



19 - 25 July 2021



NRCC News and Notices

This Sunday (July 25) Online Service

9 AM Online Service

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

Guest Preacher next Sunday, 1st Aug.

Our Dawn is going to preach/share her faith journey with us next Sunday. May the Lord bless her and her message for us. Please share our YouTube channel link with those who might want to join our online service.

New Pastoral Care Team Leader

We are pleased to let you know that **Robyn Pike** will be working as our Pastoral Care Team leader. We would like to thank her for taking up the role and the team members for their ongoing commitment. Please contact Robyn if you have any pastoral needs.

- BASECAMP 2021 Men's Conference

<u>Basecamp Men's Conference (Katoomba)</u>, 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 livestreamed.

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 <u>Saturday 14</u> <u>August and will run from 08:45 to 15:00 (3PM). Cost will be \$59/pp for the day online conference.</u>

Steve Turner 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: enquiry@northrocks.org.au

Mike & Jacky Hammond's recent newsletter can be found <u>here</u>.

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 <u>here</u>.

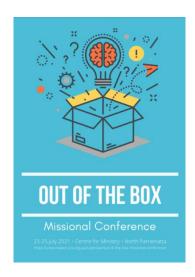
Community News and Notices

Out Of The Box Missional Conference

https://ume.nswact.uca.org.au/calendar/out-of-the-box-missional-conference/?fbclid=lwAR3yB0giMAxoDhVbzP_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.

Despite the current COVID-19 lockdown affecting Greater Sydney, including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Wollongong and Shellharbour local government areas, the Out of the Box conference is going ahead as a <u>virtual conference</u> on Friday 23 July and Saturday 24 July.



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

Sacraments Training

9:00am-4:30pm Sept 11–12 (Goulburn Uniting)

Leading Worship in the UCA

9:00am-4:30pm, Saturday Sept 25 Canberra (Venue TBC)

Reflection of the Week

Just as all believers exercise the gift of faith, we should all exercise the gift of giving—giving our time, talent, and treasures for the glory of God. There are some believers who are especially gifted by the Holy Spirit in the area of giving. These Christians are to give even more liberally. In fact, Romans 12:8 encourages those with the gift of giving to give generously.

Gifted givers are compelled by the love of God to give. The Lord is glorified by their giving hearts as He uses their gifts given in cheerful obedience for the good of His people.

A famous fundraiser once said that people give prompted by one of two motivations: guilt or public recognition. These motivations do not apply to Christian givers. Our guilt was removed permanently through Jesus' blood on the cross—never to dominate our lives again. Neither would truly gifted givers be motivated by public recognition. Christians would far rather give quietly, humbly acknowledging that their true reward and treasure is in heaven with Christ—no earthly recognition can compare.

Prayer: God, thank You for changing my heart so that, when I give, it is not out of guilt or a desire to be noticed. Thank You that by Your Spirit my desire is to lay up treasures in heaven. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift . . . is giving, then give generously" (Romans 12:6, 8).

e-give (Direct Electronic Giving)

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

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.

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