

North Rocks Community Church



Advent Worship Bulletin



Advent #4 - Sunday 19th December 2010

Preparing together to receive Jesus this Christmas

Morning Worship 9am

The Christmas Play

A reflective service as we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent and prepare for Christmas Day.

Note: There is a service next Sunday - 9am Boxing Day



NITE ROCKS - 7PM SUNDAY WORSHIP
ADVENT SERMON SERIES

CHRISTMAS POWER

Christmas Power Revealed
Preacher: Josh Dowton

Note: There will be **no NiteRocks** service next week, 26th Dec. NiteRocks will resume on 2nd January 2011 at 6pm!

**Celebrate
CHRISTMAS**

*with us at
North Rocks Community Church*

Christmas Drama
and Music Practices

Christmas Day Band Practice

Tuesday 21st 7.45pm
Christmas Day 8:15-9am

Christmas Eve Drama Practices

Today 3.45pm / Tues 21st 6.15pm
Thurs 23rd 7.30pm
Christmas Eve 4pm

Christmas Eve Band Practice

Christmas Eve 5:30pm

Christmas Eve 6:30-7:45pm

*The Christmas Story gets a
"GLEE" makeover. Experience
the story of Jesus'
birth as you have
never heard it
before—retold
to the music
of well-known
songs.*

**a
glee-ful
christmas**

Christmas Day 9-10am



A short, lively, child-friendly service focused on celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ and discovering how Jesus is the greatest Christmas gift of all.

Letter from Church Council

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. Colossians 1:9

Dear member of NRCC,

Recent events such as the application for Pre-school funding have highlighted an issue that Church Council believes we need to rectify. As a church we set yearly ministry and mission goals through Vision Sunday, yet we have no formal long term plan or goals. While we should, and will, always be open to the ways of our Lord, Church Council believes that we also need to have in place a long term strategy for the church, covering its property, preschool, ministry and missions, both close and far from home.

As advanced notice, we are letting you know that in the New Year we will be asking you for your thoughts on our long term plans. What we would like you to do from now is to pray, for each other, and for Church Council, that we shall all be wise and open in our thoughts for the direction that God will lead us and our church.

Murray Dismorr
Council Chairperson

Phil Swain
Pastor

Report from December Church Council meeting:

- You should soon receive a letter asking you to think and pray about the future direction of our church, for discussion in 2011.
- There will be a working bee on our church property on Saturday 26 February. Keep the date free.
- We are considering the possibility of installing solar panels on the roof of the church building to save money in the long-term while supporting the environment.
- A number of members of NiteRocks are about to embark on new missions. We are pleased for them.
- Let's keep caring for one another, especially for our older members.
- Church Council wishes you and your family a joyful Christmas and a happy, safe new year.

Christmas news from the Hammond family:

Happy Christmas to everyone at North Rocks – your Christmas program looks great and makes us wish we could be there to enjoy it with you.

We are getting the Sunday school kids here involved in doing something on Christmas day in order to make the Christmas Day service different to every other Sunday!!!! Josh and Chris are part of the puppet show (puppets made from cricket bats and material and I'm hoping their heads don't fall off!) – hopefully it'll bring a few laughs and people will be drawn a little closer to Jesus as a result!

Enjoy the time with your families.
With love Jacky, Mike, Josh and Chris



This Christmas our church is once again giving the opportunity 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 items from the gift catalogue are:

Primary Schooling \$45

A year of primary or pre-primary education in a community-run school for children who would otherwise miss out on the chance to learn.



Safe Water \$20

Help provide a household with safe water for drinking and washing, so a family can enjoy better hygiene and be healthier for school or work.

Organic Vegetable Garden \$25

Training for families to grow nutritious fruit and veggies without chemicals. Households can save seeds for future harvests and earn money from selling their produce.



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 Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services
- We pray for Jorge & Susan Rebolledo and family who are holidaying in Chile. Also for Bill, Sue and Patricia Vasilevska who are travelling in Europe and will be in England for Christmas.
- Pray that people will find joy, hope, love and peace in this Christmas season.
- Pray for the residents of Christmas Island, for those who choose to live there and for those who are in detention there, after the tragic boat accident last week. Pray for the survivors of the accident and for the families of those who died.
- 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), Sandra Curran, Rae Trenerry, Dawn Pearce’s sister, Norma and Dawn’s nephew, Mari Wake and Matilda, Maureen Hornidge’s grand-daughter who was in hospital last week with a fever.

Next Week's Rosters 26th Dec

Morning Worship

Welcomers:

Sharryn White & Jenny Tillett

Stewards:

Cay Carmichael & Lynette Lane

Flowers: Carol Dephoff

(Christmas Eve & Christmas Day)

Elaine McMurray (26th)

Morning Tea:

Jenny Tillett & Glen Hartley

NiteRocks

No Nite Rocks on 6th December

NRCC Church Calendar

This Week:

Tues 21: Music Practice
Fri 24: A Glee-Ful Christmas
Sat 25: Christmas Day
Sun 26: Morning worship 9am
NO NITEROCKS THIS WEEK
Sun 2 Jan: Morning worship 9am
Nite Rocks 6pm



6pm NiteRocks

“Summer @ Six Series”

NiteRocks during the holidays will be great. We will be starting earlier at 6pm & having a shorter service filled with the usual great music and some interesting speakers. Then following worship we will share together in a BBQ dinner & cricket!

Begins 2nd Jan at 6pm

Wednesday's Carols by Candlelight was huge. We should be very proud of the way our church helped run the stalls, the activities, the music and singing. There has been a lot of positive talk in the community about this event, both before and after Wednesday night. A BIG thankyou to all who helped make this night a success, especially the organising team: Claire, Pip, Dave, Glenn, Mikey, Ann-Elise, Matt and Jane. It was fantastic!

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

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Account Number: 100016305



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