



# NEWSLETTER

24 – 30 January 2022

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## NRCC News and Notices

### ▪ Zoom Services during January –

Following recommendations from Synod we will be worshipping online during January.

#### 9 AM ZOOM Service & Fellowship

If you would like to listen to the message please go to our YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9XZ6bg-Sb5az1E9oqgPbFA>.

It can also be accessed through our website: <https://northrocks.uca.org.au/worship/>

### ▪ Guest Preacher

This Sunday we are pleased to welcome back Rev. Dr Rob McFarlane to share with us his reflection on “What’s Your Excuse”.

### ▪ Steve’s annual leave (17th – 30th January)

For any pastoral needs, please contact Robyn (Pastoral Care Team Leader). Other church related matters please contact Cathy (Chairperson) or Jenny (Secretary).

### ▪ Key Register

We are currently updating our office key register. If you have an office key please contact Cathy so that the number can be recorded.

## Dates for your Diary

### ▪ NSW Floral Art Association - Floral Design Seminar

Members of the NSW Floral Art Association will be demonstrating Floral Design at NRCC **Feb 18-19**.

For a gold coin donation visitors can come to view the designs on Friday and Saturday 10am-12.30pm or visitors can watch the daily demonstrations for \$25 per day.

For more information please go to <https://nswfloralartassociation.org.au/>

# Reflection of the Week

James 1:5 says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." What a relief! God will not only give us wisdom in our moments of need, He will give it generously.

Many ask for wisdom and direction with the assumption that God is a reluctant giver, but He, more than anyone, wants us to walk in righteousness. The problem is that many who ask for God's wisdom are not willing to obey it. Often we ask God for the answer to our problem or situation, only to ignore Him when He actually responds. But we cannot pick and choose when to obey God and when to go our own way. Having a divided heart—or double-mindedness—is something for which Scripture offers a solution: "Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded" (James 4:8).

A man can go his whole life living by worldly wisdom only to become a sudden prayer warrior when he gets cornered. However, God's wisdom is not like a bolt of lightning—it's the kind of wisdom that grows in your spirit on a daily basis as you feed yourself on the Word of God, drawing near to Him. The wisdom of God is not something we can take from God and then leave. It is cultivated through a living relationship with Christ.

Receiving wisdom is simple: You ask for it; God gives it to you; and then you practice it. You ask for it. He gives it to you. You practice it. And before you know it, you are living by God's wisdom, not the world's wisdom. Instead of waiting to seek God's wisdom when the next crisis comes, commit to seeking His wisdom every day.

*Prayer: Lord, give me Your wisdom. I know You are a generous God, and here I am, ready to obey. May Your Spirit make my heart willing to follow You at all times so that I might practice Your wisdom throughout my life. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

**"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better" (Ephesians 1:17).**

## 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. Robyn: 0424791916

## Ministry Leaders

**Minister:** Rev. Steve Lee / [minister@northrocks.org.au](mailto:minister@northrocks.org.au) / 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  
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