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| **Revive**  **Restore**  **Reach Out**  NEWSLETTER  **22 November – 28 November 2021**  **NRCC News and Notices**  ▪ **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES**  We will be journeying through the coming four weeks during Advent with a joyful anticipation of Christ’s birth in our lives. During the four weeks, we are going to celebrate hope, peace, joy and love which our Lord wants to bless us with. May our relationship with our Lord be strengthened during this special season.  **Christmas services plan this year:**  Christmas Eve, Friday, 24th Dec @ 6 PM 🡪 A reflective carol service  Christmas Day, Saturday, 25th Dec @ 9 AM 🡪 A celebration of Christ’s birth  1st Sunday after Christmas, Sunday, 26th Dec @ 9 AM  ▪ **Current safety measures for our Sunday service**   * If you are feeling unwell, please consider others - stay away and get tested * 2 sqm indoors. Ensure 1.5m physical distancing where possible * Check in using our QR code. If this is not possible, please check in at the desk. * Wear a mask while indoors. * Singing is now allowed with a mask if you are fully vaccinated * At the end of the service please help by wiping down your chair * We won’t be serving morning tea for now | |  |
| **Community News and Notices**  **Advent Bible Study**  Rev Dr Chris Walker will conduct an online Advent Bible Study based on his recently published study ***Jesus Christ: The Same Yesterday, Today and Forever. Finding Hope and Strength in Trying Times***(MediaCom, 2021). Chris is an adjunct lecturer at United Theological College and a former national consultant for theology and discipleship for the Assembly of the UCA.  The studies will be conducted via Zoom on Mondays from 7.30 – 9.00pm on 22 & 29 November and 6 & 13 December. Anyone across the Parramatta-Nepean Presbytery is welcome. **It will be helpful to purchase the Advent Study from MediaCom as soon as possible. Simply call them on 08 8371 1399 or go to:**  [https://www.mediacomeducation.org.au/shop/the-coming-of-jesus-christ-past-present-and-future/](about:blank)  **Zoom link** (same link for all four sessions):  [https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/97510887364?pwd=UC9vOFZPd0hZOFBDZzJVNy9jem1HUT09](about:blank)  Meeting ID: 975 1088 7364  Passcode: 482061   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | ▪ Useful sources of information about mental health issues:  Beyond Blue: [https://www.beyondblue.org.au/](about:blank)  SANE Australia: [https://www.sane.org/](about:blank)  Mental Illness Fellowship of Australia Inc: [https://www.mifa.org.au/en/](about:blank)  The Blackdog Institute: [https://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au/](about:blank)  Head To Health: [https://www.headtohealth.gov.au/](about:blank)  Headspace: [https://headspace.org.au/](about:blank)  UCA Assembly Resource on **Domestic and Family Violence** can be found [here](about:blank).  **Reflection of the Week**  Much of our worldly pursuits in life will bring us nothing but emptiness, misery, and disappointment. A life without God's leading is a life without purpose and meaning.  But, thanks be to God, there is a better way! A life lived in fellowship with God, a life lived under the authority of the Word of God, a life lived by the principles given to us in His Word—that life will be meaningful.  That sort of life will be purposeful. That life will be joyful and fulfilling. That life will be a blessing to you and to others. Most importantly, that life will be a blessing to God.  The good news is that those who are experiencing a personal relationship with the Son of God will not only find contentment in this life. They will know with all assurance that the day is coming when they will have perfect knowledge, perfect bodies, perfect memories, and perfect stamina. And the reason that they can have this full life is that they know who they are and to whom they belong. They know their purpose for living, and they know their ultimate destination.  Only God, His Truths, His purpose, and His Word can give your life the meaning you have always wanted.  *Prayer: Lord, thank You for offering me a life of purpose, joy, and fulfillment through Christ. I pray that my life would be a blessing to You and to others as I seek to serve You alone. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.*  **"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:33).**   |  | | --- | |  | |  | | | |  |
| ***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**  **Minister**: Rev. Steve Lee / [minister@northrocks.org.au](about:blank) / 0433 698 690  **Church Council**  Chairperson: Cathy Nelson Secretary: Jenny Keyte Treasurer: Anne Crabb  **Team Leaders**  Worship: Jenny Keyte Discipleship: Alex Chow Pastoral Care: Robyn Pike Fellowship: Sue Vasilevska  Intergen: Fiona & Cathy Mission: Steve Turner | |
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