



NEWSLETTER

28 August – 3 September 2023

Revive
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NRCC News and Notices

▪ Guest Preachers

Steve will be taking leave from August 28 - September 15.

This week Rev Russell Davies will be sharing with us.

The following weeks we have another two more wonderful guest preachers:

- Sept 10: Allan Blyth
- Sept 17: Mike Hammond

▪ Trivia Night

If you are planning to come by yourself, or would like to register a team please let Sue know or email 'enquiry@northrocks.org.au' by Saturday.

Remember to bring coins with you on the night to join in some extra games.

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.

Triv?ia?
NIGHT?

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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▪ Fair Trade Market

NORTH ROCKS COMMUNITY CHURCH
FAIR TRADE MARKET
 SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2023

9am - 2pm
 132 North Rocks Rd
 North Rocks

- Jewellery
- Fashion
- Homewares
- Fairtrade food products
- Bags
- Toys
- Body care

Morning tea
 Sausage sizzle
 Get ready for Christmas

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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://reachoutmissions.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.

▪ **Climate Change Event**

Please click here to see an invitation to a Climate Change Event on Thursday 14 September from 7.30 to 9pm at St. Matthew's Uniting Church Baulkham Hills.

▪ **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.

▪ **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

Read Romans 8:5-17.

We can be active in our churches and exhibit many commendable traits and yet still operate from our flesh if we are not allowing ourselves to be led by the Spirit. Being led by the Holy Spirit means He is at work in your life in three distinct ways:

1. **He is revealing to you the Truth of the Scriptures**, illuminating your mind and allowing you to submit to God's law.

2. **He is helping you obey God's Word**. It is one thing to read and even memorize the Word of God. But it is a whole different ballgame to actually obey the Word of God.

3. **He is confirming your adoption into God's family**, freeing you from fear and assuring you that you are His child.

There are times when I have fervently prayed and sought the Holy Spirit's guidance but still could not discern His leading. Only later did I realize He was guiding me all along.

So, though you may not see the fruit of your surrender immediately, trust that the Spirit is at work. If you are actively yielding to Him, you will bear fruit. But He will not beat down the door of your life; you must welcome Him in. So, pray with me now, "Holy Spirit, let Your will dominate my will."

Prayer: God, I thank You for the gift of Your Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, open my eyes to the beauty of Scripture and so work in my heart that I delight to submit to its Truth I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God" (Romans 8:13-14).

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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 / 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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