



# NEWSLETTER

29 January – 4 February 2024

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## Epiphany 5

### Worship Services Sundays 9am

#### - Meet with the Minister

Deborah plans to be at the church office Tuesdays and Wednesdays from about 10am - 2pm. She would love you to come and meet with her. Please phone her (0424 922 314) before you come to make sure she is available.

#### - Lenten Bible Study

We plan to have Bible study material available during Lent. You might like to use this in your current Bible study groups, or if you are interested in meeting with a new group over Lent please let Deborah know.

#### - CWCI E3 Conference

We are planning to register NRCC for the E3 Conference (Saturday only) to be held online on March 16 at our church. More information will be available in the next few weeks. If you are interested in joining us or would like more information please speak to Robyn.

For more information about the conference click here: <https://www.cwcie3.com/>

#### - For Freedom Invitation to Prayer

The For Freedom prayer event will be held on 6 February. Please join us as we spend an hour together thanking God for what he has done in 2023 and seeking his guidance for 2024. We'll hear about and pray for:

- *For Freedom* ministry team members
- Some specific *For Freedom* ministries
- New initiatives getting underway in 2024

For more information, and to register for the event please click on this link.

<https://mailchi.mp/54d56af4802d/for-freedom-invitation-to-prayer-event-6-feb?e=b852a261eb>

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## Dates for your Diary

### *NRCC 2024 Calendar*

Feb	
6	Church Council Meeting
14	Ash Wednesday
18	1st Sunday of Lent
Mar	
16	CWCI E3 Conference for women
24	Palm Sunday
29	Good Friday
31	Easter

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## Community News and Notices

### **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

### **A Firm Foundation**

To build lives that glorify God, we must build on the immovable, eternal, and sure foundation He has provided: Jesus Christ.

### **Read 2 Peter 1:5-11.**

Any decent architect knows that a strong building must have an immovable foundation. In 2 Peter 1:5, Peter tells us that our faith, if it is to be strong, must be built on the righteousness of Christ—our only hope for eternal salvation.

In verse 5, Peter begins with the words, "For this very reason." Since we have already been saved by Christ's righteousness and given everything we need to live a godly life, we are equipped to build our lives as monuments to God's glory. We can pursue spiritual maturity each day.

In this passage, Peter clearly gives us the blueprint for building godly lives: To faith we add goodness, then knowledge, then self-control, then perseverance, then godliness, then mutual

affection, and then love (see 2 Peter 1:5-7).

Peter knew from experience that these wonderful qualities are the fruit of the Holy Spirit working in us. So he exhorts us to make every effort to walk by the Spirit and thus confirm our calling and election—our identity as sons and daughters of the living God (see 2 Peter 1:10).

It's never too late to build productive and effective lives for Christ. When we begin on the rock of Christ's righteousness, we can build with confidence, knowing that "he who began a good work in us will carry it on to completion" (Philippians 1:6).

Amen belongs here!

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for freeing me from the bondage of sin to build a life of beauty and righteousness with Christ as my foundation. Use me for Your glory. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

**"For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love" (2 Peter 1:5-7).**

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#### ***E - give (Anonymous 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, or Pastoral Care Team.  
Robyn: 0424 791 916

#### **Ministry Leaders**

**Supply Minister:** Rev. Deborah Yun / 0424 922 314 / [revdeborahyun@gmail.com](mailto:revdeborahyun@gmail.com)

#### **Church Council**

**Chairperson:** Cathy Nelson      **Secretary:** Steve Turner      **Treasurer:** Anne Crabb  
Andrew Head, Hilton Petters, Jacky Hammond, Sue Vasilevska

#### **Team Leaders**

**Worship:** Cathy Nelson      **Discipleship:** Alex Chow      **Pastoral Care:** Robyn Pike  
**Fellowship:** Sue Vasilevska      **Mission:** Steve Turner      **Sustainability:** Bill Vasilevski