



NEWSLETTER

4 - 10 September 2023



NRCC News and Notices

Spring Thanksgiving Sunday
 10th September 2023

We would like to invite you to bring a special thanksgiving offering to God to replace the air conditioners in our church.

Please use envelopes provided or e-Giving
 Account Name: North Rocks Community Church
 BSB: 634634 Account Number: 100016305 with "Thanksgiving" as a reference

▪ Guest Preachers

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

This week Allan Blyth will be sharing with us. Next week we will hear from Mike Hammond.

▪ Fair Trade Market

DATE: SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

PLACE: NORTH ROCKS COMMUNITY CHURCH,
132 North Rocks Road, North Rocks NSW 2151

TIME: 9am - 2pm

ITEMS FOR SALE: Jewellery, fashion, homewares, bags, body care, and more



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

IT'S A SMALL MIRACLE THAT WE AS CONSUMERS CAN PARTICIPATE IN A PROCESS THAT'S KEEPING SKILLS & COMMUNITIES ALIVE.

Choose fair trade products to help create a brighter future for millions of farmers, workers, and their families in developing countries.

▪ 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

Sept		Oct	
9	Trivia Night	Sue	28 Planning meeting
23	Fair Trade Markets	Jacky	
24	Steve's Closure of Ministry		
Nov		Dec	
		3	Advent
		10	Potluck Lunch Sue
		25	Christmas

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▪ 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.

- **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

Christian theologian J. I. Packer wrote in his book *Keep in Step with the Spirit*, "Modern Christians tend to make busyness their religion." There are church services and Bible studies to attend, Sunday school classes to teach, mission trips to support, and community outreaches to organize. While all of these may be worthy pursuits, they won't bring us any closer to God or make us more like Him. Godliness ultimately comes not through what we do for the Lord but in the time we spend with Him.

In his letter to Titus, Paul wrote that his own apostolic ministry existed "to further the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness" (Titus 1:1). Put simply, Faith + Food = Fruit.

The faith Paul describes is not saving faith, but ongoing faith. Holiness does not come from a one-time commitment. It requires continual trust in the Lord for each step of the journey—the kind of faith that leads a person to seek God's will above his own.

In addition to faith, Paul says godliness comes from "knowledge of the truth." While it's true that knowledge can often lead to pride, we must not be content with a surface-level understanding of God's Word. Simple faith is wonderful—we all ought to strive to develop singular faith focused on God alone. But nowhere does the Lord give us permission to disregard His Word, to step away from the Bible and declare we've had too much to eat. Paul was a devoted student of the Scriptures, and the Bible itself commends those who pore over its pages (see Acts 17:11).

When we daily walk in faith and set out to discover more of God's character by growing in our knowledge of the Truth, we cannot help but grow in godliness. Just as two inseparable friends begin to reflect one another's character, we will become more like our Savior as we spend time getting to know Him. That's not something that can be done overnight. And it doesn't come through busyness either.

Talk to your Father. It might be time to slow down, take a break from life's busyness, and adjust your pace so that your steps align with His.

Prayer: Father, show me where I must slow down in order to bear fruit for Your glory. Help me not to pursue busyness as a substitute for time with You. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever! Amen" (2 Peter 3:18).

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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.
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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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