



North Rocks

COMMUNITY CHURCH

13 March 2011



Worship Bulletin

Transforming Lives and Communities

Morning Worship 9am

Nite Rocks 7pm

Cambodia Mission Trip Service

Today the Cambodia Mission Trip team will share their experiences from their time in Cambodia with both the 9am and 7pm services. They will share with us some stories, photos, video and special gifts they brought back!



Vision 2011



grow

The "GROW" website has been set up for the on-line studies and discussion groups. This week the Bible Study will be reading Romans chapter 1. See the website for discussion questions. The address is www.northrocks.org.au/grow but you will need a username and password to access. If you would like to take part and have not yet received your username and password, one, email Phil to organise it for you.

The "Discovery Session" is a one-off session where you can experience different ways of engaging with God to find out what works for you. There will be 3 sessions this week:

Tuesday 15th - 7:30pm at the church

Wednesday 16th - 7:30pm at the church

Saturday 19th - 5:00pm at the church





Our Church Family...

Win Gibson interviews Iain & Sam Thompson



So, what does your family's week look like?

Organised chaos - but...

Iain is a company secretary at Austral Bricks, Horsley Park.

Samantha is a busy mum, helps out at the children's schools when and where possible.

Brianna (8) attends Tallwood Special School at Kellyville.

Nathaniel (6) is in year 1 at Beaumont Hills Public School.

Zachary (3) goes to Glenhaven Preschool one day a week.

How long has your family been coming to NRCC? *For two years, after being at Thornleigh/Hillcrest Rd UC for many years (we moved house)*

How are you involved here? *We attend morning worship. Iain plays bass guitar in the band and at times leads the service. (note: Iain is also the church's treasurer)*

What does your family enjoy about the church? *The best thing is to feel totally accepted and we enjoy the welcome and the fellowship.*

What do you like doing as a family? *We enjoy outings (with the promise of ice cream), going to parks with*

playgrounds and having friends over for meals - just talking.

Do you have time for your own interests/hobbies? *Iain plays golf occasionally and this year has joined a soccer team at Pennant Hills. Sam loves to spend an evening each week with friends from high school, doing craft things (and lots of chat).*

Movies? *Not easy, Nat and Iain enjoyed "Cars"*

Is there a famous person, dead or alive, that you'd like to invite for lunch? *The people from the Christian band "Casting Crowns" - to hear the inspiration behind their songs.*

Any family bible verses, hymns or praise songs? *Too many verses to mention. Songs—"Before the World Began" soothes all of us and "Saviour - He can move the mountains"*

Why is it important that your family follows Jesus? *He gives us strength and hope when we need it, loves us in spite of what we do and He has a positive impact on our lives.*

LENT RESOURCE

Lent is more than giving up some food or activity, it is a time of reflection and repentance, a time to study God's word, live simply and explore Lent traditions that have helped Christians in the past come closer to God.

The fridge door is the message bank of most kitchens, where the whole family communicate about their lives. Therefore, a Lent Calendar 'countdown' to Easter seems a good way for families to remember that.

There is an interesting resource on the UC's Children's Ministry website for families to use during Lent, the Fridge Faith Lent Calendar. Go to www.childrensministry.org.au and follow the links. There is one up on the noticeboard.



A NIGHT OF JAZZ

**Thurs March 31,
7.30pm**

Tickets \$12 or \$15 at the door. Talk to Rachel Collis for more info.

Earthquake Disaster Appeal

The Uniting Church has launched a New Zealand Earthquake Disaster Appeal to help our neighbours. 100% of donations will be forwarded to partner churches in New Zealand, the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa and the Methodist Church of New Zealand, to assist with their relief efforts. Forms are available on the table near the church entrance.

The grounds maintenance roster for 2011 has a few gaps in it. If you are able to help out in this area, please add your name to the roster, which is on the table near the church entrance.



HELP WANTED

Our famous Lamington Drive is back!

To help support the mission & ministries of North Rocks Community Church, we are looking for volunteers to help with the preparation, packing & selling of our Lamingtons.



Wed 23rd to Fri 24th March

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

Order forms are now available.

Orders to be returned by Sun 20 March.



Please Pray for our Church and Community

The prayer requests have been removed from the Online version of the news letter for confidentiality reasons.

Next Week's Rosters - 20March

Morning Worship

Welcomers: Margaret Brennan
& Trish Bootle

Stewards: Heather & Craig Dwyer

Flowers: Ann Harris

Morning Tea: Trish Bootle
& Margaret Brennan

Bible reader: Lynda Antonijevic

Prayer: David Critchley

Grounds: (12/3) : David Critchley

Cleaning/Setup(19/3): SOMC

NiteRocks

Worship leader: Mikey

Vocals: Tristan, Ann-Elise

Bible reader: Brendan **Prayers:** Jono

Piano: Ann-Elise **Wind:** Jess

Guitar: Brendan, Simon **Bass:** Brad

Drums: Jono **Tech Team:** Simon

Do you have a prayer request?

Our church has a "chain" of people committed & ready to pray & 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 16 Playgroup 9.30am-11.30am
Thur 17 Playgroup 9.30am-11.30am
Fri 18 BUGZ 3.30pm-4.30pm
Kids Klub & P1 5.30-7.30pm
NUDGE 7.45-9.30pm
Sun 20 Morning worship 9am
Nite Rocks 7pm

Coming Events

Mar 23 -26 Lamington Drive
Mar 31 Pink Elephant

Cartoon Corner

What looks like an Apricot Danish, smells like an Apricot Danish but is not an Apricot Danish?

An Egg-yolk Danish!

(That's a classic Cambodia Joke)



e-give (Direct Electronic Giving)

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

Account Name: North Rocks Community Church Giving Direct

Branch (BSB): 634634

Account Number: 100025906



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