

NEWSLETTER

15 - 21 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.

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.

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/>

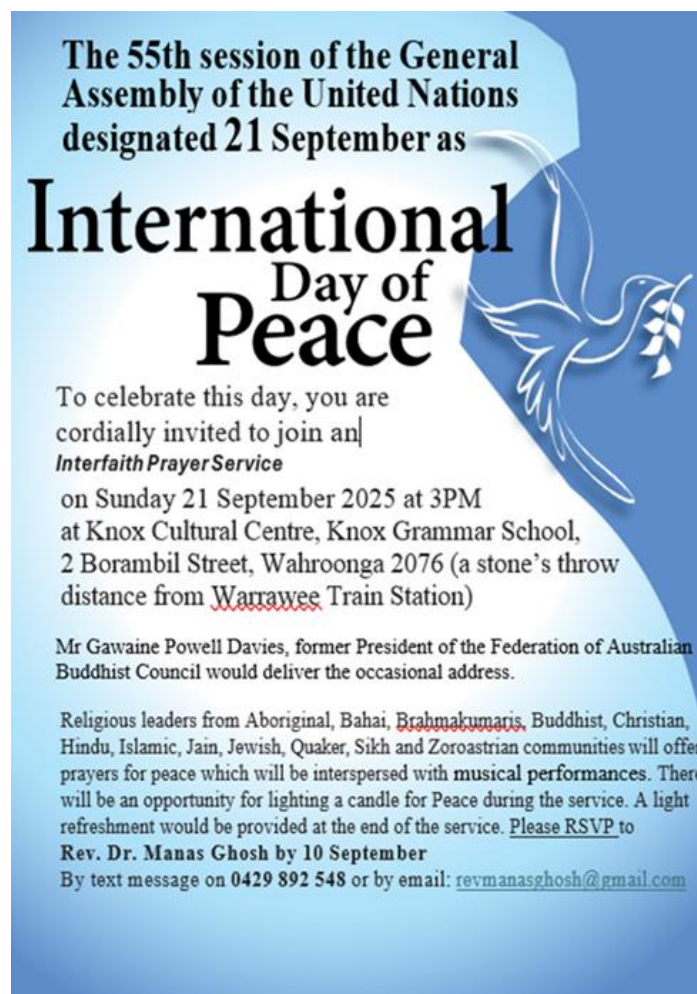
Dates for your Diary

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.

Sept	
21	Annual General Meeting
Oct	
12	Guest Preacher: Richard Parker
Dec	
6	Fair Trade Market

Community News and Notices

Peace Service, 21 September 3PM



The 55th session of the General Assembly of the United Nations designated 21 September as

International Day of Peace

To celebrate this day, you are cordially invited to join an
Interfaith Prayer Service
on Sunday 21 September 2025 at 3PM
at Knox Cultural Centre, Knox Grammar School,
2 Borambil Street, Wahroonga 2076 (a stone's throw
distance from ~~Warrabee~~ Warrawee Train Station)

Mr Gawaine Powell Davies, former President of the Federation of Australian Buddhist Council would deliver the occasional address.

Religious leaders from Aboriginal, Bahai, ~~Brahmakumaris~~, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Islamic, Jain, Jewish, Quaker, Sikh and Zoroastrian communities will offer prayers for peace which will be interspersed with musical performances. There will be an opportunity for lighting a candle for Peace during the service. A light refreshment would be provided at the end of the service. Please RSVP to Rev. Dr. Manas Ghosh by 10 September
By text message on 0429 892 548 or by email: revmanasghosh@gmail.com

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

We probably would not believe the number of people who are seeking to know the future. They worry about tomorrow because they feel out of control today. While they may not be world leaders or CEOs of large companies, they are on a personal power quest, devising ways to gain more power and to keep from losing the power they presently have.

Unless a person is trusting Jesus Christ with every area of his life, having more of the world's power will do him no good. A great position on a corporate ladder will not save him from death. But true power—the power that only God provides—saves us from an eternal death and from making some very poor decisions.

When we place our faith in God's Son and trust Him to hear our prayers for forgiveness, we are saved by His wondrous grace. He forgives our sins and enables us to live a very powerful life. This is because, when we accept Christ as our Savior, God sends His Holy Spirit to live within our lives.

We no longer have to face life alone. Someone very powerful is facing it with us. When you need guidance for your life, God will provide the wisdom you need as you pray. Trust Him, and you will find that He will guide your every step. This is a powerful Truth, and it is the reality of God's power at work in your life.

The power that God infuses into your life is the same power that He used to raise Jesus from the grave (see Ephesians 1:18-20). He has given His Spirit to you so that you might have authority and influence in your world. Therefore, don't get bogged down by the circumstances of life. You have a powerful advocate through prayer. Jesus Christ is our personal source of life-changing power.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for the hope that You have given me through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Help me to remember that all the strength and power that I need is available through You. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?" (1 Corinthians 6:19).

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 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.

Ministry Leaders

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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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Church Council

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