



NEWSLETTER

20 June 2021

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NRCC News and Notices

▪ **Guest Preachers July 4, 11.** We have wonderful guest preachers while Steve is away. We welcome one of the missionaries from Jews for Jesus on July 4, and Cliff Fielding, from Alpha Australia will be preaching on July 11.

▪ **Steve will be on leave** from 28 June until 11 July. Please contact a member of the Pastoral Care team if you have any pastoral matters.

▪ Sustainability Team

A group of people have volunteered to look for opportunities for our sustainable financial future. We would like to thank Ian H, Russell, Bill, Dennis, and Steve T for taking up this important role. We would appreciate your prayers for wisdom and guidance for the team.

▪ 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 church directory. 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.

▪ Church Library

Looking for some good Christian books or bible study resources? Please make use of our church library in the office. We have a small but useful collection of quality books.

▪ 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.

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.

If you have not yet registered, please register online and you can still join us at the church on Saturday.

Please note that the conference sessions are not interactive.

Contact: enquiry@northrocks.org.au

Community News and Notices

• Intensive Journal workshop

Is it time to pause and take a look at where /who you are?

Weekend Saturday and Sunday 24-25 July 2021

8:45 am -1pm, 2 pm – 5 pm each day with breaks

To register and for more details: [Online Life Context Weekend 24-25 July](#)

Early bird closes 20 June

For both workshops:

Participants attend the workshop from their own location using Zoom. Workshop materials will be posted to participants ahead of the workshop so please register promptly.

Cost: \$170 or \$150 for Eremos members; **Early bird** \$20 less.

Plus \$20 discount for **previous participants** who have the Intensive Journal workbook.

If the cost is a barrier to your participation, contact Kate to discuss a reduced fee. We would love to work something out so you can join us.

Read more about the workshops on Facebook and the Eremos website

<https://www.facebook.com/intensivejournalworkshopsaustralia>

<https://www.eremos.org.au/intensive-journal--workshops>

Please contact me with any questions or to discuss participation. I look forward to seeing you at a workshop soon.

Kate Scholl

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• Out Of The Box Missional Conference

https://ume.nswact.uca.org.au/calendar/out-of-the-box-missional-conference/?fbclid=IwAR3yB0giMAxoDhVbzP_41OP1oYK6hF5pE4bTVv1yID-P114Ye9OKGka1zwM

What does it mean to be a community-engaged, missional church? How can we make our churches more 'now' and inter-cultural? This 3-day conference unpacks these questions, and more.

If you are not available for the whole conference you might like to just attend the Saturday sessions.

from: 23/07/2021 3:00 pm to: 25/07/2021 3:00 pm, at 16 Masons Drive North Parramatta



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

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](#).

Reflection of the Week

At the turn of the 19th century, there was a lady who lived alone in a house on the west coast of Scotland. She was a traditional, frugal Scot. Therefore, when she announced her plans to have electricity installed in her home, her neighbours were stunned!

This was not yet a common practice, but she had made up her mind and called the newly formed electric company. Within a few weeks, the power lines were up and she had electric light.

However, a strange thing happened. The company noticed that she was not using the electricity. A company representative decided to visit her to find out why she was not enjoying what had been made available to her.

He explained to her, "It's just that your meter shows you've had electricity for three months, and you have scarcely used it."

"Oh," she said, "You see, I don't use very much of it. Every evening when the sun sets, I turn the electric lamps on long enough to see to light my candle, and then I turn them off again!"

Sadly, this is how many Christians live their lives. They attend church on Sunday, but the rest of their week is spent living apart from the principles written in God's Word. Difficulties arise, and they wonder why their lives spiral downward. The answer is simple: They are connected to the power source, but they are not using His power.

God has chosen you to be His light of hope to a sin-darkened world. However, you must choose to use His power by yielding yourself to Him. Ask God to show you the areas of your life that need the light of His love and conviction. His power through you is amazing and real.

Prayer: Father, please forgive me for trying to live my life apart from You. I choose to yield myself to You to see Your power at work in and through me. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

e-give (Direct Electronic Giving)

Account Name: North Rocks Community Church
(BSB): 634634 **Account Number:** 100025906

Prayer Chain

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

Ministry Leaders

Minister: Rev. Steve Lee / minister@northrocks.org.au / 0433 698 690

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