



# NEWSLETTER

11 October – 17 October 2021

**Revive**  
**Restore**  
**Reach Out**

## NRCC News and Notices

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

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

### ▪ Happy 100<sup>th</sup>

Dorothy's mum turned 100 years old last Sunday!

Dorothy managed to get a beautiful bunch of flowers specially made for her and a lovely mango sponge cake! "Mum has reached this amazing milestone! Yet she cannot believe she is now 100!? Praise God for preserving and keeping her!"

### ▪ Trivia Afternoon

Last Saturday we had a good turnout for our first online Trivia Afternoon. Thank you, Ian, for preparing questions to keep us guessing and for all who turned up for a bit of fun. Also thank you to George for his extra piece of Trivia about Lake Parramatta.



### ▪ Stu & Zoe's Prayer Letter

Click here to read the latest letter from Stu & Zoe Brownscombe. <https://mailchi.mp/2590d4fc44ec/the-brownscombes-prayer-letter?e=8cb2569613>

### ▪ 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?

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.

**This week's recipe comes from Val**

## Cheese Balls

### Ingredients – cheese balls

- 125g soft cream cheese
- 125g grated kraft cheese
- 125g grated coon cheese
- 2 green gherkins finely chopped
- ¼ red capsicum finely chopped
- 1 onion finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce



### Ingredients – coating

- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- 1 teaspoon paprika

### Method

1. Mix all cheese ball ingredients together until well combined.
2. Roll into 2 balls.
3. Mix together the coating ingredients.
4. Roll balls in coating.
5. Keep in fridge rolled in alfoil.

Also freezes well. Note – I usually double the mixture and freeze them

## 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>

▪ **Monday nights with a difference!**

A series of three Bible Studies giving background and insights into the story of the Exodus.

Starting on zoom : Monday 25 October to 8 November 7.30pm – 9pm @ West Epping UC

**Lecturer: Dr Anthony Rees** (Senior Lecturer in Old Testament/Hebrew Bible at UTC)

Please register with Helen Tattersall, at [weppinguca@gmail.com](mailto:weppinguca@gmail.com) so the link can be sent to you.

## ▪ PNP Multicultural Celebration

Celebrating our Diversity in Unity with Christ

Saturday 23rd October 2021, 10:00am-1:05pm

ZOOM ONLINE SESSION ONLY

This is an opportunity to raise an awareness about the Multicultural Strategy Committee and its role, and to enthuse and empower those from our Multicultural communities to take on leadership roles in the Presbytery and other councils of the Church.

The Committee also wants to reaffirm the declaration the National Assembly made in 1985 that the Uniting Church in Australia is a Multicultural Church.

If you are interested please email [enquiry@northrocks.org.au](mailto:enquiry@northrocks.org.au) for more information.



## ▪ Job Vacancy

Parramatta Nepean Presbytery is seeking to employ a Business Manager. If you would like more details, or would like to see the position description please email [enquiry@northrocks.org.au](mailto:enquiry@northrocks.org.au). (Applications close 29 October.)

## Reflection of the Week

There is only one true source of power in this world—Jesus Christ. It is His life within us through the presence of the Holy Spirit that provides the power we need for daily living. On the day that the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Church, Peter delivered one of the most powerful sermons ever preached. Peter's sermon reveals four elements of the Holy Spirit's work. These elements are at work within both the Church body and the lives of individuals.

**Confrontation of Scepticism**—The Holy Spirit compels us to confront our own fears and doubts that keep us from stepping out in faith. The Holy Spirit confronts us with our sin and our attempts to justify sin.

**Clarification of Scriptures**—Jesus described the Holy Spirit as the "Spirit of truth." He said, "[H]e will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you" (John 16:13-14).

**Condemnation of Evil**—The Holy Spirit does not condemn us (see Romans 8:1). Rather, He convicts us of wrongdoing. He teaches us how to discern behaviour and how to judge character. The Holy Spirit always stands against evil, condemning its influence in our lives.

**Confirmation of What Is Good, Right, and True**—The Holy Spirit works in us to confirm in our hearts all that is pleasing to God. He confirms His character in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,

faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. The Holy Spirit teaches us what we must do to overcome greed, sloth, addictions, lust, prejudice, hatred, and anger.

*Prayer: God, thank You for giving us Your Spirit to confront us, to clarify Scripture, to condemn evil, and to confirm what is good, right, and true. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

**"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you" (John 14:26).**

### **E-give** (Direct Electronic Giving)

**Account Name:** North Rocks Community Church  
**(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**

**Minister:** Rev. Steve Lee / [minister@northrocks.org.au](mailto:minister@northrocks.org.au) / 0433 698 690

### **Church Council**

Chairperson: Cathy Nelson      Secretary: Jenny Keyte      Treasurer: Anne Crabb

### **Team Leaders**

Worship: Jenny Keyte    Discipleship: Alex Chow    Pastoral Care: Robyn Pike    Fellowship: Sue Vasilevska  
Intergen: Cathy & Fiona    Mission: Steve Turner

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