



# NEWSLETTER

9 - 15 June 2025

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

## Sunday Worship 9am

**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**



## 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. Invite your friends along.



## 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
Dec	
6	Fair Trade Market

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## 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

## Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Please donate to our fundraiser by clicking [here](#) for search for North Rocks Community Church on the Australia's Biggest Morning Tea website.



You are invited to our  
**Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.**  
Let's get together & enjoy a cuppa with delicious  
cakes to support those impacted by cancer.  
Lucky door prizes & tea trivia will add to the fun!

**At North Rocks Community Church**  
132 North Rocks Road, North Rocks

**On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025**  
**Drop in any time between 10am and 12.30pm**

For details contact: [enquiry@northrocks.org.au](mailto:enquiry@northrocks.org.au)



## 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

Read John 14:1-7.

Jesus boldly proclaimed to His disciples, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). Then His disciples faithfully shared that word with the world. If the early Christians had capitulated and said that Jesus was just one of many ways to salvation, they would have saved themselves much pain and suffering.

You see, the Roman world was a polytheistic place. People across the empire worshiped many gods; they would have welcomed another to their pantheon. In many ways, the world today is no different. Most wouldn't mind adding a little Jesus to their lifestyle—as long as He doesn't make any demands on them. But Jesus spoke the Truth—and He proved it with His resurrection. He really is the only way any of us can be redeemed. All the other paths to salvation are dead ends. Jesus is the only way to be saved.

Jesus also declared that He is the Truth. You might hear someone say, "Live your truth, and I'll live mine." Today's culture wants us to believe that what may be true for one person is not true for another. That's called relativism—and it's absolute nonsense. There may be specks of Truth peeking through the darkness of false beliefs and teachings—tiny dots of light. But when you turn to Christ, you see the whole light, you find the whole Truth. No one else has power to save.

Lastly, Jesus is the life—the source and sustainer of all life, the author of abundant life (see 1 John 1:1; Colossians 1:16-17; John 10:10). Most people don't know anything about life to the full. They live their life on the defence, trying to squeeze everything they can out of their time, their relationships, their work. In the end, it only leaves them tired and deflated.

However, in Christ we have eternal life. Indeed, He is eternal life (see John 17:3). The life Jesus offers is everlasting—here and now. It begins the day you receive Him as Lord and Savior and cannot be undone by death. By Christ's blood, sin and death have been defeated—they no longer have a hold over us. All who trust in Jesus can live freely and abundantly without fear of the future. So follow Him! He alone is the way, the Truth, and the life.

*Prayer: Jesus, thank You for offering me eternal salvation by the gift of Your sacrifice. I know You are the way, the Truth, and the life. May I live abundantly in light of this good news, seeking Your face and walking in freedom as I follow You. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

**"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'" (John 14:6).**

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## **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 those in need.

### **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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#### **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.  
 Robyn: 0424 791 916

#### **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