





NRCC News and Notices

Due to COVID-19 our services will be online throughout January. You can access these on our **NRCC YouTube Channel**. (<u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9XZ6bg-Sb5az1E9oqqPbFA?view_as=public</u>).

Sunday ZOOM Fellowship & Prayer @ 10 AM

https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/99513916682?pwd=QlhBWWVnRnVZZE1NbmRMQTBpbGtLUT09 Meeting ID: 995 1391 6682 Passcode: 960978 We look forward to meeting together again soon.

Please visit our new website! →→ <u>https://northrocks.uca.org.au</u>

Bible Reading Challenge for 2021!

Have you started your reading plan? It is still January. Please make a start until it is too late. You can download from the web link below or come to the office for a copy. <u>https://www.navigators.org/resource/bible-reading-plans</u>

Dates for your Diary

Don't forget, our Margaret Tolar will be sharing her faith journey with us this Sunday! 24th **Jan**: Rev Dr Rob McFarlane, the Presbytery minister will be preaching on "the meaning of discipleship".

From the Minister





During the week, I had a wonderful walk with some energetic climbers (guess who they are in the pic) at South Lawson Park. It has a waterfall loop walk and it gives you a wonderful two hours refreshing time with four waterfalls, fresh cool water, native plants and yabbies. I hope I can visit the park again with our church family in the near future. Mind you gentlemen, it is not the boss' pick, so it is much easier than our previous walk!

Reflection of the Week

Exodus 14:19-22.

These days it seems everyone is looking for someone to follow. All you have to do is turn on the television, and you'll see channel after channel filled with talking heads—experts with their opinions—telling viewers what to do. But there is only one guide for those who are new creations in Christ: the Holy Spirit of God, who speaks to us through the book that He authored. Every other guide will lead you astray.

When Moses led the Israelites across the Red Sea onto dry ground and then out into the wilderness, Scripture says there was a pillar of cloud by day and fire by night to show them the way. This cloud was symbolic of the Holy Spirit. And what does the Holy Spirit do? The New Testament says He is our *Comforter*, but He's more than someone who offers a Kleenex and a pat on the back. The Greek word translated "Comforter" is also used to describe a warrior.

You see, Jesus did not leave us to fight life's battles alone. Instead, He has given us a battle partner to cover our blind side. This is why no believer can say, "I am alone," or, "I am comfortless," or, "I am

vulnerable." For Jesus said, "When I go to the Father, I will send you the Holy Spirit. He will dwell in you and will be with you in each day's battles. He's your warrior, and He's got your blind side."

Prayer: Lord, thank You that You are with me to sustain me in life's battles. Holy Spirit, move my heart to follow You and to build up my faith by feasting on Your Word. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long" (Exodus 14:20).

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Prayer Chain

Our church has a "chain" of people committed & ready to pray & bound to confidentiality. Please contact Felicity, Dawn or Church office.

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