



NEWSLETTER

12 - 18 August 2024

Revive
Restore
Reach Out

Worship Services Sundays 9am

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Sunday September 15 as part of our worship service.

Dates for your Diary

NRCC 2024 Calendar

Aug	
16	Craft Group 10am
21	Zoom Prayer Meeting
23	Nominations for church council close
Sept	
14	Fair Trade Market
15	AGM

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

One Love Conference - August 24

OneLove is a one-day event for women to gather together under life changing preaching and enjoy fantastic fellowship.

Saturday 24th August 2024 at Hillsong Convention Centre, Norwest. Speaker: Blair Linne.

Register at onlovewomen.com

Galston Concert - Around the World with Glenn Amer

Sunday 25th August at Galston Uniting Church 11 School Rd, Galston

1.40pm for pre-concert talk.

Adults \$40 Concession \$30 Tertiary/Highschool Students \$10 Children Free

Bookings at Trybooking, search Galston Concerts 25th August or cash only at door.

SoulCare 2024

Equipping, inspiring and energising the people of God for leading edge pastoral care that transforms individuals, communities and congregations.

12-13 September at Wesley Conference Centre, 220 Pitt St, Sydney

If you are interested, please register at www.nswact.uca.org.au/events/soulcare-2024-registration/

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

A God like No Other

Our Shepherd is truly like no other—He even gave His own life for us. Jesus tells us, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11).

Trust Him alone to take care of your safety, your needs, your relationships. He is never off the clock—He is always providing, always caring, and always watching over us. There is no other shepherd that compares to Him. He alone can give us the comfort and restoration that we need.

The sheep's only responsibility is to follow the shepherd. And our Good Shepherd wants our obedience to Him. If you have been a wayward sheep, surrender to Him today. If you have been a fearful sheep, scared of the wolves that hunt you, give your anxieties to your Shepherd.

Not only can He turn our lives around but He will show us the way—the safe way, the better way, the right way.

Thank the Good Shepherd for laying down His life for His sheep. Submit your life to His leadership today.

Prayer: God, You truly are like no other. Thank You, my Good Shepherd, for laying Your life down for me. Help me to follow You in obedience today. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen" (Hebrews 13:20-21).

Prayers for this Week

For Our Church:

- Pray for God to strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit in our inner being, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith.
- Pray for wisdom in every decision and conversation as we approach the upcoming AGM.
- Prayer for God's guidance as we thoughtfully consider and nominate new members for the Church Council.
- Pray for the preachers, service leaders, music team, sound team, and who contribute to making the service possible.
- Pray for the minister, Church Council, and ministry leaders as they seek the best way to serve NRCC. Pray for wisdom in their decisions, unity in purpose, and a heart for the well-being of our church, especially in this season of transition.
- Pray for church activities to be filled with God's presence and purpose: Bible Study Groups, Wednesday Prayer Meeting, Craft Group, Games Night, and the upcoming Community Garden and Bush Walking Group.
- 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 vessels of your truth, peace, and justice. Fill them with your Spirit to faithfully carry out your mission.
- Pray for Wycliffe, Operation Mobilisation, Samaritan's Purse, and other mission organizations and their missionaries. Ask for God's strength and encouragement for them, and that they may successfully spread the Gospel through their efforts.

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- Pray for protection for underground Christians facing persecution, asking God to grant them courage and perseverance.
- Pray for the Christian Special Religious Education teachers and students in our public schools. Ask for God's guidance and support as they share His Word, even in challenging circumstances.
- Pray for the missionaries we support: Mike and Jacky Hammond, Bill and Sandra Callister, and Richard and Lindsey Parker.

For Australia:

- Pray for churches and Christian organizations to effectively share God's love and bring hope.
- Pray for integrity, wisdom, and unity among political leaders at federal, state, and local levels as they make decisions affecting the nation.
- Pray for the young generation of this nation. Inspire them to seek God and to find their identity and purpose in God.
- Pray for economic stability to manage changes in inflation and interest rates that affect the cost of living.
- Pray for help and support for people struggling with substance abuse, and for effective programs to prevent and treat it.

For the World:

- Pray for the safety and protection of journalists and activists in countries like Russia, China, and Mexico, who face threats and persecution for their work.
- Pray for progress in medical research and for fair distribution of healthcare resources, including vaccines and treatments for diseases such as COVID-19, HIV/AIDS, and malaria.
- Pray for world leaders to govern with wisdom, justice, and compassion. Ask that they seek solutions that foster harmony and cooperation among nations.

Prayers

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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 Property: Bill Vasilevski