



# NEWSLETTER

11 February 2021

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## NRCC News and Notices

- **COVID-19 rules changed:** From this Sunday service (14<sup>th</sup> Feb), face masks are not mandatory but still encouraged to wear masks for your own safety. Our church can have more than 100 with the 2 square meter rule so it is great. Group singing is still not allowed except the singers at the front.
- **Ash Wednesday Service:** 17 Feb 2021 @ 7.30 PM. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, and the start of the journey to the cross. On Ash Wednesday we take the first step on the way to Easter. Join us at the church for a short Ash Wednesday service. During the service we receive ashes on our foreheads. 'From dust you have come and to dust you shall return.' Genesis 3:19
- **Newsletter of Mike & Jacky Hammond** can be found [here](#). Please keep praying for them as their ministry in Malawi is nearing its conclusion.
- 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-Sb5az1E9oqqPbFA?view\\_as=public](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9XZ6bg-Sb5az1E9oqqPbFA?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.
- **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March Devonshire tea at Ebenezer Church**  
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  
Please contact [enquiry@northrocks.org.au](mailto: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)

▪ **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.

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## Reflection of the Week

Many times when we hear the word journey, we imagine time spent along broad vistas with restful pastures. The word even sounds poetic.

But in reality, the journey of faith that God requires us to take through this life can lead up steep, emotional mountain grades; out across vast, lonely plains; and, without warning, down into dark valleys where we face some of our greatest challenges.

Through it all, however, we can have a tremendous sense of hope and determination because our faith is founded in an unshakable God who is not frustrated by the rise and fall of the world's economy. Nor is He alarmed by daily news reports or changed in any way by the shifting of governmental powers.

He is the same yesterday, today and forever (see Hebrews 13:8). He is faithful and true. We can be sure of this: God is just as concerned about your needs as He is about the nations of this world. No request is too small for Him to hear, and no problem too great for Him to solve.

When we are tempted to feel hopeless, He comes to us as our strong and mighty advocate, proclaiming His care and plan for our lives (see 1 John 2:1; Hebrews 13:5; Matthew 10:31).

Prayer: Father, this journey of faith has taken me through some challenging struggles. Thank You for the reminder today that You are faithful and that You care about my every need. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**"For the LORD loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones" (Psalm 37:28).**

## **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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