

NEWSLETTER

15 November – 21 November 2021

Revive
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NRCC News and Notices

• Sunday @ 9 AM

We look forward to seeing everyone in person at church. Here are some safety measures for the safety of all who will be attending our service:

- If you are feeling unwell, please consider others - stay away and get tested
- 2 sqm indoors. Ensure 1.5m physical distancing where possible
- Check in using our QR code. If this is not possible, please check in at the desk.
- Wear a mask while indoors.
- Singing is now allowed with a mask if you are fully vaccinated
- At the end of the service please help by wiping down your chair
- We won't be serving morning tea for now

• Stu & Zoe's Prayer Letter

Click here to read the latest letter from Stu & Zoe Brownscombe. <https://mailchi.mp/24f851174bc5/the-brownscombes-prayer-letter?e=8cb2569613>

Community News and Notices

Advent Bible Study

Rev Dr Chris Walker will conduct an online Advent Bible Study based on his recently published study *Jesus Christ: The Same Yesterday, Today and Forever. Finding Hope and Strength in Trying Times* (MediaCom, 2021). Chris is an adjunct lecturer at United Theological College and a former national consultant for theology and discipleship for the Assembly of the UCA.

The studies will be conducted via Zoom on Mondays from 7.30 – 9.00pm on 22 & 29 November and 6 & 13 December. Anyone across the Parramatta-Nepean Presbytery is welcome. **It will be helpful to purchase the Advent Study from MediaCom as soon as possible. Simply call them on 08 8371 1399 or go to:**

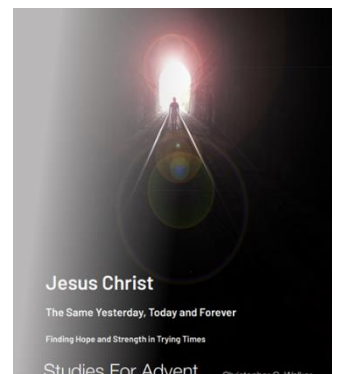
<https://www.mediacomeducation.org.au/shop/the-coming-of-jesus-christ-past-present-and-future/>

Zoom link (same link for all four sessions):

<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/97510887364?pwd=UC9vOFZPd0hZOFBDZzJVNy9jem1HUT09>

Meeting ID: 975 1088 7364

Passcode: 482061



▪ 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](#).

Reflection of the Week

Abraham did finally obey God and make it to Canaan. But Abraham's obedience did not mean that his life would suddenly become easy. When he arrived in the land God showed him, he found the Canaanites there. After such a long journey, Abraham's faith was about to be tested.

We can become easily discouraged when our obedient choices lead to difficulties and adversities. God never promised an easy life. When we obey Him, we will experience His blessings and peace, but that does not mean an easy road.

Abraham may not have understood the fullness of God's plan; still, he worshiped God by building an altar. In our walk of faith, we may face trials that baffle us. We may question unexpected events. But in the middle of it all, God wants our obedience and praise. The last thing God wants us to do is to give up when things don't make sense to our human understanding.

Have you given up on God's plan because you're facing difficulties in the midst of it? Remember His faithfulness and love and trust Him again today.

Prayer: God, I sometimes become discouraged when my faith is tested and things don't go the way I expect. Thank You for the example of Abraham, who worshiped You in the midst of difficulties. Help me persevere through trials. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9).

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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.

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