



NEWSLETTER

16 - 22 June 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

Last Saturday we held an open morning for people to come, chat, check out the garden. We had about seven members of the community come to get involved.



Summary of the Church Council Meeting

- We are still for looking more effective ways to reach out to our local community.
- If you have any ideas or would like to support one of the existing teams (Community Garden or Games Night) please talk to someone on Church Council.
- A Community Garden working bee will be held on 13 September.
- A Social Afternoon at the church will be held on Saturday 26th July 2-4pm.

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Previous Sermons

If you have 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	
21	Cancer Council Morning Tea
22	Lunch after church at Castle Hill RSL
27	Games Night
July	
11-13	Synod 2025
26	Social Afternoon
Aug	
8-9	BaseCamp
30	Serving at NRPS Fete
Sept	
6	Trivia Night
13	Community Garden Working Bee
Dec	
6	Fair Trade Market

Community News and Notices

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 21st June 2025
Drop in any time between 10am and 12.30pm

For details contact: enquiry@northrocks.org.au



The Past for Today

The Christian faith has a very rich history that is largely unknown to members of congregations today. There is a benefit in looking at the past.

- It can give us a sense of perspective on the present.
- It can show us where we have come from.
- It can also show us the times when the church got things 'right' and when it did not.

You are invited to attend a series of studies that helps relate history to present life and faith. It will be led by Rev Dr Clive Pearson and hosted by St Matthews UC (Baulkham Hills). It is open to everyone. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Uniting Church Assembly and Synod News Links

Uniting Church Assembly: <https://uniting.church/news/>

NSW & ACT Synod: <https://nswact.uca.org.au/>

Parramatta Nepean Presbytery: <https://pnp.uca.org.au/>

Reflection of the Week

When the Samaritan woman accepted Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah, she was instantly transformed into a new being. The woman at the well was so thrilled she left her water jug behind in her eagerness to tell everyone what Christ had done for her! She went back to the streets where she had previously walked in shame as people whispered unkindly about her.

She had given her sin and guilt to Jesus and now could boldly engage each and every person she met in earnest conversation about her amazing experience. In short, she became a witness. John 4:27-42 tells the story.

Many Christians talk about witnessing, but most don't have an accurate understanding of what it means to be a witness. To better understand the term, just look at what a witness does in a court trial. His duty is simple: He tells the Truth about what he experienced. He is not responsible for fully understanding the law or the process; he is only obligated to tell what he saw and heard.

Telling others what we experienced when we met Jesus is our duty as witnesses for Christ, and it should be our joy to do so. How can we keep the gift of salvation quiet and not share it with others?

Prayer: God, help me to remember what You have done for me and to count it a joy to share my salvation story with others. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, 'Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?'" (John 4:28-29).

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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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