



NEWSLETTER

19 - 25 May 2025

Revive
Restore
Reach Out

Sunday Worship 9am

Community Garden

There will be an open morning on Saturday 14th June 8.30-10.30am for people to come, chat, check out the garden. Morning tea will be available.

Prayer Requests

If you have any prayer requests or would like to be added to our confidential prayer group, please contact Rod or Robyn.

Previous Sermons

If you would missed any of our previous sermons you can listen to them on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@nrcc6214> or read them on Rod's blog at <https://rodbenson.com/>

Dates for your Diary

June	
14	Community Garden Open Morning
21	Cancer Council Morning Tea
22	Lunch after church at Castle Hill RSL
27	Games Night
July	
11-13	Synod 2025
Aug	
8-9	BaseCamp
30	Serving at NRPS Fete
Sept	
6	Trivia Night

Community News and Notices



- **Date:** Saturday 14 June, 9:30am-5:00pm
- **Location:** Centre for Ministry, North Parramatta
- **Program:** [Click here](#) for the full program for the day
- **Cost:** [Registration](#) includes attendance, conference material, lunch, morning & afternoon teas, and opportunities to meet & network
 - Full (waged): \$30
 - Retired: \$15
 - Students: \$10
 - Unwaged & under-16: free



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

Helped by the Spirit

We find strength in God's power, motivation in His love, and wisdom in His discipline. But without the Spirit's help, we can easily fall victim to Satan's attempts to plant seeds of doubt, fear, and timidity in our hearts.

Jesus tells us, "But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (John 14:26-27).

Paul was imprisoned in a dark dungeon, awaiting his execution, when he wrote his second letter to Timothy. Yet one of his final acts was to encourage Timothy in his ministry. Paul knew God's plans for Timothy were far greater than any fears the young disciple could have. But Paul also knew that in the midst of Timothy's discouragement, he might have been tempted to give up.

Are you on the verge of giving up? Are you stuck in your fears? Then remember how God has blessed you and protected you in the past. Reflect on the times when He has called you to a task and worked out the details to help you succeed. The same God who encouraged you in the past, who has walked with you through hardships and blessings, is walking with you today.

Prayer: God, thank You for giving me the Holy Spirit to help me during difficult times. Thank You for the ways You bless me and protect me. I know that just as You have been with me through past trials, You are with me today. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you" (Deuteronomy 31:6).

Prayer Points for This Month

For Our Church

- Pray that we stay rooted in God's Word, seeking His guidance in every step of our journey.
- Pray for Rod, that he may be strengthened and guided as he leads us.

- Pray for our Church Council, asking for unity and discernment as they faithfully lead the congregation.
- Pray for healing and restoration for those in need.

For the Wider Church

- Pray for wisdom and discernment for church leaders at all levels—congregational, Presbytery, Synod, and Assembly.
- Pray for missionaries and mission organizations, especially those reaching the unreached, that they may be bold, wise, and fruitful in sharing the Gospel. We pray especially for the missionaries that we support: Mike & Jacky, Richard & Lindsey, Bill & Sandra.

For Australia

- Pray for those in our communities who are struggling. May they feel God's love and find renewed hope.
- Pray for our political leaders that they might lead with integrity and prioritize justice, especially for the vulnerable.
- Pray for national unity and reconciliation, that our communities might be drawn together in understanding and peace through God's love.

For the World

- Pray for world leaders, that they would govern with wisdom, justice, and compassion.
- Pray for peace in areas facing conflict and 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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Ministry Leaders

Supply Minister: Rev Dr Rod Benson / 0412421678 / rod@northrocks.org.au

Church Council

Chairperson: Cathy Nelson Secretary: Samson Leung Treasurer: Anne Crabb
 Alex Chow, Nicole Critchley, Jenny Keyte