



# NEWSLETTER

16 August – 22 August 2021

*Revive*  
*Restore*  
*Reach Out*

## NRCC News and Notices

### ▪ 9AM ZOOM Service

We would like to encourage all of us to prepare ourselves on Sunday morning for the worship we are going to bring to the Lord. If it is possible, please find an appropriate place/room where you can avoid distractions and noises so that you might be able to focus on the time of worship. Hope to see you all there.

If you would like to join us for our Zoom service please email us to [enquiry@northrocks.org.au](mailto:enquiry@northrocks.org.au) so we can send you the link.

### ▪ Joyce Smith

It has been our great blessing and privilege to have Joyce, the founding member of North Rocks Community Church among us. Her beautiful life (104 years) will be remembered as a wonderful testimony to our Lord's faithfulness. The funeral service will be on Friday, Aug 20 at 11.50 am. Please contact Steve if you need the online service link.

### ▪ Morning with Psalms

Would you want to begin your day with a Psalm? Or do you need a time to be still in the presence of the Lord? It would be great if someone can read a Psalm for us each morning for a time of reflection. We are inviting all our church family to participate in this little but meaningful ministry. Would you want to be a voice of sending God's comforting and encouraging words to our people and beyond? We need one person each morning who might want to record a Psalm for others. Please contact Steve for more information.

### ▪ 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

▪ **A thoughtful article on scripture and trauma, with a strong pastoral focus:**  
<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/10883/scripture-and-trauma>

▪ **Ministering in disaster-affected communities**

On Thursday night, 9 September, 7-9pm (Zoom), come to the training and learn some good advice on ministering in disaster-affected communities - before a disaster occurs, when a disaster occurs, and long-term recovery. Guest presenter is Rev Dr Stephen Robinson, the National Disaster Recovery Officer for the UCA Assembly.



**Ministering in disaster-affected communities**  
- good advice for congregations and faith communities

Who for: Congregations and faith communities  
When: Thursday, 9 September, 2021, 7-9pm  
Where: Zoom  
Cost: Your time and ongoing care

Presenter: Rev Dr Stephen Robinson,  
National Disaster Recovery Officer, UCA Assembly

Register:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ministering-in-disaster-affected-communities-tickets-165059686967>

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▪ **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

As you pass your tests in life, be careful not to fall into the temptation of giving yourself the credit for your success. God is the one who has prepared our path and provided us with a book full of wisdom. God alone has motivated us through the Holy Spirit to seek Him and to obey Him. God alone has provided godly, encouraging friends. God alone has enabled us to solve our problems through the discernment, experiences, mentors and Scriptural insights that he has given to us.

In Daniel 2, the king threatened to execute every wise man, including Daniel and his friends, because no one could interpret his troubling dream. As Daniel and his friends prayed through the night, God intervened on their behalf. "During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven and said: 'Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his'" (Daniel 2:19-20).

The very first thing Daniel did when God gave him this vision was to praise Him. Daniel did not claim to have extraordinary knowledge or discernment. He knew that whatever insight he gained into King Nebuchadnezzar's dream came solely from God.

How often do we fall into the trap of thinking our success comes from our own efforts? Yet without God's gifts of health, intelligence, opportunities, and resources, we would never be able to accomplish anything.

As you step out in faith and obey God, praise Him for His strength and guidance in leading you in the right path. As you succeed in helping others, give God the glory for giving you the right words to say. As you overcome your fears with faith, thank God that His love is faithful and enduring.

*Prayer: Father, forgive me for the times I fall into the trap of thinking I have accomplished something on my own. I realize that without You, I am nothing. Help me to praise You for the many ways You help me each and every day. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

**“For the LORD your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory” (Deuteronomy 20:4)**

### **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 Robyn, Steve or Pastoral Care Team.

## **Ministry Leaders**

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