



# NEWSLETTER

27 January 2021

*Revive*  
*Restore*  
*Reach Out*

## 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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9XZ6bg-Sb5az1E9oqqPbFA?view_as=public)).

### Sunday ZOOM Fellowship & Prayer @ 10 AM

<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/99513916682?pwd=QlhBWVnRnVZZE1NbmRMQTBpbGtLUT09>

Meeting ID: 995 1391 6682

Passcode: 960978

We look forward to meeting together again soon.

**NRCC 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

- **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February @ 9 AM:** Yes we are going to return to our face to face worship. Come and worship with thankful hearts and praises to the Lord who has been faithful to us. Holy Communion will be celebrated as a reminder of who we are in Christ Jesus.
- **Thursday Evening Prayer @ 7.30 PM:** If you feel led by the Spirit of the Lord to uphold our church community in prayer with other fellow sisters and brothers, please come and join us. Let us bring our hearts together to the Lord. Will start from 4<sup>th</sup> Feb weekly for half an hour.
- **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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? Contact the church office on 96832586 or enquiry@northrocks.org.au

- **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March Devonshire tea at Ebenezer Church** → **Date changed to Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

### **Does good company and a scrumptious Devonshire tea sound appealing?**

Come and join us at Ebenezer Uniting Church at 10.30 **Saturday 13 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

RSVP: Sue V, or the church office on 96832586 or enquiry@northrocks.org.au

## **Community News and Notices**

- **“Seeking God’s Good News-in a time of Covid 19 Discussion”** by Parramatta Mission Centre for Faith & Public Issues

Thursday 18 February, 7-8.30 PM. Zoom: <https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/4399152776>

There will be time for facilitated discussion. Please register with [amelia.pereira@parramattamission.org.au](mailto:amelia.pereira@parramattamission.org.au)

- **Becoming a Digital Mentor Workshop** to congregations throughout Parramatta Nepean Presbytery. February 13th, 2021, 10AM to 4PM. Hosted online and in-person.

- The qualities of a digital mentor
- The role of a digital mentor
- Inspiring people to get online
- Overcoming barriers
- Basic digital skills
- Accessibility
- Online learning resources
- Facilitating discussions and activities
- Back to basics

For anyone interested to attend, please email me with the name(s) of those who'd like to attend with their email address. Email to: [josh@thesignalbox.com.au](mailto:josh@thesignalbox.com.au)

- **Intergenerate Australia Webinar Conference:**

“The Grandparenting Effect: Bridging Generations One Story At A Time”

The guest speaker Trevecca Okholm will speak about "The Grandparenting Effect and its implications for the Church and Intergenerational Connections"

[https://www.intergenerate.com.au/webinars?utm\\_campaign=eda2a80b-3bb4-46ad-96c6-f40592fde261&utm\\_source=so&utm\\_medium=mail&cid=a96ffc67-1035-46e1-a127-280011cc98e6](https://www.intergenerate.com.au/webinars?utm_campaign=eda2a80b-3bb4-46ad-96c6-f40592fde261&utm_source=so&utm_medium=mail&cid=a96ffc67-1035-46e1-a127-280011cc98e6)

## Reflection of the Week

*When we rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to transform our lives, we will discover increasing joy in the presence of God.*

When we try to resist the devil in our own strength, it might work for a little while. We'll take one step forward, but we'll soon find ourselves taking two steps back. The same is true when we try to overcome temptation through our own efforts, with our own determination. We need power that we simply don't have on our own. We need the power of the Holy Spirit.

You may be thinking, *I'm saved. I'm going to heaven. What does this really matter?* Friend, the Christian life is about so much more than making it into heaven. To know true intimacy with God, to experience the joy of His presence, is a taste of heaven right now.

Are you seeking greater joy and freedom? You don't have to struggle tirelessly with sin. Instead delight yourself completely in God's Word—and watch as the Holy Spirit transforms you from the inside out.

*Prayer: Lord, I want to experience true intimacy with You and complete joy in Your presence today. Help me submit to Your Spirit in my inmost being so that I might keep in step with Him each day. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

**"So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh" (Galatians 5:16).**

### **e-give** (Direct Electronic Giving)

**Account Name:** North Rocks Community Church  
**(BSB):** 634634 **Account Number:** 100025906

### **Prayer Chain**

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

## Ministry Leaders

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