

NEWSLETTER

1 – 7 September 2025

Revive
Restore
Reach Out

Sunday Worship 9am

Prayer for Our Church

Dear God,

Help us to serve our community with open hands and open hearts. Teach us to look beyond ourselves—our needs, our routines, our comfort—and to see the people around us with Your eyes. Give us wisdom and courage to engage with those we don't yet know. Show us how to build bridges, offer kindness, and be a reflection of Your love in every corner of our community. May our actions speak louder than our words, and may everything we do point others toward You.

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.

Trivia Night

Trivia night is this weekend. Please invite your friends to come along for a fun evening. The event is on Facebook to share or you can pick up some flyers at the back of the church.

If you have any items that can be used as prizes they can be left in the church office. We are also looking for donations of chocolate bars to use for prizes.

We will accept cash or EFTPOS on the night. (EFTPOS will attract a 1.6% surcharge)

Trivia NIGHT?
Get your team ready

All funds raised will go to help the work of Parramatta Mission

When? **Saturday 6th September, 7.00pm**


How much? **\$10 includes tea & coffee**

Where? **North Rocks Community Church, 132 North Rocks Road, North Rocks**

How many in a team? **8 people per table**

Do I need to book? **You can register your team by emailing the church office at enquiry@northrocks.org.au by August 30, or join a table on the night.**

What you I need to bring? **BYO nibbles and drinks, and loose change for games on the night**

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Community Garden working bee

Please join us on the 13th September as we plant our Spring/Summer vegetables & herbs, enjoy some morning tea, & time getting to know each other. We'll start at 8.30am, we hope to see you there! Remember to extend this invitation to friends or family who live near the church.

Latest Newsletter from Sandra & Bill

For the latest news from Sandra & Bill, please click [here](#).

North Rocks Road - nightworks continues

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

Traffic controllers will be on site and two-way traffic flow will be maintained.

It is expected that night work will be scheduled for up to five (5) nights a week.

Sometime soon, the Northbound lanes will be completely closed for a month.

Dates to be confirmed, more information will follow when the schedule is announced.

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

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| Sept | |
| 6 | Trivia Night |
| 13 | Community Garden Working Bee |
| 21 | Annual General Meeting |
| 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

Safe Church Awareness / Culture of Safety Training

Synod provides safe church training to all Uniting Church Ministry leaders and church council representatives so they can maintain safe places and programs, and to congregation safe church persons. This is not just about compliance, although there are many legal obligations to consider, it is primarily an outworking of our desire to make a Jesus-shaped difference in our communities.



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.

Our Practice Managers can provide a free 15 minute phone consultation to help find the best match from our team. Call us on 02 9683 1444 or email us at manager@bridgescounselling.com.au

For further information, please visit: www.bridgescounselling.com.au

Located in **Oatlands & Norwest**, our team of 20 plus experienced, Christian therapists have availability and are ready to support your staff and church community in:

- 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

Psalms 47:1 says: "Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy." Most people have no problem clapping and shouting for their favourite sports team, but when it comes to church, they become tongue-tied, merely mouthing the words. Some don't even do that. They come to praise God, but they never do. They keep their mouths shut.

Today, in every corner of the globe, God's people are suffering at the hands of persecutors who falsely accuse them simply because they believe in Jesus. The police chase them like criminals. In every corner of the globe, Christians are being muzzled and intimidated, even in the West.

Psalms 47 reminds us that the day is coming when we are going to reign and rule with Christ in the universe. The day is coming when He will subdue nations under us and the people of this world will be under our feet. No matter what we face in life, we can rejoice in the promise of Christ's eternal victory.

Prayer: Father, forgive me for the times when I don't praise You. Help me never to be ashamed to boldly praise Your name. Thank You for the reminder that one day we will rule with You. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"For the LORD Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth. He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet" (Psalm 47:2-3).

Prayer Points for This Month

For Our Church

- Pray that God might enable and inspire members to use their spiritual gifts to serve each other and to bear spiritual fruit.
- Pray that Rod will know Your divine strength and wisdom as he leads our church.
- Pray for leaders in our church for wisdom to guide their decisions, strength to endure the challenges, and humility to serve as you called us to. May they lead with selfless love and kindness.
- Pray for our upcoming AGM.
- Pray for healing and restoration for those in need.

For the Wider Church

- Pray for healing of the divisions caused by sin, power, and money, and reconcile us across different cultures and languages. Unite us as Your children as we live together in Your love, revealing Your glory in the world.
- Pray for the leaders of Your church. Grant them wisdom, discernment, and strength to lead faithfully and courageously, hearing and acting upon Your Word
- Pray for other churches in our local area, and for Uniting Churches at Carlingford, West Epping, Parramatta and Baulkham Hills.
- 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 healing for those who are struggling or marginalised. May they find hope in You.
- Pray for our leaders, that they may govern with wisdom, compassion, and a commitment to justice for all. Grant us reconciliation, understanding, and unity, especially as a multicultural nation.

For the World

- Pray that all people might strive to protect the earth, its resources, and to live in harmony with the environment.
 - Pray for guidance and good judgment for those in positions of power to make just decisions.
 - Pray for a desire for conflicts to cease and for a sense of calm to spread across the globe.
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Ministry Leaders

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

Church Council

Chairperson: Cathy Nelson Secretary: Samson Leung Treasurer: Anne Crabb
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