



NEWSLETTER

3 March 2021

*Revive
Restore
Reach Out*

NRCC News and Notices

▪ **COVID-19 rules:** Group singing is allowed with masks on. Please bring your own mask if you want to join our singing.

▪ **We are having a “Thanksgiving Service” on Easter Sunday 4/4**

Government Covid support finishes at the end of March'21 and our cash flow forecast shows we will be in a deficit of \$13000 at the end of June'21. We are really thankful for the way God has provided during the past year with all the difficulties we have gone through.

Could you prayerfully consider giving up something during Lent and donating the amount at the Thanksgiving service on Easter Sunday. You may also consider giving a one-off thanksgiving offering. Some may be able to give more or some less, or some unable to give at all. Give as the Lord leads. You could either give through putting your gift in an envelope in the offering bag at the door or by direct giving.

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with 'Thanksgiving' as a reference.

Blessings

Anne (Treasurer)

EASTER **Thanksgiving**
Sunday

4th April 2021

“Let us come before Him with thanksgiving” (Ps. 95:2)

We are going to bring our special thanksgiving offering to God for the Lord's faithfulness over the past challenging year and for what He has in store for us and for our church.

Please use the envelopes provided or E-Giving
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▪ **This week we received a lovely card from Christ Smith's family –**

Dear members of North Rocks Community Church

Thank you for your kind comments about our father Christopher Smith on his passing.

We also appreciated the beautiful flowers. We were glad that Steve, your minister, was able to attend the service.

Thank you again!

Marilyn, Julie & Pene.

▪ **Guest preacher on 21st March:** Richard & Lindsey Parker will be sharing God's message for us. Thanks!

▪ **Lent Activities**



(Ecc. 4:12) Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. **A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.**

Lent Prayer Triplet

- A Prayer Triplet is a group of three, committed to praying together regularly. (Once a week during Lent)
1. Pray for others
 2. Spiritual renewal for yourselves and NRCC
 3. The work of God in the community we serve



▪ Sunday messages will continue to be uploaded on [our church website](#) as well as our [YouTube channel](#) for those who are not able to attend.

▪ NRCC email addresses

minister@northrocks.org.au (Steve)
youth@northrocks.org.au (Cathy)
treasurer@northrocks.org.au (Anne)
finance@northrocks.org.au (Dennis)
enquiry@northrocks.org.au (Nicole, Cathy, Steve)

▪ **Current office days** in most weeks are: Tuesday (Steve, Dennis), Thursday (Steve, Cathy), Friday (Dennis or Steve). Since office hours may change during the week, if you want to speak to Steve please contact him directly (minister@northrocks.org.au, 0433 698 690)

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 13th 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. Please place money in an envelope with your name and bring to church or deliver to the office.

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: enquiry@northrocks.org.au

Community News and Notices

▪ 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

▪ Stations of the Cross Exhibition

Stations of the Cross 2021

You are invited to enter a different space and come together as spiritual leaders to prepare for this special event in the church's year and support each other as we grow together.

Thursday 25th March, 2021

10am - 3pm

Northmead High School

Cost: \$15 cost includes lunch and refreshments

Retreat led by the Moderator, Rev. Simon Hansford.

RSVP: 15th March 2021

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stations-of-the-cross-2021-tickets-139571695699>

For further information, contact Gretzel Mandingado:
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www.stationsofthecross.net.au



Reflection of the Week

At the end of 2 Timothy, we find Paul's last written words. He probably wrote them just days before his execution. Yet, not once in the letter do we find bitterness or regret about his life. Instead, he declares, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7).

This doesn't mean that Paul didn't experience sadness during his last days. One matter on Paul's heart was the solitude of his imprisonment. Miles away from most of his friends, Paul was in need of encouragement.

Twice in this final passage, he asks Timothy to visit him: "Do your best to come to me quickly, . . . Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry" (2 Timothy 4:9, 11). Then, in Paul's last few sentences, he says again, "Do your best to get here before winter" (2 Timothy 4:21).

Paul was open enough to admit his need for support. All of us need fellowship and companionship with other believers, but sometimes we let pride get in the way. We don't want to admit that we need other people. We don't want to admit that we're not strong enough to handle it all on our own. We may think it is unspiritual or a weakness to admit feeling alone.

Yet, Scripture tells us, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:24-25).

We need other Christians not only for fellowship but also for spiritual support as we work together for God's Kingdom.

Prayer: Father, I realize that at times I allow my pride to keep me from reaching out to other believers for the encouragement that I need. Help me to be willing to admit my need for support. Lord, bring into my life close godly friends for our mutual edification and strength as we run the race you have set for us. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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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.

Ministry Leaders

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