



NEWSLETTER

31 March – 6 April 2025

Revive
Restore
Reach Out

Sunday Worship 9am

Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting will be held on 13 April after the service.

Easter Devotional

If you are looking for an Easter Devotional please check the links below.

<https://pages.christianitytoday.com/easter-devotional-lead-gen-2025-confirmation>

Alternatively, click [here](#) to download a resource from Presbytery on Lenten Spiritual Disciplines. It presents a range of spiritual reflections from the Christian tradition, relying particularly on the wisdom and teaching of Henri Nouwen.

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
May	
2	Games Night
Aug	
30	Serving at NRPS Fete

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>

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

While traveling from one city to the next, a man was overtaken by robbers. Taking his clothes and possessions, they left him badly beaten. Not long after the attack, a priest travelled the same road. He passed by without stopping. Then another traveller saw the man but did not offer to help.

Finally, someone stopped—a Samaritan. He put bandages on the man's wounds and took him to an inn for the night. The next day, he gave the innkeeper money and instructions to take care of the wounded man.

The parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37 is a wonderful example of godly kindness. It also demonstrates that kindness often requires something of us—a sacrifice of time, plans, privacy, or our own personal desires. The Good Samaritan interrupted his travel plans to help a stranger. He acted sacrificially, following the example of Christ. And what better example to follow? He gave us the ultimate gift of kindness—He died that we might live.

Kindness can be hard work, and from time to time, this may mean that we have to face difficult situations that drain us emotionally and physically. But kindness cannot grow without conflict and strife. We learn to be kind through the kindness of others, but we also learn a greater kindness when we are called to be kind and caring in difficult situations.

A disagreement with a co-worker, spouse, friend, or family member can tempt us to be abrupt or uncaring. Circumstances can cause us to lose focus on Christ, and God's fruit of kindness can be lost in the battle. However, through the power of Christ, we are able to act in kindness even toward those who hurt us. Is there someone who needs your kindness today?

Prayer: Lord, tune my heart to be in harmony with You. In difficult situations, I pray Your Holy Spirit would remind me to be kind and to reflect Your ways. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience" (Colossians 3:12).

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 leading up to the congregational meeting.
- Pray for Rod as he guides us through this period of transition.
- Pray for our church council, for wisdom and unity as they work together to lead the congregation.
- Pray for healing and restoration for those in need.

For the Wider Church:

- Pray for wisdom and discernment for church leaders in our congregations, Presbyteries, Synods and Assembly.
- 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 as we near the federal elections. May they develop policies that are fair for all, especially those who are vulnerable.
- Pray for unity across our lands. Pray that we all might be reconciled with one another through God.

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 those affected by the earthquake in Myanmar.
- Pray that food aid can be received by those in need following unrest.

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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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