



NEWSLETTER

16 - 22 September 2024

Revive
Restore
Reach Out

Worship Services Sundays 9am

Fellowship Event - Save the Date

Our next fellowship event is planned for Saturday 12 October. We will meet at 8.45am outside Old Government House for a walk around Parramatta. If it is wet the event will be cancelled.

Congratulations to our new Church Council

Congratulations to the newly elected cc members - Alex, Anne, Cathy, Jenny, Nicole & Samson.

Congregational Chairperson – Bev, Congregational Secretary - Sue

Presbytery Representative – Cathy

Dates for your Diary

NRCC 2024 Calendar

Sept	
20	Craft Group
24	Church Council Meeting
25	Zoom Prayer Meeting
Oct	
11	Games Night
12	Fellowship Event at Parramatta Park

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.

Reflection of the Week

Read Romans 12:1-8.

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship" (Romans 12:1). In light of God's mercy toward us, Paul commands us to offer our lives to Him in worship. God has graciously given us everything we have, and acknowledging His tremendous love, we must give it all back to Him.

Worship is our only response to God's great mercy. It is our only response to His unbelievable, indescribable, unfathomable grace. It is the only way for us to appropriately express our gratitude and thanksgiving. And it is the secret to lasting contentment, joy, victory, and satisfaction.

Worship is meant to include every moment of our lives—not just on Sunday, but Monday through Saturday, too. True worship means daily dying to yourself and living for Christ. Wherever you go, there must go a living sacrifice, whether you are in the boardroom or on the factory floor, whether doing housework, parenting, or serving others. Living for God is a slow death of our pride, will, and self-sufficiency; that's why it's often more difficult to live for Jesus than to die for Jesus.

Your motive for giving your life to God must always be generated out of a response to His mercy toward you. True worship is not about what you can get from Him, but what you can give to Him. It's about showing God how much the mercy and grace He has lavished upon your soul means to you.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for lavishing Your love upon me and making me new. I want to be like You, Jesus, that You might receive honour and glory for resurrecting my dead heart and giving me eternal life. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will" (Romans 12:2).

Prayers for this Week

For Our Church:

- Pray that we may find contentment in every situation, drawing strength from Christ.
- Give thanks for the newly elected CC members and pray for their harmonious collaboration in moving forward.
- Pray for clear direction and unity in our church during this transition.
- Pray for the preachers, service leaders, music team, sound team, and all involved in our services to be Spirit-filled. Also, lift up our minister, Church Council, and ministry leaders for wisdom, unity, and effective service.
- Pray for healing and restoration for those in need
- Pray for wisdom, strength, and peace for those preparing for the HSC.

For the Wider Church:

- Pray for the Parramatta Nepean Presbytery and churches without ministers, asking for guidance, provision, and effective leadership during this time. Pray for the right individuals to be called to these congregations, and for strength and unity as they continue their mission and service.
- Pray for Compassion International, World Vision, Cru (formerly CCC), and other mission groups. Ask for God's support and encouragement for their missionaries, and that their efforts to share the Gospel be fruitful.
- Pray for protection for underground Christians facing persecution. Ask God to grant them courage and perseverance.
- Pray for churches and Christian organizations to effectively share the gospel of Jesus Christ, bringing hope and restoration to those they serve.

For Australia:

- Pray for integrity, wisdom, and unity among political leaders at the federal, state, and local levels as they make decisions affecting the nation.
- Pray for individuals and families struggling with mental health issues, which have been worsened by isolation, economic uncertainty, and other challenges.
- Pray for relief and support for those burdened by the rising cost of living, and for policies that promote affordability and economic stability.
- Pray for churches and Christian organizations to effectively share the gospel of Jesus Christ, bringing hope and restoration to those they serve.

For the World:

- Pray for an end to child sacrifice in Uganda, particularly those exploited by witch doctors.
- Pray for guidance and resolution in the ongoing debate over whether Western nations should permit Ukraine to use their missiles to strike deep within Russian territory.
- 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 wisdom and protection as we navigate new health challenges, including COVID-19 and mpox. Ask for effective vaccine distribution, strength for healthcare workers, and safety for all.
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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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Church Council

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