



NEWSLETTER

10 - 16 February 2025



Sunday Worship 9am

Guest Preacher

This Sunday Rev Dr Rod Benson will be preaching for us.

NORTH ROCKS RD UPDATE

Period from mid February to mid April:

Night roadworks during the week 8pm to 5am, with some lane closures, traffic controllers etc. Two way traffic and buses will be maintained but there may be delays.

Community Garden

Please join us for our first working bee for the Community Garden on Saturday 15th February, starting at 8.30am. We'd love to see you there. If you have gloves, a shovel, rake, or wheelbarrow, please bring those with you.

If you'd like any further details, please email 'enquiry@northrocks.org.au'

Drum Kit

We have a drum kit to give away. Please let us know if you would like it or know someone who would like it. We would like to dispose of it by the end of February.

Dates for your Diary

Craft Group @ 10 am-noon Fridays is not currently meeting.

Feb	
15	Community Garden working bee
16	Guest Preacher: Rev Dr Rod Benson
21—22	Australian Floral Art Association Workshop
23	Guest Preacher: Richard Parker
Mar	
1	Worship at Bupa Residential Care
8	Community Garden working bee
21	Games Night

Reflection of the Week

Seeking wisdom is like seeking a hidden treasure. When you're looking for a treasure—especially treasures on which your life depends—what do you do?

You don't give up after five minutes. You keep on mining. You keep on digging. You keep on searching. You do this because your life depends on it. So you are persistent, committed, and disciplined in your search for the treasure.

The same is true when you are seeking the wisdom of God. Indeed, Proverbs tells us: ". . . if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding" (Proverbs 2:4-6).

True wisdom of God comes from His Word. We must be resolute in studying the Word of God and in discovering the Truth it contains. Every time we mine the Word of God, we'll discover treasure—and the more we mine, the more treasure we'll gain.

But those who do not spend time diligently seeking wisdom from the Bible, those who read it without comprehending it—even those who memorize it without applying it to their lives—are missing the treasure that comes from the Word of God.

Don't miss out on the treasure God has hidden for you in His Word. Dig deep and discover His Truth that guides you through life, brings peace and hope, and blesses you to be a blessing to others.

Prayer: God, help me to be diligent in my search for wisdom from You. Help me to spend more time studying Your Word and applying it to my life. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began" (1 Corinthians 2:6-7).

Prayer Points for This Week

For Our Church:

- Pray for our commitment to God's word, faithful preaching and encouragement through prayer to bring us closer to Jesus.
- Pray for those serving in our church, for compassion, wisdom and guidance.
- Pray for our church leaders, for wisdom, unity in their vision, and care for our church's well-being.
- Pray for healing and restoration for those in need.
- Pray for those mourning loved ones.

For the Wider Church:

- Pray for leaders in our churches. Give them your wisdom and discernment as they lead their congregations and bring transformation to their communities.
- Pray for churches without ministers in the UCA, asking for guidance, provision, and effective leadership

during this time.

- Pray for strength and wisdom for mission organizations and missionaries as they share the Gospel across nations.

For Australia:

- Pray for those facing financial hardships and sorrow. May God's love surround them and bring them comfort and renewed hope.
- Pray for political leaders to govern with wisdom, integrity, and compassion, especially when shaping policies that impact vulnerable communities.
- Pray for unity across our lands. Pray that we all might be reconciled with one another through God.
- Pray for effective efforts focused on the prevention, treatment, and support of those affected by substance abuse.

For the World:

- Pray for world leaders, that they govern with wisdom, justice, and compassion.
- Pray for international cooperation, that wealthier nations support sustainable solutions to poverty and food insecurity.
- Pray for peace in areas of conflict and unrest.
- Pray for compassion and effective support for migrants and refugees, that their needs may be met and that they find safety and hope.
- Pray for the just and consistent application of anti-trafficking legislation in countries around the world.

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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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