



NEWSLETTER

30 September – 6 October 2024



Worship Services Sundays 9am

Term 4 Roster

The roster is currently being prepared up to the end of January. If you would like to be included on the roster or change your involvement in any way please contact Val R - Welcoming & morning tea, or Cathy - other rosters.

Invitation from West Epping Uniting Church

WEUC have invited us to join them for an afternoon of fun & fellowship with entertainment, kids activities, food and more! Wear your traditional or cultural dress. Bring your family, friends and neighbours! All Welcome!

Cultural Celebration Day
An afternoon of fellowship and fun!

**SATURDAY
26TH
OCTOBER
2.30PM-6.30PM**

Food & Entertainment Wear your traditional or cultural dress!

Kids Activities

RSVP 20th Oct 2024
Contact Alison (0418 623 446)
or 'Oto (0405 636 088)

An activity of West Epping Uniting Church

NRCC 2024 Calendar

Oct	
4	Craft Group
4	Men's Dinner
9	Zoom Prayer Meeting
11	Games Night
20	Commissioning of Church Council

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

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a hands-on way for you to bless children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and fun gifts. We collect the boxes and distribute them in the name of Jesus Christ to children living in vulnerable situations.

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to provide God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

For more information pick up a flyer from the church. If you are filling a box and would like to drop it off at the church we need to receive it by Sunday 20 October.

Jazz at Ebenezer returns!

A great night supporting a wonderful cause - building fresh water wells in West Papua!
Share with your contacts and invite people along for a great night!



Invitation from Dirk van Doorene

As Presbytery Minister – Wellbeing, I'd like to promote a seminar being organised by Parramatta Community Uniting Church at Northmead site. This seminar is entitled **“Life & Death”** and will be hosted on **Thursday, 10th October, 7pm-9pm at Northmead.**

We all experience it, but it can be hard to talk about dying. This seminar will help us think about our own and our family member's end of life, navigating decisions that may face us, and the importance of conversations now about life and death. The seminar will be presented by experienced practitioners in their fields. For more information: merynobrien@gmail.com

To view the flyer click [here](#).

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

Have you faced an exceedingly tough circumstance that tested every bit of your strength, intelligence, and character? Maybe you are facing a troubling time right now and your whole life is at a turning point.

That is exactly what the prophet Daniel experienced when he was sent as a captive into King Nebuchadnezzar's palace. Daniel did not have the benefit of years of experience, maturity, or education to help him handle the situation. As a young teenager, Daniel had to maintain his faith in a pagan culture and survive the king's rigorous training program intended to mould him into a

Babylonian leader.

Not many of us would be able to survive what Daniel did—at any age—but that is exactly what God wants us to realize. We cannot do big things on our own—it is just not possible. But though we are small, God is almighty. Though we are weak, our God is strong. Though we are limited, God is limitless. God promised Paul: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9). It is the same for us. Thus, we can echo Paul when he said, "Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me" (v. 9). We never need to worry about our future because God is on our side.

Prayer: God, sometimes life seems too big for me. Help me to rely on You, especially in those moments, knowing that Your power is made perfect in my weakness. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness'" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

Prayers for this Week

For Our Church:

- Pray for spiritual renewal within congregations, that hearts may be revived and faith deepened.
- Pray for wisdom and guidance as we seek to reach our community, that God will lead us to effective strategies and opportunities.
- Pray for all those serving at NRCC, including preachers, service leaders, the music and sound teams, as well as the minister, Church Council members, and ministry leaders, that they may discern how best to serve the congregation and glorify God in their roles.
- Pray for healing and restoration for those in need
- Pray for those preparing for the HSC.

For the Wider Church:

- Pray for the churches without ministers in UCA, asking for guidance, provision, and effective leadership during this time.
- Pray for effective ministries and programs that engage and support young people in the church, helping them grow in faith and leadership.
- Pray for wisdom and strength for church leaders facing challenges in their ministries.
- Pray for the protection and encouragement of Christians facing persecution around the world.

For Australia:

- Any Pray for humane treatment of young offenders and justice-focused reforms, including

raising the age of criminal responsibility.

- Pray for those struggling with mental health, and for solutions to address youth vaping and chronic diseases.
- Pray for the aging population and healthcare reforms to ensure compassionate and adequate care for the elderly.
- Pray for churches and Christian organizations to effectively share the gospel of Jesus Christ and to bring hope and restoration to those they serve.

For the World:

- Pray for equitable access to healthcare and vaccines in underserved regions, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa and India, to combat ongoing health crises and improve overall well-being.
- Pray for an end to violence and conflict in regions like Ukraine and Israel/Palestine, and for healing and restoration for affected communities.
- Pray for nations facing economic challenges, that they may find pathways to recovery and improved well-being for their citizens.
- Pray for the spread of the good news of Jesus Christ, that hearts may open to His love and believers may share their faith boldly.

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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

Supply Minister: Rev. Deborah Yun / 0424 922 312 / revdeborahyun@gmail.com

Church Council

Chairperson: Cathy Nelson Secretary: Samson Leung Treasurer: Anne Crabb
Alex Chow, Nicole Critchley, Jenny Keyte