

# NEWSLETTER

21-27 June 2021

*Revive*  
*Restore*  
*Reach Out*

## NRCC News and Notices

### ▪ **Update on COVID Restrictions for this week (Saturday and Sunday services)**

- Back to the 4 m<sup>2</sup> rule for all indoor gatherings;
- Face masks are mandatory in places of worship;
- Congregational singing is not allowed except the music team.
- No morning tea after the service

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

▪ **While Steve is away** from 28 June until 11 July. Please contact Jenny (worship), Cathy (Newsletter), Hilton and Cathy (Covid matters) and Pastoral Care team (any pastoral matters).

### ▪ **Playgroup Update**

We have discerned that it is not the right time to run our Church Playgroup at this stage. But we will continue to look for opportunities to reach out to the community as the Spirit leads us. We thank Bev for organizing meetings and investigating playgroup options.

### ▪ **Term 3 worship volunteers**

We are organizing our next term worship roster (Aug-Oct). If you haven't really participated in our Sunday worship in the past, there are many areas you can bring your heart and your God-given gifts to our worship to God. Please contact Jenny (worship & music), Val R (welcomers & stewards), Sharryn (morning tea), Carol (flowers) or any other areas if you feel led to participate in our worship.

### ▪ **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

### ▪ **Women's Fellowship Event: 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 1.45 pm**


**Arthur St Café** 26 Arthur St, Baulkham Hills ([hello.arthurstreetcafe.com.au](http://hello.arthurstreetcafe.com.au))

Cost: Whatever you decide to order – just a drink, all day breakfast, scones/cake or lunch

Go down the stairs or use the side entrance. Allow time to park.

Please RSVP to [enquiry@northrocks.org.au](mailto:enquiry@northrocks.org.au)


▪ **Sunday July 18** we are inviting Year 12 students from our community to join us for worship followed by a special morning tea. If you know anyone in year 12 who would be interested in attending, please invite them to come along. If you would like them to receive an invitation from the church, please contact Cathy to arrange this.

NORTH ROCKS COMMUNITY CHURCH 

**WOULD LIKE TO INVITE**

local Year 12 students and their families to join with us on Sunday July 18. We would like to encourage and show support for our Year 12 students through sharing and prayers. Our church service starts at 9am and will be followed by a special morning tea.

on Sunday 18th July  
at the Church  
152 North Rocks Road, North Rocks  
From 9.00am



You and your family are invited  
We look forward to seeing you there.  
Please RSVP: [youth@northrocks.org.au](mailto:youth@northrocks.org.au)  
(please let us know how many will be attending so there is plenty of food)



## 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

0425 211 065 [events@eremos.org.au](mailto:events@eremos.org.au)

### ▪ **Out Of The Box Missional Conference**

[https://ume.nswact.uca.org.au/calendar/out-of-the-box-missional-conference/?fbclid=IwAR3yB0giMAxoDhVbzP\\_41OP1oYK6hF5pE4bTVv1yID-P114Ye9OKGka1zwM](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

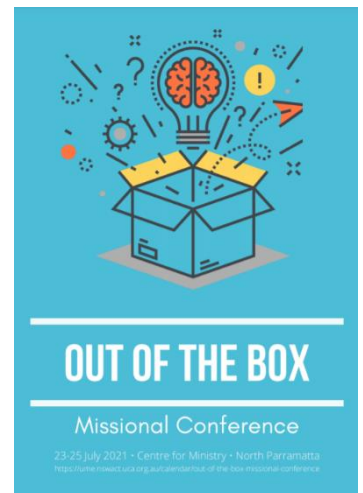
July 17–18 (Tuggeranong Uniting) and Sept 11–12 (Goulburn Uniting)

#### **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

Truth is objective, not subjective. Truth is absolute and not a sliding scale. The Truth is not open to redefinition to make it more winsome for new believers. The Truth does not seek to be politically correct because it refuses to tell people that they are safe believing lies. Truth is not trendy. As a Christian, it is not your job to make the Truth easier or more attractive. It is your job to love people by remaining faithful to the Truth. We can trust the Holy Spirit to take care of the rest, drawing people into God's Kingdom.

The ultimate Truth that cannot be compromised is that Jesus is our eternal hope. There are not many paths to God. There is only one, and that is through Jesus Christ, God's Son, who died for us. Jesus Himself told us in John 14:6: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." This Truth is unequivocal, unambiguous, and unavoidable.

Have you ever been made to feel intolerant or unloving because you held fast to this Truth? You are not alone. If you contend for the faith by lovingly telling others the undiluted Truth they need, you may face criticism.

What are you willing to endure in order to share Truth with others in your workplace or neighbourhood? Have you ever experienced rejection when you have tried to share the Truth with someone?

*Prayer: Father, I pray that You would give me the ability to understand and defend the Truth. Give me discernment and wisdom to live by Your Truth in this secular world. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

**"Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long" (Psalm 25:4-5).**

### 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](mailto:minister@northrocks.org.au) / 0433 698 690

Church Council:

Chairperson: Craig Marshall

Secretary: Jenny Keyte

Treasurer: Anne Crabb

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