

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Just because we are on holidays it doesn't mean that our church is as well. Come along for these great Summer Worship Services...

9am Morning Worship "Reflections"

As we all slow down for the Summer Holidays, in our worship services we have invited a number of different speakers to help us reflect upon an idea or scripture passage. Be refreshed and renewed for the new year!

Next Sunday Speakers (26th Dec)
Phil, Alan & Marilyn Swain

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!

EVERYONE PLEASE NOTE:
**There is NO NITEROCKS
This Sunday (26th Dec)**
Resumes 2nd Jan at 6pm



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North Rocks Community Church

Christmas Bulletin

Friday 24th & Saturday 25th December, 2010



a glee-ful christmas

6:30pm Christmas Eve Service

Bible Reading: Luke 2:1-7



9am Worship Christmas Day "The Story of Christmas"

Preacher: Rev. Phil Swain
Bible Reading: John 1:1-14

The total of our TEAR catalogue sales this year was \$4,400. People bought, school supplies, tree seedlings, vegetable gardens, small business loans, heifers, goats, toilets, eye care, two community schools and more! Thanks for your support.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Welcome to our worship service. If you are worshipping with us for the first time today or are someone we haven't seen for a while, it is great to have you with us during this time of celebrating Christmas. May Christmas be personal for us this year as we celebrate Jesus coming to us.

Christmas Eve Program

Welcome

Songs: Joy to the World
Mary's Boy Child
Advent Candles

Introduction to Drama

A Gleeful Christmas Act #1

Song: Away in a Manger
(includes collection)

A Gleeful Christmas Act #2

Phil's Talk

Christmas Prayers

Songs: Hark the Herald
Silent Night

Benediction



Christmas Day Program

Welcome

Songs: O Come all ye faithful
Angels from the Realms of Glory
Mary's Boy Child

Advent Candles

What did you get for Christmas?

Song: Run, Run, Run

Ann-Elise's Christmas Story

Song & Collection: I love to celebrate

Bible Reading: John 1:1-14

Phil's Talk

Song: Meekness and Majesty

Christmas Prayers

Song: Look to the Skies /Joy to the World

Benediction

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10-11

Can you find all the words in the bible verse bolded in orange in the find-a-word? Then read the letters left over to find the special message!

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a m e h t r h n u t e o d
y a d o t c i g r r f a s
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l o r d o o l i g i h s e
j e s y d f o r d u s t n

From the Pastor:

During the week my two daughters were having a discussion in the backyard about who was more excited about Christmas. Megan said she was "100 out of 10" excited! The conversation jolted me a bit because I was not feeling that same excitement. If I am honest, at that moment I was just seeing Christmas as something to get through before I get to rest on Boxing Day. How did I get so far off track? The angels had it right. They said Christmas was good news of great joy - a saviour has been born. God, out of his love for us, gave us the greatest gift of all - Jesus. My favourite Christmas word is

Emmanuel which means "God with us". God came to us and stayed. The shepherds were so excited that they rushed off to see the saviour. The Magi knelt in awe at the newborn king. My prayer for all of us (and especially myself) is that this Christmas we might be like a little child, and recapture some of the excitement about this amazing event. May you and your loved ones all have a joyful and meaningful Christmas.

Phil Swain



Most of the activities of the church have gone into recess for the Christmas Holidays. The church office will be closed until Thursday 27th January although you can still contact Rev Phil Swain on 0417 123 891

Our church's mission trip to Cambodia leaves on 14th January and will return on the 30th. Please pray for the team as they share the love of Jesus to the urban poor of Phnom Penh. You can follow the team's experience at www.northrocks.org.au/Cambodia

If you want any information sent to you about our church, bible studies or our children & youth activities, please visit our church's website or email us and we'll make sure the information gets to you.