

# NEWSLETTER

24 October – 30 October 2022

Revive  
Restore  
Reach Out

## NRCC News and Notices

### ▪ **Commissioning Service (9 AM) for Church Council Members & Ministry Team Leaders + Potluck Lunch at Church (1 PM)**

We are going to celebrate the commissioning of our wonderful CC members and the ministry team leaders on **Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> November** during our service. Welcome to invite family and friends to the service as well as the potluck lunch after the Korean church service. There will be no morning tea on the day.

#### **Potluck Lunch 6<sup>th</sup> November @ 1 PM**

Please bring your favourite nibblies, main or desert. If you are comfortable bring along your recipe to share. We may eventually put together a church cookbook. Tea, coffee and water will be provided, please bring any juice or soft drink you may prefer.

Enjoy a time of fellowship and good food. Remember to clearly label any plates or containers. We will need some volunteers to set up tables and to assist with heating dishes in the kitchen. **Please contact Sue if you would like to help or have any questions on 0432272518**

### ▪ **Ladies' Function**

Elaine Butler will be joining us for a ladies' function on **Saturday 19th November from 10.00 till 12pm at the church**. Please invite friends to come along. Morning tea will be followed by Elaine sharing her faith story with us. She became a Christian after having 4 boys and coming to Jesus in her 30's. She went on to become a gifted speaker for KYB (Know Your Bible) classes and a speaker at Christian Women Conference International here and in America when her husband worked there. There is no charge for the event. **Please contact Robyn (0424 791 916) for more info.**

### ▪ **Key Points from CC meeting October**

- We agreed to work on developing a plan for the 'Reach Out' part of our vision in 2023
- CC renewed support for Bev, Steve and Cathy to teach SRE at North Rocks Public School
- We discussed the Church Advent and Christmas Services. The local community will be invited
- The new signboard has been ordered. It should be installed before Christmas

## Dates for your Diary

### ▪ Thursday Evening Women's Prayer @ 7.30 PM

Please join our weekly prayer gathering on Thursday at 7.30 PM.

<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/99446593640?pwd=VjljektKUitGLzBxM3ovSmxqcMhnZz09>

Meeting ID: 994 4659 3640

Passcode: 800117

### ▪ Wednesday Evening Men's Prayer @ 7.30 PM

NRCC men are invited to bring our prayers to the Lord for our families, our church and our community.

<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/93355696102?pwd=WDdmU2VFUElieHpPSiY5ekdnazNTUT09>

Meeting ID: 933 5569 6102

Passcode: 838036

## Community News and Notices

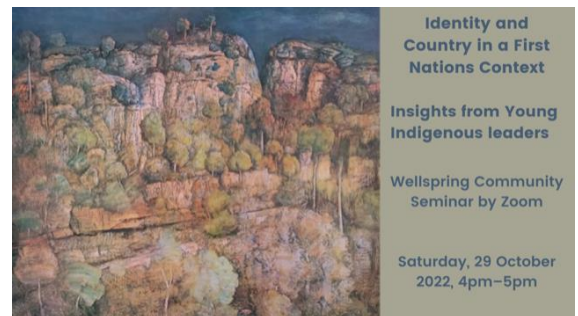
### *"Caring for Creation"*

This seminar features Indigenous speakers to help us listen for the wisdom of First Peoples.

All are welcome to be part of this Zoom seminar on Sat Oct 29, 4-5 pm.

Register interest

at [Wellspringcommunity2022@gmail.com](mailto:Wellspringcommunity2022@gmail.com) and you will receive the zoom link the day before the seminar. All welcome. No fee.



### ▪ 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

The Bible gives us strength and power like no other book. It has the power to change people's lives, the power to help us overcome temptation, and the power to overcome our circumstances.

Perhaps one of the reasons so many people avoid the Bible is because it is like a mirror. Often, we do not want to be confronted with the Truth about ourselves. The Scripture tells us, "Anyone who listens to the

word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like" (James 1:23-24).

The Bible doesn't merely show us our sins; it also cleanses us. It shows us the problem, and then gives us the solution, just as Ephesians declares: "Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless" (5:25-27). If we look in the mirror and see resentment and bitterness, the cleansing power of the Bible will pour love into our hearts. If the mirror reflects envy or discontentment, the Bible can give us joy and peace. Where we find immorality, the Bible will wash us with purity.

But only by reading the Bible daily will we reap its benefits as it was intended. We cannot simply skim through our favourite passages whenever we need a pick-me-up. We must devour every page and glean every Truth we can. We need to understand the Bible and its history. We need to look at the background and context of each passage we read and meditate on the passage in prayer. We need to ask the Holy Spirit's guidance each time we pick up God's Book.

*Prayer: Father, forgive me for not spending enough time in Your Word. Help me to grow in this area of my walk with You. I pray that Your Spirit would guide me as I read Your Word and that the power of the Word would change me. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

**"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away" (Mark 13:31).**

### **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: Sue Vasilevska

Treasurer: Anne Crabb

### **Team Leaders**

Worship: Steve Lee   Discipleship: Alex Chow   Pastoral Care: Robyn Pike   Fellowship: Sue Vasilevska

Intergen: Cathy Nelson   Mission: Steve Turner

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