



# NEWSLETTER

21 April 2021

*Revive*  
*Restore*  
*Reach Out*

## NRCC News and Notices

▪ We are going to try a couple of new activities from Term 2 in our Sunday worship to make the Intro time more relevant and meaningful.

**“My Song, My Story”:** What is your favourite gospel song or hymn which is special to you? And why is it special to you and what stories are attached to your song? Would you want to share your special song as well as your God story with our brothers and sisters?

**“Show & Tell”:** Do you remember your primary days? Yes, it is a show and tell time! Do you have any item which you might have your memories are attached to? Things which might help us to reflect on the Lord’s love, mercy, grace for all? All our memories are special and worthy to be shared.

If you want to be part of these exciting opportunities to share your stories, please contact Jenny K or Steve. It is for all generation including our kids.

### ▪ The Kids’ Box

Our kids have a question box on the table as you enter the church. You are invited to take a page from the notebook and write a question for them to answer so you can find out more about them.

## Dates for your Diary

### ▪ 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: contact [enquiry@northrocks.org.au](mailto:enquiry@northrocks.org.au)

▪ **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.

# Community News and Notices

## ▪ Lay Ministry Training Opportunities from UME (Uniting Mission and Education)

### **Understanding the Sacraments**

April – May

Via Zoom on Tuesday evenings, with hybrid in-person/Zoom full-day on May 8 at the Centre for Ministry

Info and registration: <https://ume.nswact.uca.org.au/calendar/understanding-the-sacraments-april-may/>

### **Living Our Values**

1pm-5pm, 20 and 21 May

Zoom

Info and registration: <https://ume.nswact.uca.org.au/calendar/living-our-values-may-2021/>

### **Exploring Theology**

Wednesdays 6:00–8:30pm, June 9 – July 21

In-person (Centre for Ministry) and Zoom hybrid

### **Leading Worship in the UCA**

3 July, 9am-4pm

Centre for Ministry

Info and registration: <https://ume.nswact.uca.org.au/calendar/living-our-faith-leading-worship-july/>

### **Proclaiming Jesus Christ**

Saturdays 9:30–11:30am, 10 July – 21 August

Zoom

### **Sacraments Training**

9:00am-4:30pm

July 17–18 (Tuggeranong Uniting) and Sept 11–12 (Goulburn Uniting)

### **Leading Worship in the UCA**

9:00am-4:30pm, Saturday Sept 25

Canberra (Venue TBC)

## Reflection of the Week

God's second chances are not only irrevocable; they're also intimate. Jesus might invite everyone to come, but He speaks with each of us personally. He cares for every one of us in a special way.

Jesus said, "The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. . . . I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me" (John 10:2-3, 14).

The Good Shepherd knows His sheep by name—every last one. Each one is special to Him. Each one is loved by Him.

When the women came from the tomb and told Peter that the angel had mentioned him by name, the fisherman discovered for himself just how good the Good News really is. He was not just "one of the disciples." He was Peter. Jesus wanted to communicate with him personally.

Peter, of course, had two names; he was also called Simon. Jesus had made much of his friend's name when Peter made his good confession: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16), to which Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it" (vv. 17-18).

In the Greek language, "Peter" is Petros, which sounds a lot like the word for "rock," *petra*. Jesus was saying that Peter's good confession is the solid rock on which His Church would be built. And it was the name Peter that the angel used. In Jesus' eyes, Peter was still the same man who made that good confession. There was still a place for him in the work left to be done.

Sometime after the women delivered the angel's message, there was a private meeting between Jesus and Peter (see Luke 24:34 and 1 Corinthians 15:5). We don't know what Jesus said to His friend, but the encounter must have been an experience of overwhelming love and forgiveness.

Likewise, Jesus wants to speak intimately with us. That's why He sends His Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts, to communicate His love, grace, and Truth.

*Prayer: Father, thank You that You know me completely. There is nothing about me that would surprise You—and so I can know I am accepted as I am. What a relief! What a precious gift! May I live for You, my Savior. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

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### **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 the Church office.

## **Ministry Leaders**

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