



NEWSLETTER

21 JANUARY 2021

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NRCC News and Notices

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

Sunday ZOOM Fellowship & Prayer @ 10 AM

<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/99513916682?pwd=QlhBWVnRnVZZE1NbmlRMQTBpbGtLUT09>

Meeting ID: 995 1391 6682

Passcode: 960978

We look forward to meeting together again soon.

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

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.

<https://www.navigators.org/resource/bible-reading-plans>

Dates for your Diary

- **This Sunday Rev Dr Rob McFarlane**, the Presbytery minister, will be preaching on “Follow me and I will make you ...”

- **Saturday 6th February Parramatta Park Coffee and Chat**

Come and join us for a coffee and chat between **9-11.00 am, Saturday 6 February**.

Meet opposite the Gatehouse Cafe, Parramatta Park (corner Pitt St and Macquarie St at Parramatta Park).

Tables and chairs will be set up for you. Cakes will be provided. A few of us will do a coffee run to the cafe.

Bad weather? If it is raining the event will be cancelled.

Important: Parking is not easy on the weekend. There is free 2 hour parking depending where you park. Parking officers will be there. Consider car pooling or a drop off at the cafe.

Please let Sue know if you are thinking of coming just so we have the right number of tables, chairs and of course food.

Questions? Please email enquiry@northrocks.org.au

▪ **Saturday 6th March Devonshire tea at Ebenezer Church**

Does good company and a scrumptious Devonshire tea sound appealing?

Come and join us at Ebenezer Uniting Church at 10.30 Saturday 6 March. Refreshments will be served in the church hall but the grounds are beautiful. After eating perhaps join friends under a shady tree or stroll around the grounds. You are welcome to bring a picnic lunch if you wish to stay on. The venue is open till 3.00pm.

Cost: \$8.00 per person which all goes to Ebenezer Uniting Church.

Due to COVID restrictions there is a limit of 20 people allowed in the hall. Places will be taken in order of RSVP.

Please consider car pooling and offering to drive someone without transport.

Venue: Ebenezer Uniting Church - 95 Coromandel Rd, Ebenezer
Questions? Please email enquiry@northrocks.org.au

Community News and Notices



**Seeking
God's Good News
– in a time of Covid 19**



Centre for Faith
& Public Issues

Thursday 18 February, 7pm-8:30pm

Zoom : <https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/4399152776>

Writing on the pandemic, Pope Francis reminded us that we do not belong to ourselves: we belong to God. The present is a time of 'sifting' what is in our hearts. It is a time for 'reflection'. What do we 'see', 'hear' and 'do'? The Oxford theologian, Angela Tilby, wondered what is our 'message' in a time of compliance and constraints and what can be done online.

What are we 'thinking'? What are we 'singing'?

Back in time, in the midst of a plague, Martin Luther spoke of the need to take care and to pay attention to the gospel in order to learn how to live well—and die well.

Our discussion will be led by :

Rev. Dr Matagi Vilitama, Georges River Presbytery, Sydney

Dr. Janice Mcrandal, The Cooperative, Brisbane

Rev. Michael Earl, Bowral Uniting Church

Rev. Simon Hansford, The Moderator for the Synod of NSW-ACT, will provide an initial reflection.

There will be time for facilitated discussion.

Please register with amelia.pereira@parramattamission.org.au



Reflection of the Week

Many people feel as though we are living in very ungodly times, and they are right. Our world is changing at a breakneck pace. At times, the moral decline of our society seems overwhelming. The appalling lack of true love, respect, and worship for the Lord is disheartening.

While these times certainly can seem desperate, they also are some of the most exciting times to be alive. The opportunity to know Christ and to make Him known is greater than any other time in history. Truly, the Lord has provided a broad door for us to travel through to proclaim His love to the world—the advance of technology has made it vastly easier to reach the nations for Christ.

And so, with this opened door comes a responsibility—one that demands us to take seriously our call to follow Christ. For, righteous living is one of the most compelling means of witnessing to the world the transforming power of the Gospel.

Paul recognized the importance of godly living and sent Titus to the island of Crete for one reason: to establish a plumb line of godly Truth and morality. The believers in Crete, like so many New Testament Christians, came from a pagan background. Therefore, the temptation to compromise their walk of faith with Christ was highly seductive, not unlike the culture in which we live today.

While the power of temptation was broken on the cross, we must remain keen to the enemy's tactics and the ways the world would lead us astray. Begin each day by putting on the full armor of God (see Ephesians 6:11-17); then you will know how to stand victoriously against the enemy for your good and for the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Prayer: Father, thank You that I have victory over the enemy and, through Jesus Christ, the power to live with hope for the future! I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age" (Titus 2:11-12).

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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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