



NEWSLETTER

17 - 23 February 2025

Revive
Restore
Reach Out

Sunday Worship 9am

Guest Preacher

This week Richard Parker will be preaching for us.

Morning Tea Roster

We have a number of people on the morning tea roster who are not able to contribute at the moment. If you would like to help out by organising morning tea one Sunday please speak to Cathy, Cay or Robyn.

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.

Dates for your Diary

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

Feb	
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

Community News and Notices



TRIUMPHANT 200
MARSDEN ROAD UNITING CHURCH
BICENTENARY CELEBRATION
203 Marsden Rd, Carlingford

Sunday, 9th February, 2025 9.30am



Marsden Road Uniting Church, Carlingford, celebrated their 200th Anniversary on Sunday, 9th February 2025.

That is a significant milestone...1825 -2025. The service was livestreamed and the link will be active for a month from 9 February 2025.

To access look for the link on the website go to: www.marsdenroadunitingchurch.org.au



We're excited to invite you to *A Place at the Table*, a unique event that brings our community together in meaningful conversation and action. This event remains a powerful reminder of the importance of shared humanity and support for those doing it tough.

The night is designed to shift perspectives—helping us walk in someone else's shoes, bridge the gap between “us” and “them,” and recognize that, at any moment, any of us could find ourselves in need of support.

It is a powerful reminder that empathy and action can create real change.

When: Thursday 3 April 2025

Time: 6pm - 8.30pm

Venue: Parramatta Mission, 119 Macquarie St, Parramatta

Please join us for this event to show your support for those doing it tough and learn more about how Parramatta Mission is working to transform lives every day. The event will raise much-needed funds for the services of Parramatta Mission. To purchase tickets go to

<https://events.humanitix.com/a-place-at-the-table>.

Uniting Church Assembly and Synod News Links

Uniting Church Assembly: <https://uniting.church/news/>

NSW & ACT Synod: <https://nswact.uca.org.au/>

Reflection of the Week

As we pursue God, we discover a difficult Truth: Living out the principles in the Bible is not as easy as we may think. Loving God and loving our neighbour sound like simple enough commands, but when it comes to showing love to a difficult neighbour, our true colours begin to show. We must ask ourselves if we truly love God as much as we say we do.

Throughout the New Testament, Jesus revolted against the notion that being religious meant you loved God. The piety of the Pharisees was a mockery of what it meant truly to follow God—and Jesus went to extremes to prove this. In explaining this fact, Jesus said, ". . . a tree is recognized by its fruit. . . . the mouth speaks what the heart is full of" (Matthew 12:33-34).

Regardless of our best intentions, sometimes our actions don't align with our words, and our inaction keeps us from bearing fruit. While we know we should follow God and trust Him in every situation, we can succumb to worry and anxiety. Instead of placing our faith in Him, we panic and try to solve the situation ourselves.

While God has patience for an eternity, He does not want us to remain broken down along the roadside while we try to repair our faith. His desire for us is that we would be ever nearing a place of greater faith and unity with Him. But that process is delayed when our actions are not aligned with God's Word.

As people committed to following God, we must learn that believing means taking action. It means that we take God's Word for what it truly is: His Word. The Bible is the foundation of what we believe, and we must strive to live accordingly.

Prayer: Lord, help me to live out Your Word today in everything I do. Help me to love with my actions, not just my words. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him" (Hebrews 11:6).

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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