

NEWSLETTER

21 - 27 July 2025

Revive
Restore
Reach Out

Sunday Worship 9am

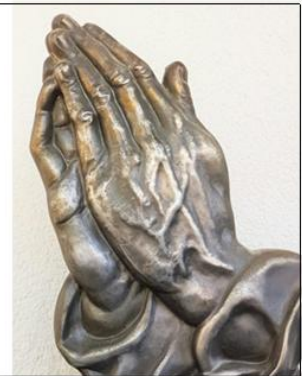
Prayer for Our Church

Dear God,

Thank You for the many blessings You have poured out on our church. In times of challenge and discouragement, help us to persevere and seek Your guidance.

May we continue to be a light in the world, bringing joy and peace through Your presence.

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.

Term 3 Roster

The roster has been sent out this week. If you are unavailable on a day you are rostered, please swap with someone and let the office know so we can update the roster.

Social afternoon - Saturday 26th July, 2-4pm.

Come along for a cuppa, a chat, bring your latest craft project to work on, borrow a book from our library, play a game, or simply relax. We'd love you to see you there!

If you'd like assistance with transport or have any other queries, please contact Jenny or email enquiry@northrocks.org.au.

North Rocks Road - nightworks

Monday 14 July to Saturday 30 August 2025

A new nightworks program will begin on North Rocks Road from Monday 14 July continuing until Saturday 30 August 2025.

During this time, nightworks will start at 8pm, with North Rocks Road reinstated to normal use by 5am the following morning.

Two-way traffic will be maintained throughout, with traffic controllers in place to direct motorists. It is expected that night work will be scheduled for up to four (4) nights a week.

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

July	
26	Social Afternoon
29	Church Council Meeting
Aug	
8-9	BaseCamp
30	Serving at NRPS Fete
Sept	
6	Trivia Night
13	Community Garden Working Bee
Dec	
6	Fair Trade Market

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 News and Notices



Medicare rebates are available with select practitioners. We offer competitive fees and concession rates; however, please note that we do not provide a bulk billing service.

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- Mental Health & Wellbeing
- Faith struggles
- Burnout and ministry fatigue
- Grief, loss or trauma
- Depression and anxiety
- Support for missionaries (before, during, and after service)
- Addictions & Eating Disorders
- Trauma & PTSD
- Conflict resolution & communication
- Marriage, relationship, or family difficulties
- Pre-marriage counselling (Prepare/Enrich)
- Parenting challenges and family transitions

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

Nehemiah wrote, ". . . the joy of the LORD is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10). Praise teaches us to turn our eyes away from circumstances to the one who has the ability to heal, save, renew, and mend every broken heart.

There is a difference between the happiness that this world has to offer and the eternal happiness or joy we can experience every day in Christ. Happiness found in the things of this world, while often good (delicious food, beautiful scenery, enthralling experiences), is fleeting. But the joy of salvation, of knowing God, and of His wondrous promises for us is eternal. This joy overflows when we live our lives in praise to God. You may feel as though you cannot praise God, but if you take just a step toward praise, you will sense God's arms surrounding you.

Your praise can be simple: "To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in You I trust, O my God." Praise will steady your heart when trouble comes and give you God's perspective on your current situation.

Take time to thank God for what He has done for you. He has saved you and given you an opportunity to know and love Him. Remember He loves you with unconditional love; He will not withhold His love from you.

Our deepest gratitude, honour, and glory belong to the Lord. Praise Him for He is worthy to be praised!

Prayer: All glory, honour, and praise to You, Lord! In the midst of trouble, I will take a step toward praise. Thank You for the embrace of Your loving arms. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation" (Psalm 13:5).

Prayer Points for This Month

For Our Church

- Pray for God's guidance and wisdom as we endeavour to connect with our wider community in a meaningful way.
- Pray for Rod as ministers to us and guides our church in our mission.
- Please pray for our Church Council—that they may continue to lead our congregation with wisdom and

collaborate effectively with Rod.

- Pray for healing and restoration for those in need

For the Wider Church

- Pray for wisdom for our senior church leaders, ministers, pastors, and teachers as they work towards reconciliation and peace.
- Pray for other churches in our local area, and for Uniting Churches at Carlingford, West Epping, Parramatta and Baulkham Hills.
- Please pray for the missionaries we support—Mike & Jacky, Richard & Lindsey, and Bill & Sandra—that they may continue to find meaningful ways to share God's Word with those who have not yet heard it.

For Australia

- Pray for strength for those struggling with the cost of living.
- Please pray that our political leaders would listen to those they represent and lead with wisdom and integrity in their service.
- Pray for unity, peace and reconciliation, that our communities might be drawn together in understanding through God's love.

For the World

- Pray for those in areas of conflict, that they might know your peace, and love.
- May all people learn to treat your creation with love and care.
- 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, Jenny Keyte