



# NEWSLETTER

18 July – 24 July 2022

**Revive**  
**Restore**  
**Reach Out**

## NRCC News and Notices

### Sabbath Time: Rest, Renew, Reconnect

You are invited to this retreat day and rest from your work. As God did on the sixth day, we will celebrate that what we have done, what we do, is very good! We will bless our living and one another, held and loved and deeply blessed by God, our Creator.



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Pastoral Theology Team & Registrar at  
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Registrations will be available from next week



### ▪ Freedom to Flourish (93) from the Hammonds



# FREEDOM TO FLOURISH July 2022

Dear All

We're safely back from Austria/UK/Africa and are so grateful to God for all the wonderful experiences we had. [Please click here to read our newsletter](#) for more details about all the ministry happenings along the way including attending the Southern Africa Directors conference along with all those pictured above!

If you would like to get a deeper appreciation of God's heart for the nations and how SIM Australia is involved then we would love to invite you to join us for SIMWorld 2022 whose details are below (attending is free). You can register and watch from home or if you would like to come and watch it together with us at our home in North Rocks then you would be extremely welcome – just let us know (0493 064495 or [jacky.hammond@sim.org](mailto:jacky.hammond@sim.org)) so we can give you directions and organize sufficient snacks!

Many blessings

Jacky & Mike

## Community News and Notices

### ▪ **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

In the Middle East, the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep is special. Sheep know their shepherd's voice, and they follow him when he calls. If a stranger comes along, the sheep shrink back.

It is no surprise that during World War I, when a group of Turkish soldiers decided to steal a flock of sheep from a hillside near Jerusalem, they had to face the fact that the shepherd was the only one who could control the sheep. But even he knew he could not recapture his flock single-handed against all those soldiers.

He did the only thing he could; he put his hand to his mouth and gave his own particular call that he used each day to gather his sheep. When the sheep heard the familiar sound, they stopped, turned, and came back to their shepherd.

The same is true with us—the body of Christ. Those who are children of God will hear His voice through His Word. Jesus says in John 10:27-28, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand."

You know you are one of His sheep when you respond to His voice and His Word. Do you recognize the voice of Jesus? He knows you better than you know yourself.

Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me" (John 10:14). Jesus is the Good Shepherd who gave His life for you. He longs for you to draw closer to Him. Can you hear His voice? Do you know His special call to you? Be still, listen, and pray, and you will be blessed by the Saviour's intimate care.

*Prayer: Jesus, thank You for being the Good Shepherd. Train my ear to recognize Your voice and my heart to respond to Your call. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

**"Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture" (Psalm 100:3).**

### **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.  
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## **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  
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