



# NEWSLETTER

23 May – 29 May 2022

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## NRCC News and Notices

### ▪ **Celebrating Pentecost**

Next Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> June, we are celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit & the birthday of the Christian church. Please invite your family members and friends to join us for the day of joyful celebration.

## Dates for your Diary

### ▪ **Equip 22**

Our church will be hosting Equip 22 again this year. Please email [enquiry@northrocks.org.au](mailto:enquiry@northrocks.org.au) for more information or to register as part of the group.

**Date:** 18 June 2022

**Time:** 10am – 3pm. Please arrive early so we are ready to start at 10am. Tea and coffee will be served on arrival.

**Cost:** \$25 per person includes morning tea and a light lunch, teens free.



## Community News and Notices

### ▪ **Safe Church Awareness Training**

Auburn Uniting Church, 18 June 2022, 9.30 AM-4 PM. Auburn Uniting Church Hall, 31 Helena St, Auburn.

#### **Who needs to attend?**

Church Council and Elders, Pastoral leaders, Ministers, Ministry program leaders and helpers, including with children/youth and SRE/Scripture in schools,

#### **Workshop Topics:**

Safe Church Foundations, Duty of Care, Child Protection, Protecting Vulnerable People, Understanding and Responding to Abuse, Safe Leadership, Recruitment & Supervision, Safety in Programs and Environments, Uniting Church Policy and Procedures.

**Cost:**

**Full:** \$25 pp. Light refreshments provided. Please arrange/[bring own lunch](#). **MASKS are Required**

**Registration at:**

<https://nswact.uca.org.au/safe-church-unit/safe-church-training/>

### ▪ **Out of the Box Mission Conference 2022 29-30 July.**

The Mission Enablement Team would love to **extend an invitation** to attend Out of the Box Missional Conference 2022 “Equipping disciples for a growing, contemporary, and courageous church”, coming this July 29th-30th.

### **Our Speakers...**

This year we are thrilled to welcome Rev. Tim Costello AO and Rev. Ellie Elia as our Keynote Speakers. What’s more, be a part of Missional Masterclasses: bespoke electives focussing on a range of subjects such as: intercultural ministry, music, digital, storytelling, pioneering, and more, lead by Rev Dr Grace Ji-sun Kim, Dr Byron Smith, Natasha Holmes, Rev Dr Karina Kreminski and Dr Armen Gakavian, and Josh Wyatt.

For more information: <https://ume.nswact.uca.org.au/calendar/out-of-the-box-missional-conference/>

### ▪ **Uniting Church Assembly and Synod News Links**

**Uniting Church Assembly:** <https://uniting.church/news/>

**NSW & ACT Synod:** <https://nswact.uca.org.au/communications/newsroom/>

### ▪ **Moderator’s Flood Appeal to help devastated communities**

The Uniting Church NSW/ACT has launched a special appeal to help those communities devastated by record-breaking floods.

<https://nswact.uca.org.au/communications/newsroom/media-release-moderator-s-flood-appeal-to-help-devastated-communities/>

## **Reflection of the Week**

Some people understand God's redemptive plan for their lives, and yet they fail to see how He can use them for His Kingdom work. They feel as though their lives have been stained too deeply by sin, disqualifying them from service. This is not true.

God's plan for our lives is one of hope. He never looks back and reminds us of our past transgressions. He never says, "If only you had not done this or that, then I could use you." These are words the enemy uses to discourage us and keep us from being all that we can be for the Lord.

God's purpose in saving us was not just to save us from eternal death and torment. His purpose was to save us so that we could learn to love Him the way that He loves us. Once He forgives our sins, He forgets them. What a glorious reminder of God's unconditional love.

However, just like Paul, we were not saved merely to enjoy God's love. We were saved with a purpose in mind: to tell others about His saving grace. This is what Paul did. Once Christ saved him, once Christ returned his earthly sight, and once Christ prepared him, Paul began to do some serious Kingdom work. And you can, too.

Maybe you have struggled with an emotional problem and have received God's deliverance. Won't you be available for God to use you in someone else's life? You may think, "No one could possibly struggle

with the sin that I have fought." Many have—and many need to know there is a way through the darkness through Jesus Christ.

*Prayer: Lord, it is hard to understand how You could possibly use me for Your glory, but I know this is exactly what You want to do. I give my life to You and ask that You would use me so that others will experience Your wondrous grace. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

**"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5:17).**

### **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: Steve Lee    Discipleship: Alex Chow    Pastoral Care: Robyn Pike    Fellowship: Sue Vasilevska  
Intergen: Fiona & Cathy    Mission: Steve Turner

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