

NEWSLETTER

14 November – 20 November 2022

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NRCC News and Notices

LADIES' FUNCTION @ NRCC

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 10AM - 12PM
20 NORTH ROCKS COMMUNITY CHURCH
132 NORTH ROCKS RD NORTH ROCKS
CONTACT: ROBYN 0424 791 916
RSVP: NOVEMBER 12
No charge for the event. Morning tea will be served.

Guest Speaker: Elaine Butler

Elaine 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.

▪ Steve's annual leave

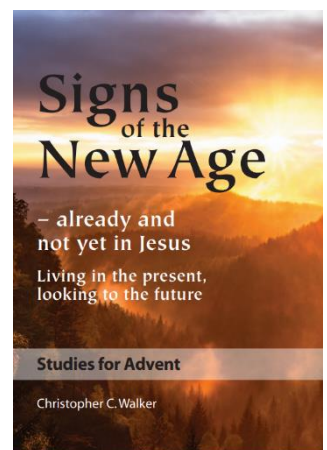
Steve will be on annual leave 21st November – 11 December. **Jenny K (27 Nov), Sue (4 Dec) and Cathy (11 Dec)** will be our guest preachers while Steve is away.

For any pastoral needs, please contact Robyn (Pastoral Care Team Leader). Other church matters please contact Cathy (Church chairperson).

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Advent Bible Study

Chris Walker's new Advent Study *Signs of the New Age - already and not yet in Jesus* is now available. It includes not only considering the lectionary readings but includes stories, quotes and prayers. It is selling for \$11.95 by MediaCom. You can obtain it from: mediacomeducation.org.au He will be conducting it from 7.30 - 9.00pm on 21, 28 November and 5, 12 December at Auburn. The Zoom link is: <https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/93347342432> for those who would like to join by Zoom.



Are you looking for Christmas presents?

Our new gift guide is here! It's such a great opportunity to make a difference in the lives of people striving to overcome poverty and injustice.

You can champion the ethical gift-giving movement this Christmas by giving gifts that fight poverty and build hope.



These are gifts that won't be left collecting dust but will transform the lives of those who need them most!

Go to <https://everythingincommon.com.au/> to start shopping

- **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

Read Revelation 3:7-13.

Of the seven letters from Jesus in the book of Revelation, this one is the most positive. The people of Philadelphia must have brought joy to Jesus' heart because Jesus does not chastise them for a single sin. He mentions no compromise and no false teaching. Instead, this letter is filled with His praise, encouragement, and mission.

In the first century, Philadelphia had earned a reputation as an exporter of Greek culture. But now, Jesus has something better for His people in Philadelphia to export. He has a vision for their life: to bring a message greater than Greek philosophy to the rest of the world. For this reason, He has given them "an open door that no one can shut" (Revelation 3:8).

The believers in Philadelphia faced many obstacles and difficulties. Opposition threatened to derail them, and they had to contend with their own weaknesses. In these ways, they are no different than we are. And like them, God has given us open doors to make His Gospel message known.

My friend, God provides opportunities for us to share our faith. He brings people to us who have open hearts to hear the Good News. He places them into our lives so that we can be His ambassadors. But we must ask ourselves: Are we willing to walk through these doors that God has opened before us?

Prayer: Father, thank You for the example of the church of Philadelphia. May I be a bold witness for You so that I might have the privilege of receiving even more open doors to proclaim Your Gospel Truth. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"I know your deeds. See I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut" (Revelation 3:8).

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

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Church Council

Chairperson: Cathy Nelson

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Treasurer: Anne Crabb

Team Leaders

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

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