

NEWSLETTER

3 February 2021

*Revive
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Reach Out*

NRCC News and Notices

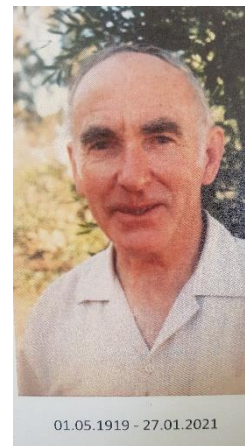
▪ **Back to worship & back to school.** How grateful it is to meet again in person from this Sunday! Please come and worship our Lord with a thankful heart. We are going to have a time of blessing for our kids who are back to school. Blessings! **7th February @ 9 AM.**

▪ Farewell Chris Smith

In 1947 Chris and Joyce felt the call of God to reach out to the families living around them in lower North Rocks Road. They started the first Sunday School in May that year and a few weeks later gathered the Christians of North Rocks together for an evening worship service at their home. This was the beginning of what would become our church.

Last Wednesday was time for Chris to go home to 'rest in the loving presence of our Lord'. He will be missed greatly by many.

Hearing our members speak of Chris, it is obvious what an impact he has had over the years. Chris was 'such a humble and unassuming man but a man of great faith and vision who helped establish NRCC and give it a solid Biblical foundation'. His 'contribution to our Church was greatly valued. Although he went about things very quietly and did much that many were unaware of, his work and faith were always evident'. He 'set a wonderful example as a follower of Christ, serving others faithfully and humbly' and has 'left a great legacy of faith'.



'We have missed him greatly over the last couple of years and it has been a loss to our Church community'. 'We thank God for his long & faithful contribution to the North Rocks community and our Church'.

Thank you Sharryn for organising the beautiful flowers sent to the family on behalf of NRCC.

▪ A friendly reminder from NRCC COVID Safety Team for this Sunday

Some information that might be helpful as you plan your morning. (Bev, Hilton, Cathy & Steve)

1. Currently, masks need to be worn when attending Church Services in Greater Sydney. People leading worship or speaking from the front of the Church can remove their mask while speaking so they can be clearly understood by the congregation.
2. The kitchen at NRCC is closed. This means there isn't any Morning Tea provided after the service. Consider bringing a bottle of water with you if the day is hot.



3. You will need to register your attendance as you enter the Church.
If possible, please use the QR code.
Be assured that these attendance records are not used for any purposes other than contact tracing by NSW Health in the event of a reported case of Covid 19.



4. At the end of the service, it would be helpful if you could wipe down your chair with the wipes that are supplied.



- Sunday messages will continue to be uploaded on our YouTube channel for those who are not able to attend. **NRCC YouTube Channel.** (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9XZ6bg-Sb5az1E9oqgPbFA?view_as=public).

Dates for your Diary

- **Thursday Evening Prayer @ 7.30 PM on ZOOM:** 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.
<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/99474347944?pwd=T0hgVFJ6YnBveEpjQy9sd0hZT1dpdz09>

- **Saturday 13th 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 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.

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. Contact: enquiry@northrocks.org.au

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- **“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

- **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

▪ **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

▪ **Seeing as John Sees: An Introduction to the Gospel of John**

Sat 13 March

9 for a 9.30 start until 3.30

\$10 (includes morning tea and printed notes)

BYO lunch

Blacktown Uniting Church, 59 Bungaribee Rd, Blacktown

PLEASE REGISTER WITH BLACKTOWN UC BY 9 MARCH – BOOKINGS ARE NECESSARY DUE TO COVID LIMITS ON NUMBERS. DETAILS IN THE BROCHURE.

Email: bucoffice@gmail.com / Phone: 9831 4121

Reflection of the Week

"We Had to Accept the Unacceptable" – Abdallah Family Mark First Anniversary of Children's Deaths. A year on from the tragic car crash that killed three of their children, Danny and Leila Abdallah are urging others to embrace forgiveness.

<https://hope1032.com.au/stories/faith/2021/we-had-to-accept-the-unacceptable-abdallah-family-and-nsw-launch-i4give-day-to-mark-first-anniversary-of-childrens-deaths/>

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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