



NEWSLETTER

14 April 2021

*Revive
Restore
Reach Out*

NRCC News and Notices

▪ COVID-19 rules (from Monday, 29th March)

- No restrictions on singing, including places of worship (hallelujah!).
- No restrictions on dancing, including weddings.
- **Masks are no longer mandatory in a place of worship, even when singing.**
- All maximum numbers are only limited by the 2 square metre rule.

▪ **Thank you to all who contributed to our Thanksgiving Sunday.** If you would still like to make a contribution please use the envelope provided or direct deposit into our account. So far we have raised over \$15 693. It would be great to reach \$17 500.

▪ Sunday Morning Tea Volunteers

We are planning to resume our morning tea on Sunday from Term 2. For those who haven't been part of it but feel led to participate in this ministry please contact Sharryn or Steve, (or email enquiry@northrocks.org.au) so that they can organize Term 2 Morning Tea roster. Usually, a pair do morning tea together. This involves bringing food and milk. What you bring can be as simple as you like. Some people like to bake, some people don't. Coffee, tea and sugar are supplied. It takes about 20 minutes to set up before the service starts and then time after the service to clean up. Thanks in advance.

▪ Guest Preachers Apr 18

This week we have wonderful guest preachers **Bill and Sandra Callister** while Steve is away. We welcome them and look forward to their messages for us.

▪ **Steve will be on leave** from April 5 – 18. If you have any pastoral matters please contact the office (enquiry@northrocks.org.au).

Dates for your Diary

▪ Working Bee - Saturday 17th April 9am.

This Saturday we will be having a cleaning bee at the church to give it a thorough clean before the new term starts. Jobs include cleaning windows, window sills, skirting boards, clearing cobwebs, gardening...

Please bring something for morning tea (if you can stay that long) and any cleaning items you think might be helpful, but we do have most of what is needed.



▪ Women's Social Event

Saturday 1st May 10.30. Devonshire tea cost \$10.00. Venue: The House of Herbs and Roses. 745 Old Northern Rd Dural

The cafe has an outdoor room we can use. There is a small gift shop and nursery. There is parking on site but car pool is suggested.

Payment: Please leave payment with your name either at Church or at the office (check it is open). Envelopes will be left at the table as you enter church. Please pay by Sunday 25 April so numbers can be confirmed with the cafe.

Enquiries: enquiry@northrocks.org.au

▪ We will be taking a break from our **Thursday Evening Prayer** on **ZOOM**: We encourage you to pray for our church community even though we won't be meeting together during the school holidays.

Community News and Notices



Seeking
God's Good News
– in a time of Covid 19
WEBINAR 2

Centre for Faith & Public Issues

Thursday 22 April, 7pm-8:30pm
Zoom : <https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/91229449611>

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'? *Following the first webinar we want to hear from you!*

We would like you to bring along a biblical text or hymn that has spoken to you through this time of Covid 19. Be prepared to share with others and say why this text has stood out for you.

Dr. Janice McKendall from The Co-operative in Brisbane will speak.

There will be time for facilitated discussion.
Please register with amelia.pereira@parramattamission.org.au



COVID SAFETY MEASURES WILL BE IN PLACE

Wesley Market Day

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BARGAINS

SATURDAY
1ST MAY
8.30AM - 1.30PM
WESLEY UNITING
CHURCH, CASTLE HILL

www.wesleyuniting.org.au | 8222 8899
32 Showground Road Castle Hill

SUPPORTING
HAWKESBURY HELPING HANDS
Following the devastating floods in the Hawkesbury District
Enjoy the friendly atmosphere in the Wesley Church grounds!



Where: *In the Wesley Uniting Church grounds at 32 Showground Road, Castle Hill.*

When: *Saturday May 1st 2021 (8:30am to 1:30pm)*

Proceeds from the Market Day will be donated to HAWKESBURY HELPING HANDS to assist those impacted by the recent devastating floods in the Hawkesbury District.

NOTE: Please be advised that there is NO parking on Showground Road - and that access to Kentwell Avenue is no longer possible from Showground Road.

Reflection of the Week

How often do we try to hide who we really are from each other, our friends, our work colleagues and at times even ourselves. We all have different versions of ourselves. Matthew West's song "Truth Be Told" got me thinking about how I allow others to see me. We are all very good at hiding aspects of ourselves that we don't think are good enough, or things others may not approve of. What would it look like if we allowed ourselves to be completely truthful, completely open and completely vulnerable? We are told to 'come as you are' but how many of us actually up to church on a Sunday morning showing what we are truly feeling. God knows us completely, knows all the parts of our lives that are not perfect and yet he chooses to love us unconditionally. What would it be like if we did the same for each other?

Listen to Matthew West and Carly Pearce singing 'Truth Be Told' here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xC2wk1w09U8>

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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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