



NEWSLETTER

29 April 2021

Revive
Restore
Reach Out

NRCC News and Notices

▪ **“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 school days? Yes, it is a show and tell time! Do you have any item which you might have your memories are attached to? Any memorable items (photos, souvenirs, books, toys ...) which might help us to reflect on the Lord’s love, mercy, grace and joy 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 generations 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.

▪ **A big thank you to Bev and Felicity**

Bev has resigned from the Covid Safety Team after putting extensive amount of work on Covid safety. Hilton, Cathy and Steve will continue to work for the team.

Felicity has served as our Prayer Chain contact person for many years. She has stood down from the role. Please contact Steve if you have any confidential prayer request. We would like to thank both Bev and Felicity for their wonderful ministry.

Dates for your Diary

▪ **Planning Day on Saturday, May 8, 9-11.30 AM**

As all of us have experienced, much has changed last year and this year during Covid. So it will be a great time for us to think about:

1. Where we are at as a congregation.
2. How God has led us so far and what we can give thanks to God for.
3. What we can do for God’s Kingdom here at North Rocks.

I would like to encourage all of us to pray for the day that we may find hope and courage for us and for our future. All are invited.

- **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

A true friend can make a world of difference as we seek to follow God and make a difference in this world. Godly friends comfort us, encourage us, and keep us focused on God.

Many of us are familiar with the story of Daniel, but we should not overlook what the Bible has to teach us through his friends. Daniel did not face his trials alone but alongside Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. They were able to strengthen each other in their faith while being surrounded by ungodly beliefs and customs. They faced their tests together, obeyed God together, and spent time together in unified prayer.

How blessed we are when we find a friend who will stand with us against the evils of this world!
How fortunate we are to have a friend who will support us as we stand up for our faith.

Godly friendships are not simply a social outlet but a support system for developing our faith. Godly friends will pray with us, worship with us, and seek God with us.

Prayer: Father, thank You for the friends You have given me. Help me to remember that I should be praying, worshiping, and seeking You alongside my friends. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"Then Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. He urged them to plead for mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that he and his friends might not be executed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon" (Daniel 2:17-18).

e-give (Direct Electronic Giving)

Account Name: North Rocks Community Church
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Prayer Chain

Our church has a "chain" of people committed & ready to pray & bound to confidentiality. Please contact Church office.

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