



# NEWSLETTER

17 - 23 July 2023

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## NRCC News and Notices

### ▪ **Guest Preachers**

Steve will be taking leave for two weeks from July 17 to July 30. We are fortunate to have Russell Davies preaching this Sunday and Rev Je-Kon Oh on July 30.

### ▪ **Term 3 Worship Roster**

We are currently organising our Term 3 Worship Roster. If you would like to participate in various parts of our worship service please contact Steve L, Jenny K (music), Carol (Flowers), Val R or Robyn (welcoming or morning tea), or Darren (lawn mowing).

### ▪ **BUPA Nursing Home Monthly Service**

We are looking for volunteers who are interested in joining the monthly service for the residents and the staff at BUPA North Rocks. Our first visit has been planned for Saturday August 5 from 10am. Please contact Steve L for more information.

### ▪ **Mental Health First Aid Course**

We are planning to organize a Mental Health First Aid Course in August. If you want to participate please contact Steve L or Cathy by Tuesday July 25.

You will learn how to assist an adult who may be experiencing a mental health problem or mental health crisis until appropriate professional help is received or the crisis resolves, using a practical, evidence-based action plan. This course is based on guidelines developed through the expert consensus of people with lived experience of mental health problems and professionals.

### ▪ **Men's BASECAMP at Katoomba**

An annual event for men to renew their strength in Christ. 2023 Theme, "Unravelling Our Emotions". 11-12 August 2023. Katoomba Convention Centre.

Please contact Alex or Mike for more information

### ▪ **North Rocks Public School Fete**

NRPS are holding a fete on August 26, 10am-4pm. We have been asked to assist on one of the stalls. Steve T will be organising a roster. Please speak to him for more details or if you would like to help out on the day.

## ▪ Trivia Night

We are planning to hold a Trivia Night on September 9. If you are interested in helping to plan the night please contact Sue V.

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## Dates for your diary

▪ CC and the ministry team leaders have discerned together and put the dates of the events/activities for this year on our church calendar. Please feel free to contact any of the leaders if you feel led to participate or want to share your thoughts and ideas.

### NRCC 2023 Calendar

July			Aug		
			11-12	Men's BASECAMP	Alex, Mike
			26	NRPS Fete	Steve T
Sept			Oct		
9	Trivia Night	Sue	15	Potluck Lunch	Sue
23	Fair Trade Markets	Jacky	28	NRCC Spiritual Retreat	
Nov			Dec		
			3	Advent	
			25	Christmas	

## Community News and Notices

### ▪ The Galston Concerts

Galston Uniting Church will be holding the next of their concerts on Sunday 23 July 2023. For more information please click [here](#).

▪ **West Epping Uniting Church** are looking for a new Office Administrator starting 1st August. If you are interested in finding out more information, please click [here](#).

### ▪ Uniting Church Assembly and Synod News Links

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

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

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## Reflection of the Week

In the Old Testament, we learn of an ordinary woman, named Esther, who saw a need and met that need. Esther was a Jewish woman living in exile in Persia. Through God's plan, she married King Xerxes and found herself in a unique position to help her people.

When the king agreed to the planned execution of the Jews within his kingdom, Esther was poised to change his mind God had placed her in the right place at the right time—but it was risky and dangerous. Esther was afraid and hesitant to act. Drawing from his trust in God, Esther's cousin Mordecai knew the Lord would act for His

people and thus admonished Esther that this was a crucial moment in her life—one that required deep courage and faith (see Esther 4:12-14).

What was Esther's response to Mordecai's strong words? "Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish" (Esther 4:16).

Esther's decision did not come easily. She wrestled with her fears over her own future. She knew she was putting her life on the line to approach the king. But in the end, she knew what God was calling her to do, and she obeyed.

Prayer: God, thank You for the example of Esther, who saw a need and responded in obedience to what You were calling her to do. Help me to have that kind of courage and vision. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"So the king and Haman went to Queen Esther's banquet, . . . the king again asked, 'Queen Esther, what is your petition? It will be given you.

What is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be granted" (Esther 7:1-2).

### **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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