



NEWSLETTER

14 - 20 August 2023

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NRCC News and Notices

▪ Guest Preachers

Steve will be taking leave from August 28 - September 15. We have three wonderful guest preachers sharing with us in September -

Sept 3: Rev Russell Davies

Sept 10: Allan Blyth

Sept 17: Mike Hammond

▪ 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.

We are in need of prizes for the night. Here are some suggestions:

For Tombola - Chocolate bars, packets of tea, hand wash, shampoo, lollies, chips, moisturiser, shower gel, Jatz, soap for tombola.

For Trivia - bottles of wine, choc biscuits, boxes of chocolate, hot chocolate, jam, gifts lying around at home, candles. Gift cards, donations from shops.

Prizes can be placed the box at the back of the church on Sunday, or left at the office during the week.

Please contact Sue for more information, or to offer help.

Flyers will be available from Sunday and the event will be advertised on our public Facebook page. If you are on Facebook, please share the event to reach as many people as possible.

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**Get together your team ready
for the NRCC Trivia Night.**

When? **Saturday 9th September, 7.00pm**

How much? **\$10 includes tea & coffee**

How many in a team? **8 people per table**

Where? **North Rocks Community Church,
132 North Rocks Road, North Rocks**

Do I need to book? **Yes please. To register yourself or a team please contact Sue on 0432 272 518 or email the church at enquiry@northrocks.org.au by September 2.**

Payment can be made with cash on the night or direct deposit into the church bank account.

(details given on registration)

What you I need to bring? **BYO nibbles and drinks, and loose change for games on the night**



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▪ Steve's Closure of Ministry

Steve's Closure of Ministry service will be held on September 24 at 9am. Please invite family and friends who would like to come.

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
			27	AGM	
Sept			Oct		
9	Trivia Night	Sue	15	Potluck Lunch	Sue
23	Fair Trade Markets	Jacky	28	NRCC Spiritual Retreat	
24	Steve's Closure of Ministry				
Nov			Dec		
			3	Advent	
			25	Christmas	

Community News and Notices

▪ Reachout Missions Conference

Every year Missions Interlink (umbrella organisation for Missions and many mission minded organisations) holds the Reachout! Conference – a conference where people come to learn about mission and be able to speak with mission minded organisations and real-live people about what cross-cultural mission involves. It's like a missions' careers market with talks!



In the past it has been a weekend conference in the Blue Mountains, but this year it will be a one-day Saturday conference on 2nd Sept at Pacific Hills Christian School, Dural (not far from us)

We have 30+ mission organisations and/or colleges represented with stands/stalls etc. If anyone from church is interested in mission ideas or opportunities or just wanting to know more of what God is doing in the world, it would be a great place for you to visit.

Other info can be found here on the website : [2023 Conference — REACHOUT \(reachoutmissions.com.au\)](https://2023conference-reachout.com.au)

Registration is necessary - \$99/adult, \$59/student, \$40 children 3-12

▪ Kairos Ministry



We want to share with you an opportunity for members of your congregation to be involved in God's work of changing the lives of prisoners and their families through the love of Jesus.

We would like to invite you and members of your congregation and other interested people to attend a

Kairos Information Afternoon

Saturday 16th September

2.30pm - 4.30pm

(afternoon tea included)

at Blacktown Uniting Church

59 Bungaribree Rd.

Blacktown NSW 2418

Click [here](#) for the flyer

Kairos is an interdenominational and international organisation.

Kairos' aim is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women and youth, as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens in their communities.

We have seen amazing transformations in people's lives as they have experienced the love of Jesus through His people. There is opportunity for people to get involved in several ways in this ministry. This could involve going into prisons as part of a team or ministering to women who have family members or friends in prison.

We are keen to introduce as many people as possible to the Kairos Ministry.

▪ Safe Church Awareness Training

Safe Church Awareness Training has been developed to raise awareness of the ways in which we can ensure our churches are safe places for all who we minister to. Synod has indicated the following people must do Safe Church Training, including ministers and other religious leaders, leaders of church-run programs/events with direct contact with children, Church Council members. The training can be completed by all other interested persons.

Safe Church will be conducting a workshop on the 2nd of September from 9.00am to 1.00pm at Auburn Uniting Church. Please click [here](#) for more information.

▪ 'Winter Classics' Fundraising Concert for Parramatta Mission

When: Sunday 30 August @2.30pm

Where: Leigh Memorial Uniting Church, Parramatta.

For 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/>

Reflection of the Week

The Bible records an occasion in which Peter approached Jesus with a question: "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me?" Now, Peter must have thought he was a benevolent guy, offering Jesus his own answer to the question, "Up to seven times?" (Matthew 18:21). But Jesus exposed the error in Peter's thinking—the way Peter's heart did not align with His: "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times" (v. 22). We should forgive others until we lose count. After all, it's not really forgiveness if we are keeping score.

Similarly, our prayer life is hindered by an unforgiving spirit. In the parable of the unmerciful servant in Matthew 18:23-35, Jesus tells us about a servant who owes his master more money than he can earn in a lifetime. The master, though, is gracious and forgives the poor slave's debt. But when he leaves his master's presence, the servant encounters a friend who owes him a small sum—and he refuses to forgive.

If we fail to forgive others the way God forgave us, we are broadcasting to the world that we are out of step with God's heart. What we are really saying is that we disagree with the lavish manner in which the Lord forgives. The world hears that message, and so does God. So don't let the issue of forgiveness, whichever side you're on, hinder your prayer life.

Prayer: Lord, let the message of my life be that the Lord forgives and I am saved by Your grace. I rejoice in Your lavish love. Help me to expel bitterness and resentment and rather pour out Your love and forgiveness to those around me by Your power, remembering what You have done for me. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32).

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 / 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

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