



# NEWSLETTER

17 - 23 March 2025

**Revive**  
**Restore**  
**Reach Out**

## Sunday Worship 9am

### Guest Preacher

Next Sunday, 30 March, we welcome back Rev Allan Blyth to preach for us.

### 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.

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### Dates for your Diary

**Craft Group @ 10 am-noon**

**Fridays is not currently meeting.**

April	
13	Palm Sunday Congregational Meeting
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

As we face challenges in our lives, there are a number of reasons we might not pray. We may tell ourselves that we are too busy to pray. We may think we can solve the problem on our own. Or we may think God does not answer our prayers. And even if we eventually pray, we sometimes do it out of duty rather than faith that God will answer us.

Yet, God hears our prayers. Jesus told His disciples that only faith the size of a mustard seed was needed to move mountains. A small measure of faith can have an amazing impact in our lives.

As we begin to pray with faith, we are emboldened to believe God will do the impossible in our lives. When God answers our prayers, His glory is revealed. We must remember that God does answer our prayers in one way or another. It may not always be the way we imagined, but His best is always at work.

We are reminded in Hebrews 4:16 to approach God's throne of grace confidently. This confidence does not mean that we demand God do things our way but rather that we should feel free to approach our almighty Father with everything—whether a minor concern, a paralyzing problem, a bold request, or a moment of praise and joy. He wants us to come before Him with confidence that He loves us and desires to help us.

All our cynicism begins to vanish as God answers our prayers. When heaven opens up and pours out miracles into our lives, we realize the Truth. We realize He loves us so much that He will move mountains for us. Hallelujah to the King of kings!

*Prayer: Lord, give me confidence to go before You in prayer, knowing that You desire to meet me where I am in life. Give me faith to believe You for the impossible things in my life and in the lives of others. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

**"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need" (Hebrews 4:16).**

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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  
Alex Chow, Nicole Critchley, Jenny Keyte