

NEWSLETTER

19 - 25 May 2025

Revive
Restore
Reach Out

Sunday Worship 9am

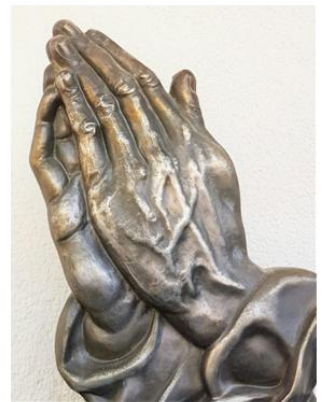
Prayer for Our Church

Dear God,

Thank You for all You're doing in the life of our church, even when we don't see or understand it. Shine through us and guide our steps. Help us make a difference in the world for Your glory.

Help us follow Your voice, not the crowd, and stay close to You. Your love lasts forever.

In Jesus' Name, Amen



You are invited to pray this prayer individually, in small groups, Bible study groups or at other gatherings during the week.

Wednesday Morning Prayers

Rod will be leading early morning prayers on Wednesdays at the church from 7am. The session will last about 30 minutes. All are welcome.

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

Jesus the Only Saviour

Read John 3:16-19, 31-36.

John Stott once said, "Christianity is a rescue religion." Christianity announces the Good News of salvation. You see, each one of us is born with our back to God, heading for hell and destruction (see Romans 6:23). "But don't worry: Jesus was a good teacher." What? No and a million nos! Jesus is infinitely more than a teacher; He is Saviour, just as He claimed (see John 14:6).

Secular culture makes Him out to be a liar, reducing Him to just a great teacher—implying He's like Alexander the Great or Napoleon the Great. But Jesus was not the great. Jesus is the only. Jesus is unique. He has no peer, no rival. He has no predecessor, and He has no successor. He is unique because He is the only Saviour, and He's alive and active today!

Jesus became a man, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again to rescue us—not just advise

us, exhort us, or teach us. He came to save us from our brokenness and isolation and bring us into a new relationship with Himself. He came to save us from the just judgment of our sin and give us eternal, abundant life. And one day soon, He will make our salvation complete when He returns to make all things new.

Jesus is unique in the sense of His exclusiveness. There is no one like Him: "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). Is He your Saviour and Lord?

Prayer: Jesus, I know You came to save. I rest in You alone for my eternal salvation. Thank You for freeing me and making me new, that I might follow You—my delight and reward—all my days. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him" (John 3:17).

Prayer Points for This Month

For Our Church

- Pray that we might, listen to God's voice and trust in his guidance.
- Pray for Rod, that he may find strength and wisdom through you. May he be a blessing to our church community.
- Pray for our Church Council, that they make decisions that honour you and serve our church faithfully.
- Pray for healing and restoration for Glyn, Brenton (Anne & Russell's son-in-law), George, Mari, Barbara, Dawn, Gail, Debbie, Peter, Glen H, Christine, Stan, Samson & Gloria's family, Margaret B, Mackenzie, Maureen, and Val R

For the Wider Church

- Pray for wisdom and discernment for church leaders at all levels —congregational, Presbytery, Synod, and Assembly - as they work for justice and peace.
- Pray for the Synod meeting in July for your guidance in their decisions.
- Pray for missionaries and mission organizations, especially those reaching the unreached. Grant them strength and wisdom as they work to bring joy and transformation to all they serve.
- Pray especially for the missionaries that we support, Mike & Jacky, Richard & Lindsey, Bill & Sandra.

For Australia

- Pray for provision and comfort for those in our communities who are struggling.

- Pray that our political leaders govern with discernment, empathy, and a deep sense of justice.
- Pray for unity, peace and reconciliation, that our communities might be drawn together in understanding through God's love.

For the World

- Pray for peace love and justice in our world. Help us to care for your creation and treat each other with kindness.
- Pray for world leaders, that they would govern with wisdom, justice, and compassion.

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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

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Church Council

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