

# NEWSLETTER

30 August – 5 September 2021

*Revive  
Restore  
Reach Out*

## NRCC News and Notices

### ▪ 9 AM ZOOM Service & 10 AM Fellowship (Same ZOOM Link)

We would like to encourage all of us to prepare ourselves on Sunday morning for the worship we are going to bring to the Lord. If it is possible, please find an appropriate place/room where you can avoid distractions and noises so that you might be able to focus on the time of worship. Hope to see you all there.

If you would like to join us for our Zoom service please email us to [enquiry@northrocks.org.au](mailto:enquiry@northrocks.org.au) so we can send you the link.

If you have friends or family members who would like to join us for our Zoom service please send them the link.

### ▪ Morning with Psalms

Would you want to begin your day with a Psalm? Or do you need a time to be still in the presence of the Lord? It would be great if someone can read a Psalm for us each morning for a time of reflection. We are inviting all our church family to participate in this little but meaningful ministry. **Volunteers for the first 20 Psalms have been nearly filled up and we are organizing the next 20 Psalms.** Please contact Steve if you want to participate or need more information.

### ▪ Church Council

We thank Craig for his service as member and later Chairperson of Church Council. He has led us faithfully over the past few years through some challenging times and will be missed.

We are pleased to let you know that at our AGM last Sunday Steve T and Cathy N were both elected to Church Council. Those continuing on CC are Jenny, Anne, Alex, Andrew and Sue.

### ▪ Beryl's Marmalade

Beryl has been busy making marmalade and has donated some jars for church. If you would like some please contact Steve.

### ▪ Useful sources of information about mental health issues:

Beyond Blue: <https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>

SANE Australia: <https://www.sane.org/>

Mental Illness Fellowship of Australia Inc: <https://www.mifa.org.au/en/>

The Blackdog Institute: <https://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au/>

Head To Health: <https://www.headtohealth.gov.au/>

Headspace: <https://headspace.org.au/>

UCA Assembly Resource on **Domestic and Family Violence** can be found [here](#).

## ***Recipe of the Week***

Do you love cooking but are getting tired of cooking the same thing over and over? Do you need some new recipes? Have you cooked something this week, or do you have a favourite recipe, that you would like to share with the rest of us?

As discussed on our last zoom meeting I thought it might be nice to have a recipe to share each week. I am always looking at recipes but the best ones are always those tried and tested by friends. It can be any type of recipe at all, savoury, sweet, entree, snack or a meal.

If you are interested send your recipe to [enquiry@northrocks.org.au](mailto:enquiry@northrocks.org.au). Once life returns to normal perhaps we could do a church cook book.

Sue

Our first one comes from Sue –

Patricia shared the Molten Chocolate Cake recipe with me. It was a big hit. The key hint is not to cook past 11 minutes or the chocolate 'lava' in the centre will harden.

## **Chocolate Molten Cake**

### **Ingredients**

1 cup & 3 tabs chocolate chips (7 oz) (I used sweet william dairy free)  
4 oz (113 gram) butter (I used nuttalex butter)  
¼ teaspoon salt  
1 tablespoon vanilla  
1/3 cup. 2.3 oz sugar  
2 large eggs  
2 egg yolks  
2 tabs plain flour

### **Method**

- Preheat to 200 degrees
- Butter ramekins & dust with cocoa powder
- Place butter, salt & chocolate in microwave. Cook in 30 second blitzes.
- Stir in sugar and vanilla
- Add eggs & egg yolks. Whisk well
- Stir in flour
- Pour into ramekins – half fill (can freeze at this stage). Try to make a similar size
- Cook for 11 mins
- Remove & let rest 30 secs to 1 minute
- Tap bottom of ramekin with a spoon before inverting (Personally just ate out of ramekin)
- Dust with icing sugar & serve with raspberries/strawberries



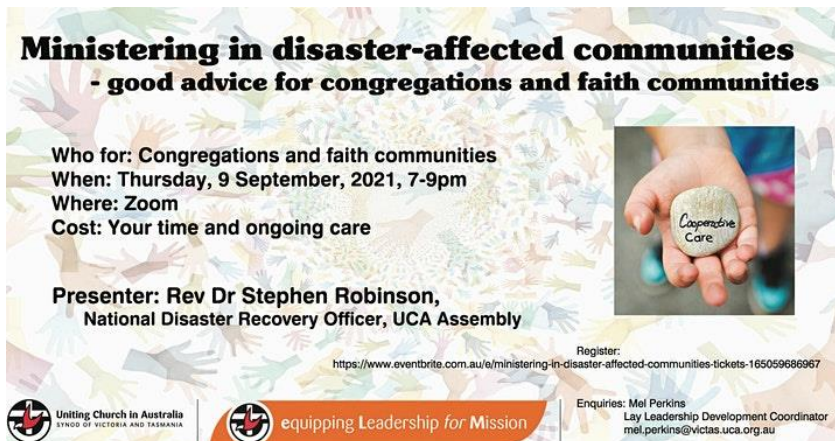
# Community News and Notices

## ▪ A thoughtful article on scripture and trauma, with a strong pastoral focus:

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/10883/scripture-and-trauma>

## ▪ Ministering in disaster-affected communities

On Thursday night, 9 September, 7-9pm (Zoom), come to the training and learn some good advice on ministering in disaster-affected communities - before a disaster occurs, when a disaster occurs, and long-term recovery. Guest presenter is Rev Dr Stephen Robinson, the National Disaster Recovery Officer for the UCA Assembly.



**Ministering in disaster-affected communities**  
- good advice for congregations and faith communities

Who for: Congregations and faith communities  
When: Thursday, 9 September, 2021, 7-9pm  
Where: Zoom  
Cost: Your time and ongoing care

Presenter: Rev Dr Stephen Robinson,  
National Disaster Recovery Officer, UCA Assembly

Register:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ministering-in-disaster-affected-communities-tickets-165059686967>

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## ▪ National Conference of Lay Preachers 2021

### Lay Preaching Unleashed

The Queensland Synod is pleased to host on behalf of the National Lay Preacher Committee, the National Conference of Lay Preachers 2021. 11-12 September.

<https://ucaqlld.com.au/national-lay-preachers-2021/>

## Faith and Politics Do they Relate?

A forum to encourage open reflection and discussion on our faith and our responsibility as voting citizens in a democracy

As followers of Jesus, we believe our faith has implications for every part of our lives. But what about our responsibilities as citizens, including how we vote?

The purpose of the forum is to encourage open reflection and discussion on these issues.

We will hear from the experience of ordinary church members in relating their faith to politics, what shapes their views and the questions that come up for them. Rev Dr Peter Walker and Rev Bec Lindsay will offer theological reflections and insights to help us identify the core issues and provide guidance in how we respond. There will also be opportunity for discussion and time to raise comments and questions in the whole gathering. We hope the forum enables a deeper awareness of how we are all trying to live out our faith in this important area of life and illuminates some principles to help us on the way.

If you would like to know more, please contact Jon O'Brien 0477 725 528 or at [joobrien@uniting.org](mailto:joobrien@uniting.org)

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/faith-politics-do-they-relate-tickets-166009600183>



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**Present**  
**Faith and Politics Do they Relate?**  
Online Forum

As followers of Jesus, we believe our faith has implications for every part of our lives. But what about our responsibilities as citizens, including how we vote? How does Christian faith apply there, especially when different Christians have such varied views?

With MC  
Rev. Kath Menfield

Ofa Foisikau  
Leigh Fijan Congregation of Paramatta Mission

Gabe Horrice  
Mount Dromedary UCA

Nathan Tyson  
Northmead UCA

Hear from the experience of fellow church members relating their faith to politics, what shapes the questions they consider?  
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**7PM WEDNESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER**  
REGISTER AT <https://bit.ly/2VjvMyA>

## Reflection of the Week

Has God ever placed you in a job, location, or situation you never would have chosen for yourself? In 1 Kings 17:7-16, we see how God operates on many fronts to both accomplish His purposes and bless us.

One day, while Elijah was enjoying the restful protection of the Lord at the bottom of the Kerith Ravine, the brook dried up, and his time of being fed by ravens ended. The Lord told him to go to Zarephath where a widow would feed him.

This new direction from the Lord was strange on many levels. First, Zarephath was hard hit by famine. Second, it was in the heart of Baal-worship territory and only seven miles from Jezebel's home. Zarephath means "smelt," and the city had a reputation for being a smelly, polluted place where iron was smelted. Elijah must have wondered why he was being asked to leave his comfortable hideout and cross seventy miles of desert to walk into unpleasant and dangerous territory.

But Elijah knew that if God had given him the order, He would provide for his needs. "So he went to Zarephath" (v. 10).

*Prayer: Father, help me to trust You like Elijah did and to obey Your commands, even if they don't make sense to me and take me out of my comfort zone. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

**"I will hasten and not delay to obey your commands" (Psalm 119:60).**

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**(BSB):** 634634 **Account Number:** 100025906

### **Prayers**

If you have any prayer requests or would like to know of those with particular pastoral needs to pray for, please contact Robyn, Steve or Pastoral Care Team.

## Ministry Leaders

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Chairperson: Craig Marshall

Secretary: Jenny Keyte

Treasurer: Anne Crabb

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