

NEWSLETTER

12 -18 July 2021

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NRCC News and Notices

▪ **This Sunday (July 18) Online Service:** Due to the extended restrictions we will worship online this week.

9 AM Online Service

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9XZ6bg-Sb5az1E9oqqPbFA?view_as=public

▪ Support for our Year 12 students

We are organising cards for our year 12 students. Please send through your messages of support to Cathy by midday **Monday 19 July**, so they can be included.

cathy.nelson@northrocks.org.au

▪ **BASECAMP 2021 Men's Conference**

Basecamp Men's Conference (Katoomba), is on again this year as Basecamp 2021. Every year a bunch of the men from the North Rocks Church spend a weekend in Katoomba and attend the Basecamp event on Saturday. The event covers most of Saturday. This year things are a bit insecure because of intermittent lock downs and movement restrictions. The convention Centre is classed by the Government under the 2 sq metre rule which will limit physical attendees. The event will be live-streamed.

We have decided to attend the event from our Church and will attend online. The idea is that we meet at Church as a group and have tea and lunchtime together. The date for Basecamp 2021 is **Saturday 14 August and will run from 08:45 to 15:00 (3PM). Cost will be \$59/pp for the day online conference.**

Steve T is coordinating the event and will be delighted to talk to anyone with any questions. Steve will send some emails to all the men that we have emails for and will get the tickets for all attendees. Drop him an email if you would like more details.

Contact: church office at enquiry@northrocks.org.au

▪ 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.

▪ **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.

▪ **Useful sources of information about mental health issues:**

Beyond Blue: <https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>

SANE Australia: <https://www.sane.org/>

Mental Illness Fellowship of Australia Inc: <https://www.mifa.org.au/en/>

The Blackdog Institute: <https://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au/>

Head To Health: <https://www.headtohealth.gov.au/>

Headspace: <https://headspace.org.au/>

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

Community News and Notices

▪ **UCA Assembly Meeting. Saturday, 17th July**

11.30 am: Opening worship, including the installation of our incoming **President, the Rev Sharon Hollis**. The Assembly theme is "Dwelling in Love".

7.00 pm: Cato Lecture:

The Cato Lecturer for the 16th Assembly is Professor Anthony Reddie, Director of the Oxford Centre for Religion and Culture at Oxford University.

Both of these will be live-streamed on the Assembly website and Facebook page:

<https://uniting.church/16thassembly/>

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

▪ The Liverpool Loaves and Fishes Free Restaurant is now open in the grounds of Liverpool Uniting Church.

Watch this link to the first day of operation:-

<https://youtu.be/hkirE8sdCNo>



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Rev
Bill Crews
Foundation

'Loaves & Fishes Free Restaurant Liverpool'

Volunteers Wanted

What is 'Loaves & Fishes Free Restaurant Liverpool'?

This restaurant is a new partnership between the **Liverpool Uniting Church** and **The Exodus Foundation**. During the current Covid-19 Pandemic the Bill Crews Foundation Food Van has been serving meals each day mainly by volunteer staff. Whilst this has served the people well it's time to make a move and bring the relationship closer together and open a restaurant similar to the 'Loaves & Fishes Free Restaurant' at the Ashfield Uniting Church. The restaurant will serve free meals to anyone who comes to the restaurant. On the weekends the meals will continue to be served from the mobile food van.

The Bill Crews Foundation are committed to serving the homeless, rough sleepers, and anyone who is in need.

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a volunteer in the organisation you can visit:
billcrews.org/volunteer-ashfield-sydney/ where you will find the details.

Please contact the Volunteering Department on **(02) 8752 4674** or
Email: volunteering@billcrews.org.

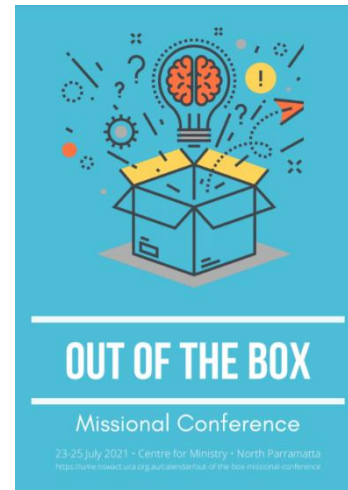
▪ Out Of The Box Missional Conference

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)

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)

Reflection of the Week

When we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and experience the moment-by-moment filling of the Spirit, we begin to bear the fruit of the Spirit. We begin to manifest the outworking, or the results, of the Holy Spirit's presence. His work is manifested in our thoughts and emotions and in our behaviour toward others.

If you have ever watched the harvesting of grapes, you know that two people usually work together. One person holds an open basket while the other cuts the grapes and lays clusters in the open container. In a similar way, as long as a person is walking closely connected to the Lord and is keeping his life open to receive the daily filling of the Holy Spirit, he will see his life filled with the fruit of the Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit is character rather than conduct; it is being rather than doing. The "fruit" is the likeness of the Holy Spirit.

What is our part in the fruit-bearing process? Staying connected to the Holy Spirit. If you leave a branch attached to a healthy grapevine, it naturally will bear grapes. True spirituality works the same way. As we remain connected to God's Son through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, we will naturally bear spiritual fruit—the evidence of true spirituality. If we are separate from Him—or if we separate ourselves from Him through disobedience—then we can no more produce spiritual fruit than a dead branch cut off from the grapevine can produce grapes.

Prayer: God, help me stay connected to You that I might bear spiritual fruit, becoming more like You every day. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me" (John 15:4).

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Prayers

If you have any prayer requests or would like to know of those with particular pastoral needs to pray for, please contact Steve or Pastoral Care Team.

Ministry Leaders

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Church Council:

Chairperson: Craig Marshall Secretary: Jenny Keyte Treasurer: Anne Crabb

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