



# NEWSLETTER

10 – 16 March 2025

**Revive**  
**R**estore  
**R**each Out

## Sunday Worship 9am

### Community Garden

The Community Garden Team is looking for volunteers to assist with watering the herbs & vegetables that will be planted on the 19th March. It will be for a few weeks(& only when it hasn't rained) to support the plants staying alive! If you can assist in any way, please contact the church office.

### Donations to the Community Garden

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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21	Games Night
April	
13	Palm Sunday
18	Good Friday
20	Easter Sunday

## 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/>

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## Reflection of the Week

In a million lifetimes, we cannot do anything for our salvation—it is God's gift, totally undeserved. This is why no one can brag or boast about their role in their salvation. From beginning to end, it is

God's plan and work. All boasting should be in the Lord alone.

Not only did Jesus pay the penalty for our sin and free us from eternal death, He opened the door for us to be adopted as sons and daughters of God. Through God's gift of faith, we receive salvation. When we do, we also receive His name, His power, His resources, and His blessings. He dresses us in His royal robes of righteousness. He does it all, and all praise, honour, and glory are His.

There are no accomplishments, possessions, or connections that will help us on Judgment Day. The only contact who matters is the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the only one who is going to secure our salvation, and so our boasting is in Him alone.

Have you submitted fully to the Lord Jesus Christ? Have you accepted His free gift of salvation by faith? Are you boasting in the Lord alone? Take some time to reflect on who is receiving the glory in your life.

*Prayer: God, thank You for the free gift of salvation. I pray that I will always give You all the glory because You alone are worthy. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

**"Therefore, as it is written: 'Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord'" (1 Corinthians 1:31).**

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## **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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#### **E - give** (Anonymous Direct Electronic Giving)

**Account Name:** North Rocks CC - Giving  
**(BSB):** 634634 **Account Number:** 100025906

#### **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 Dr Rod Benson / 0412421678 / [rod@northrocks.org.au](mailto:rod@northrocks.org.au)

#### **Church Council**

Chairperson: Cathy Nelson   Secretary: Samson Leung   Treasurer: Anne Crabb  
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