



NEWSLETTER

31 January – 6 February 2022

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NRCC News and Notices

▪ **We are returning to face to face worship from this Sunday, 6th Feb.**

To keep everyone safe we have the following safety measures.

- Check in using our QR code. If this is not possible, please check in at the desk.
- Wear a mask while indoors.
- If you are feeling unwell, please consider others - stay away and get tested
- 1 person per 4 sqm indoors. Ensure 1.5m physical distancing where possible
- Singing is now allowed with a mask.
- At the end of the service please help by wiping down your chair
- We won't be serving morning tea for now

If you are unable to join us at church, the message will be uploaded on Sunday afternoon to our YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9XZ6bg-Sb5az1E9oqqPbFA>.

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

Community News and Notices

▪ **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/>

▪ **Lay Ministry Training Opportunity from UME (Uniting Mission and Education)**

Exploring Mission

Thursdays 6:30–9pm, February 10 – March 10 2022.

Online via Zoom

This course explores the foundations of Christian mission, focusing on the theology of mission and its implications for Uniting Church congregations and faith communities. It is suitable for anybody in the Uniting Church and beyond who wishes to deepen their understanding of Christian mission and discern how God is calling them to participate in the transforming and reconciling work of the kingdom.

<https://ume.nswact.uca.org.au/calendar/mission-shaped-ministry-exploring-mission-feb-mar-2022/>

Reflection of the Week

There was a time when most people in the Western world knew the Bible well. Even non-believers could tell you many of the Bible's famous stories. But over the past hundred years or so, there's been a shift. While general knowledge has been on the increase, Biblical knowledge has been falling. That's because we now live in a postmodern world where Truth is thought to be relative—"What's true for you may not be true for me," they say. Thinking has been replaced by feeling. But the Bible doesn't allow for that sort of nonsense. God's Word is the ultimate and final source of Truth.

When you and I pick up our Bibles and read, we are doing something that goes against the current of our society. We are choosing the Truth of God over our own feelings, opinions, and circumstances. The more we do this, the more we become like the men of Issachar, "who understood the times and knew what [to do]" (1 Chronicles 12:32).

If you are exposed to postmodern thinking sixteen hours a day, spending two hours a week in church is not going to neutralize the effect. But as you obey God's Word and let it transform your mind and heart daily, you will be less and less at home in this world. That's a good thing, and it will prepare you to recognize and withstand the attacks of Satan. God's Word is your greatest weapon in the fight—and it always prevails. Immerse yourself in it, and let it strengthen you to stand against the current of culture.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for Your Word that gives me strength and hope to endure the spiritual battles I face in life. Help me cherish Your Word and feast on it so I remain healthy, strong, and faithful. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

". . . from Issachar, men who understood the times and knew what Israel should do—200 chiefs, with all their relatives under their command; . . ." (1 Chronicles 12:32).

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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 Robyn, Steve or Pastoral Care Team. Robyn: 0424791916

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Church Council

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