

NEWSLETTER

26 July – 1 August 2021

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NRCC News and Notices

▪ **This Sunday (1 August) Online Service**

9 AM Online Service

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9XZ6bg-Sb5az1E9oggPbFA?view_as=public

▪ **Guest Preacher 1st Aug.**

This Sunday our Dawn is going to preach/share her faith journey with us. 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**

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 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

▪ **Sandra & Bill's latest prayer points** can be found [here](#):

▪ **Happy Birthday** to all of you with July birthdays. We will share some cake when we can meet again.



▪ **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/>

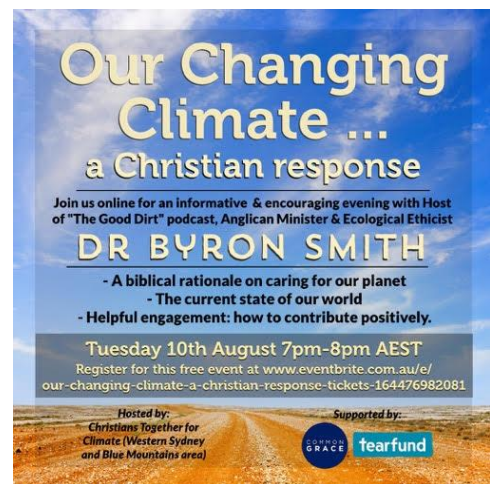
UCA Assembly Resource on **Domestic and Family Violence** can be found [here](#).

Community News and Notices

The local Christians Together for Climate (Western Sydney and Blue Mountains) group is hosting a talk from Byron Smith on Tuesday 10th August. We had planned for it to be in person but obviously it will now be online. The upside is that now anyone is able to participate from anywhere.

If you wish to register click on the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/our-changing-climate-a-christian-response-tickets-164476982081>



▪ **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

In our culture today, people mistakenly reason: "If Jesus is truly loving, then He will accept my sinful lifestyle." But this false Jesus can't set anyone free. Few people know this better than one woman whose encounter with the real Jesus left her forever changed.

On the way from Judea to Galilee, Jesus stopped in Samaria, encountered a woman at the well, and asked her for a drink of water. She was astonished—for her gender and Samaritan background rendered her inferior. But Jesus knew her desperation. He knew her deepest secrets—the failed marriages, the promiscuous living. He knew that He alone could set her free—so He called her out.

"Go, call your husband," He said. "I have no husband," she replied. "You're right about that," Jesus said. "In fact, you've had five, and the man you're currently living with is not your husband."

Jesus didn't say, "No worries—just keep living your truth!" No; He is God in human flesh—holy and righteous! And because He loved her, He couldn't just sweep her sin under the rug. Instead, He exposed it so that He could set her free.

Despite what culture says, God does not wink at sin. He is not your yes-man. No, He sees everything—all the sin, guilt, and shame inside each one of us—and He knows our deepest need: Living Water. He did not come to excuse our sin but to save us from it that we might have fullness of life. Will you not drink of Him? For only He can quench your thirst, give you peace, and set you free eternally.

Prayer: Jesus, thank You that I am truly free from the shame and wages of sin because You have atoned for it all on the cross. Knowing what my sin cost You, may I live righteously for You, pursuing goodness for Your name's sake. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"Jesus answered, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst'" (John 4:13-14a).

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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.

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