

NEWSLETTER

6 June 2021

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NRCC News and Notices

▪ **Mike & Jacky Hammond this Sunday + Morning Tea @ Dianne and Ian's**

Mike & Jacky will be sharing their mission journey as well as God's message for us at our Sunday service on the **6th June**. And after the service, come and celebrate Mike and Jacky's 15 years in Malawi with SIM and return to Australia at Dianne and Ian's. There will be no morning tea at church on this day but feel free to drop in, say hi to Mike and Jacky and stay for morning tea. Lunch will be potluck, Jenny and Craig will provide soup. Please bring something savoury or sweet to share. **Please let the office know** if you are coming for morning tea or lunch.

▪ **Holy Communion** will be served next Sunday, June 13, not this Sunday. **The offering will be collected** during service from this Sunday.

▪ **Intergen Team**

This team is working to build and nurture relationships between different generations of our community here at NRCC. We are starting by updating our directory. This Sunday the team will be taking your photos if you are willing and ready. Also, we will be checking we have everyone's birthdays so no one is left out of our monthly birthday celebrations.

▪ **My Song My Story**

If you have a particular song/hymn which you want to share with our church family, please feel free to contact Jenny or Steve so we can organize a date for you to have an opportunity to share your song & story. Why is the song meaningful and special to you? and how does the song help you to reflect on God's love for you? or to overcome challenges in your life? Our small but wonderful music team will help us sing your song for us. Your story, our story and God's story.

Please visit our church website if you want to listen to the previous stories.

<https://northrocks.uca.org.au/>

▪ **The Kids' Box**

Our kids have a question box on the table as you enter the church. You are invited to take a page from the notebook and write a question for them to answer so you can find out more about them.

▪ **The scheduled fellowship morning tea on Saturday, 5th June at Sue & Bill's** will be replaced by the welcome back morning tea for the Hammonds on the following day.

▪ **Lost jacket:** a light blue Kathmandu fleece jacket has been waiting for its owner. Please contact the office.

Dates for your Diary

▪ **EQUIP 21 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

<https://www.equip.org.au/>

Please join for a livestreaming of EQUIP 21. We will be watching the conference live at our church.

Saturday, 19th June, 10 am – 3 pm. \$20 per person. Teens (girls in years 7-11) are able to view for free.

For a group booking, pay at church office or put in an envelope on Sunday. Please note that the conference sessions are not interactive. Contact: church office

▪ **Church Playgroup**

At the recent Church Planning Day there was strong support for moving ahead with investigating whether we could re-start Playgroup here at North Rocks. Bev is wanting to talk to people who would like to hear more about this – no commitment necessary at this stage. There are many, different ways that people could be involved. Also, we are going to have a meeting to talk and pray about this further. The suggested date is **Tuesday 8th June at 11 am here in the Church.**

Again – please talk to Bev if you are interested in attending or contact the church office.

▪ **Thursday Evening Prayer @ 7.30 PM:** If you feel led by the Spirit of the Lord to uphold our church community in prayer with other fellow sisters and brothers, please come and join us.

In person prayer meeting (the first Thursday of the month from June), ZOOM prayer meeting (the rest Thursdays of the month. You will be placed in a ZOOM waiting room before you enter).

Community News and Notices

▪ **Lay Ministry Training Opportunities from UME (Uniting Mission and Education)**

Exploring Theology

Wednesdays 6:00–8:30pm, June 9 – July 21

In-person (Centre for Ministry) and Zoom hybrid

Leading Worship in the UCA

3 July, 9am-4pm

Centre for Ministry

Info and registration: <https://ume.nswact.uca.org.au/calendar/living-our-faith-leading-worship-july/>

Proclaiming Jesus Christ

Saturdays 9:30–11:30am, 10 July – 21 August

Zoom

Sacraments Training

9:00am-4:30pm

July 17–18 (Tuggeranong Uniting) and Sept 11–12 (Goulburn Uniting)

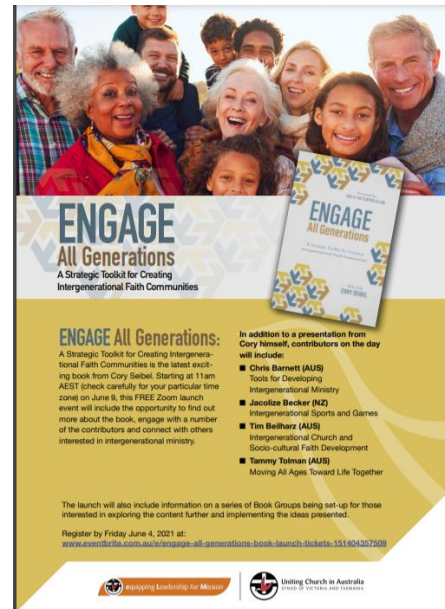
Leading Worship in the UCA

9:00am-4:30pm, Saturday Sept 25

Canberra (Venue TBC)

▪ UCA Assembly Resource on **Domestic and Family Violence** can be found [here](#).

▪ **Online Book Launch:** Engage All Generations: a strategic toolkit for creating intergenerational faith communities is the latest exciting book from Cory Seibel. This FREE Zoom launch event will include the opportunity to find out more about the book, engage with a number of the contributors and connect with others interested in intergenerational ministry. Registration closes June 4.



Reflection of the Week

To build lives that glorify God, we must build on the immovable, eternal, and sure foundation He has provided: Jesus Christ.

Read 2 Peter 1:5-11. Any decent architect knows that a strong building must have an immovable foundation. In 2 Peter 1:5, Peter tells us that our faith, if it is to be strong, must be built on the righteousness of Christ—our only hope for eternal salvation.

In verse 5, Peter begins with the words, "For this very reason." Since we have already been saved by Christ's righteousness and given everything we need to live a godly life, we are equipped to build our lives as monuments to God's glory. We can pursue spiritual maturity each day.

In this passage, Peter clearly gives us the blueprint for building godly lives: To faith we add goodness, then knowledge, then self-control, then perseverance, then godliness, then mutual affection, and then love (see 2 Peter 1:5-7).

Peter knew from experience that these wonderful qualities are the fruit of the Holy Spirit working in us. So he exhorts us to make every effort to walk by the Spirit and thus confirm our calling and election—our identity as sons and daughters of the living God (see 2 Peter 1:10).

It's never too late to build productive and effective lives for Christ. When we begin on the rock of Christ's righteousness, we can build with confidence, knowing that "he who began a good work in [us] will carry it on to completion" (Philippians 1:6). Amen belongs here!

Prayer: Lord, thank You for freeing me from the bondage of sin to build a life of beauty and righteousness with Christ as my foundation. Use me for Your glory. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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Prayer Chain

Our church has a “chain” of people committed & ready to pray & bound to confidentiality. Please contact Steve or Church office.

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