*This Christmas our church is once again allowing you to buy a gift that's part of a bigger picture. Each Sunday before Christmas we will be having the TEAR store after the service. Each gift represents a contribution to a long-term poverty-fighting project designed to help communities gain the skills and resources they need to address local problems and come up with sustainable solutions. Some of the featured items from the gift catalogue:*

**Peace Building - \$10**

Help train someone in conflict resolution, negotiation skills and peace building to reduce violence and help communities work together for a brighter future.



**Toilet - \$70**

Almost 2.6 billion people don't have anywhere safe to go. The gift of a simple, safe toilet for a school or household means less disease and greater dignity.

**Heifer - \$300**

A heifer is a young cow that will grow up into a source of milk, cheese, fertiliser, ploughing power and more cows!



## From the Pastoral Care Team

**Prayer triplets** It's not too late to sign up! If you are interested in praying regularly with two other people, please contact Jan and she will try to connect you with others.

**Practical Care:** We are wanting to startup a group passionate about expressing Christian love in action by offering practical assistance to others in times of need, eg meals, transport etc. Jan is looking for people to (1) help organise this and (2) to provide the practical help. For further information or to register your expression of interest, please contact Jan Bird, 9683 6548 or 0432 860 553 or email: [janbird@iinet.net.au](mailto:janbird@iinet.net.au)

## Young Rocks Breakfast and End of Year Presentation

### Next Sunday 12th from 8am!

Join Young Rocks for breakfast.



**\$5 donation for  
cereal, bacon &  
eggs, juice.**



During the service the Young Rocks presentations will be held and we will thank the Young Rocks teachers! Also there will be a Young Rocks picnic during the service, on the grass area just down from the back of the church. We'll be playing games, so don't wear white!



## *Please Pray for our Church and Community*

- We pray for our Church as we prepare to share the good news of Jesus this Christmas. We especially pray for the big events that our church are involved in—the NRPS Scripture Assembly on this Tuesday, the North Rocks Carols by Candlelight (15th), the BUPA nursing home service (16th), as well as the Christmas Eve (24th) and Christmas Day (25th) services
- We pray for Jorge & Susan Rebolledo and family who are holidaying in Chile.
- Pray for people have started, or will soon be starting, new jobs, Craig Dwyer, Warren French, Jess Chow, Dan Nash and Liz White. We continue to pray for those who are looking for employment.
- We pray for all people who are engaging with mission—we pray for the preparations for our church's mission trip to Cambodia. We also pray for the missionaries we support, for Mike & Jacky Hammond, Richard & Lindsey Parker and Bill & Sandra Callister.
- We pray for all we know who are unwell or recovering including Dawn Pearce (broken foot), John Rowlands, Dianne Harrison (injured back), Dawn Pearce's sister, Norma and Dawn's nephew, Mari Wake and Matilda, Maureen Hornidge's grand-daughter.

## Next Week's Rosters - 12<sup>th</sup> Dec

### Morning Worship

#### Welcomers:

Elaine & Graham McMurray

#### Stewards:

Dorothy Ferry & Val Rowlands

**Flowers:** Gabriel Ritchie

#### Morning Tea:

Reg S & Goerge A

**Bible Reading:** Jane F

**Prayers:** Chris CJ

**Grounds: (11/12) :**

Dave Critchley

**Cleaning/Setup(11/12):** -

### NiteRocks

**Welcomer:** Michael

**Bible reader:** Andrew

**Prayers:** Warren

**Supper:** Bromheads

**Worship leader:** Glenn

**Vocals:** Gabby & Jess

**Piano:** A-E

**Guitar:** Simon & Phil

**Bass:** Brad

**Sax:** Jamie

**Drums:** Tom

**Tech:** Andrew

## NRCC Church Calendar

### This Week:

- Wed 1 Playgroup 9.30-11.30am  
Carols Band Practice 7pm
- 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

- 12 Dec Young Rocks Breakfast
- 15 Dec: Carols by Candlelight
- 24 Dec: A Glee-Ful Christmas
- 25 Dec: Christmas Day

## 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

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](mailto:fakleu@optusnet.com.au)



*The weather is slightly overcast this evening,  
so if you would just like to follow me ...*



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