



NEWSLETTER

22 - 28 July 2024

Revive
Restore
Reach Out

Worship Services Sundays 9am

Term 3 Roster

The roster has been emailed this week. If you are unavailable any week you have been rostered, please swap with someone and email the office so we are aware of the change.

Church Cleaning

The church is in need of a thorough clean. We ask that you put this in your diary and come and help clean the church on Saturday July 27 from 8am. We will be concentrating on cleaning the church hall inside and out, including the vase room, kitchen and bathrooms.

Please bring any of the following cleaning items: cobweb brushes, brooms, mops, rags..

Dates for your Diary

NRCC 2024 Calendar

July	
26	Craft Group 10am Games Night 7.30pm
27	Church cleaning
31	Zoom Prayer Meeting
Aug	
3	Walk & Breakfast at Cumberland State Forest
Sept	
14	Fair Trade Market

Craft Group @ 10 am-noon Fridays

Bring along your latest craft project and join us for morning tea and a chat. 10am each Friday in the church.

Community News and Notices

Uniting Church Assembly and Synod News Links

Uniting Church Assembly: <https://uniting.church/news/>

NSW & ACT Synod: <https://nswact.uca.org.au/communications/newsroom/>

Reflection of the Week

God, the Shepherd

Who is in control of your life? Who directs your plans, dreams, and goals? We are all influenced by something—our egos, our greed, our pride, our circumstances, or our relationships. But only the Lord, the one who created us and every living thing, has the right to claim ownership over our lives.

In Psalm 23:1, David declares, "The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing." David acknowledges God as his shepherd. A sheep's life isn't easy—but no matter what the circumstances, the shepherd provides guidance and comfort. The Lord, our Shepherd, is good, and He always provides guidance and comfort for us.

We are never in need because our Shepherd cares for us. He provides us rest when we cannot carry on in our own strength. He quenches our thirst. He restores us and forgives us when we are broken and weak. "He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul" (Psalm 23:2-3).

Even in our darkest days, our Shepherd will remain with us: "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me" (Psalm 23:4). With the Shepherd leading us, we have nothing to fear—not the disappointments of life, the dark days, not even death itself. Whatever valley we go through, God is leading us to higher ground.

Prayer: God, thank You for being my Shepherd. Thank You for the guidance and comfort You give me. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"Give me a sign of your goodness, that my enemies may see it and be put to shame, for you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me" (Psalm 86:17).

Prayers for this Week

For Our Church:

- Pray for the word of Christ to dwell richly among us, teaching and admonishing one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.
- Pray for the preachers, service leaders, music team, sound team, and the many other serving hands involved in the service.
- Pray for the minister, Church Council members, and the ministry team leaders as they discern the best way to serve the people of NRCC. Pray for wisdom in decision-making, unity in purpose, and a heart for the well-being of our church, especially during this time of transition.
- Pray for church activities to be filled with God's presence and purpose: Bible Study Groups, Wednesday Prayer Meeting, Craft Group, Bush Walking Group, Games Night, and the upcoming Community Garden.
- Pray for Healing and Restoration for those in need.
- Pray for the direction of the church under the guidance of the Presbytery during this time of transition.
- Pray for those preparing for the HSC.

For the Wider Church:

- Pray for the Uniting Church, its assembly, synods, and presbyteries to be instruments of God's truth, peace, justice, and reconciliation in a world that desperately needs His light.
- Pray for the Special Religious Education teachers and students in our public schools.
- Pray for YWAM (Youth With A Mission), Wycliffe Bible Translators, IMB (International Mission Board), and other mission organizations and their missionaries. Pray for wisdom, strength, and resources to reach out with the gospel message of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the missionaries we support: Mike and Jacky Hammond, Bill and Sandra Callister, and Richard and Lindsey Parker.

For Australia:

- Pray for integrity, wisdom, and unity among political leaders at federal, state, and local levels as they make decisions affecting the nation.
- Pray for individuals and families struggling with mental health issues exacerbated by isolation, economic uncertainty, and other challenges.
- Pray for those struggling with the high cost of living and affordable housing issues.

For the World:

- Pray for those who suffer from poverty, oppression, and injustice in countries such as Yemen, Sudan, and Venezuela. May they find relief and hope in God's everlasting love.
- Pray for the resolution of ongoing conflicts, including those in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, Syria, and other affected regions.

- Pray for world leaders in key negotiations involving international treaties, trade agreements, and conflict resolutions, asking God to grant them insight, patience, and a genuine commitment to the well-being of all nations and peoples.

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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, or Pastoral Care Team.
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Ministry Leaders

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Church Council

Chairperson: Cathy Nelson Secretary: Steve Turner Treasurer: Anne Crabb
Andrew Head, Hilton Petters, Jacky Hammond, Sue Vasilevska

Team Leaders

Worship: Cathy Nelson Discipleship: Alex Chow Pastoral Care: Robyn Pike
Fellowship: Sue Vasilevska Mission: Steve Turner Sustainability: Bill Vasilevski