



NEWSLETTER

24 February – 2 March 2025



Sunday Worship 9am

Guest Preacher

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

Indoor Street Library

Our new indoor street library is up and running. If you are looking for a book to read please help yourself to a book and return when you are finished. Further contributions would be very welcome.

DONATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY GARDENS

A few people have asked how they may make donations to the setting up of the Community Gardens.

Anne and Dennis last year set up an account that can be used for short term special donations that are fully anonymous. This account can be used for a short time for donations to the Community Gardens.

Account Name: North Rocks CC - Special Giving

BSB: 634-634

Account Number: 100092776

Any money paid into this account during March 2025 (and some already received) will be deemed to be a donation to the Community Gardens.

Please do not use this account for normal giving or anything else.

Dates for your Diary

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

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2	Preacher: Rev Dr Rod Benson
8	Community Garden working bee
9	First Sunday of Lent
21	Games Night

Community News and Notices



If you would like to find out about how you can contribute to Lent Event this year please go to <https://donate.unitingworld.org.au/event/lent-event>



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

Many times when we hear the word journey, we imagine time spent along broad vistas with restful pastures. The word even sounds poetic.

But in reality, the journey of faith that God requires us to take through this life can lead up steep,

emotional mountain grades; out across vast, lonely plains; and, without warning, down into dark valleys where we face some of our greatest challenges.

Through it all, however, we can have a tremendous sense of hope and determination because our faith is founded in an unshakable God who is not frustrated by the rise and fall of the world's economy. Nor is He alarmed by daily news reports or changed in any way by the shifting of governmental powers.

He is the same yesterday, today, and forever (see Hebrews 13:8). He is faithful and true. We can be sure of this: God is just as concerned about your needs as He is about the nations of this world. No request is too small for Him to hear, and no problem too great for Him to solve.

When we are tempted to feel hopeless, He comes to us as our strong and mighty advocate, proclaiming His care and plan for our lives (see 1 John 2:1; Hebrews 13:5; Matthew 10:31).

Prayer: Father, this journey of faith has taken me through some challenging struggles. Thank You for the reminder today that You are faithful and that You care about my every need. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"For the LORD loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones" (Psalm 37:28)

Prayer Points for This Month

For Our Church:

- Pray for our commitment to following God's word, looking to Him for encouragement in our journey.
- Pray for wisdom and guidance for those serving in our church.
- Pray for our church council, for wisdom, unity, and care for our church's well-being during this time of transition.
- Pray for healing and restoration for those in need.

For the Wider Church:

- Pray for church leaders in our congregations, Presbyteries, Synods and Assembly. Give them your wisdom and discernment as they lead 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, especially those reaching the unreached who have not yet heard about Jesus.

For Australia:

- Pray for those struggling in our communities, especially those facing financial hardships and

sorrow. May God's love surround them and bring them comfort and renewed hope.

- Pray for our political leaders that they will serve the people 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 those affected by substance abuse and poor mental health.

For the World:

- Pray for world leaders, that they will work together to govern with wisdom, justice, and compassion.
 - 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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