



NEWSLETTER

29 July – 4 August 2024



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.

Dates for your Diary

NRCC 2024 Calendar

Aug	
2	Craft Group 10am
3	Walk & Breakfast at Cumberland State Forest
7	Zoom Prayer Meeting
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

David was able to go into battle with confidence because he began his battle in prayer. When we call upon God's power instead of fearing our circumstances, we are on the path to victory. The more time we spend in prayer and worship of our Savior, the less we will feel afraid.

The only way to be a successful spiritual warrior is to start as a successful worshiper: "Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD" (Psalm 27:6).

When we forget to seek Him on a daily basis, we become easy prey for the enemy. The enemy is always present, ready to trip us up or lure us down the wrong path. This is why Scripture warns us,

"Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

We desperately need God's guidance to lead us in the right direction. Yet, when we neglect our relationship with God, we become insensitive to His voice. We need to remember David's cry: "My heart says of you, 'Seek his face!' Your face, LORD, I will seek" (Psalm 27:8).

Prayer: Father, help me always to start my day with prayer and worship. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"But I cry to you for help, LORD; in the morning my prayer comes before you" (Psalm 88:13).

Prayers for this Week

For Our Church:

- Pray that God may give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so we may know Him better and that the eyes of our hearts may be enlightened to know the hope to which He has called us.
- Pray for God's wisdom and discernment in all decisions and discussions during the upcoming AGM.

- 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 year 12 students as they start their trials.

For the Wider Church:

- Pray for TLMA (The Leprosy Mission Australia), AMI (Australian Missions International), CMS Australia (Church Missionary Society), 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 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 the missionaries we support: Mike and Jacky Hammond, Bill and Sandra Callister, and Richard and Lindsey Parker.

For Australia:

- Pray for economic stability amid fluctuations, including inflation and interest rate changes, that are affecting the cost of living.
- Pray for integrity, wisdom, and unity among political leaders at federal, state, and local levels as they make decisions affecting the nation.
- Pray for effective energy policies that support the transition to renewable energy sources and address environmental concerns.

For the World:

- Pray for world leaders, that they may govern with wisdom, justice, and compassion. Grant them the insight to seek solutions that promote harmony and cooperation among nations.
- Pray for the safety and health of everyone involved in the Olympics and for effective security.

- Pray for the resolution of ongoing conflicts, including those in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, Syria, and other affected regions.
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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