



NEWSLETTER

29 September – 5 October 2025

Revive
Restore
Reach Out

Sunday Worship 9am

Prayer for Our Church

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the gift of our church. Help us to serve faithfully, using the unique spiritual gifts You have given each of us to be Your hands and feet. Please bless our church community and keep our hearts centred on You. Empower us to reach out to those around us and share the goodness of who You are. May Your love overflow from our lives to every person we encounter.

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.

Remember that Daylight Saving starts this Sunday 5th October.

Put your clocks forward one hour.

Term 4 Roster

The roster is currently being prepared up to the end of January. If you would like to be included on the roster or change your involvement in any way please email enquiry@northrocks.org.au. If you will be away for an extended period please let us know so that we can work around those dates.

Guest Preacher

On October 12 we will be welcoming Richard Parker to preach at our worship service.

COMPLETE CLOSURE OF NORTH ROCKS ROAD NOTICE:

From 8pm Friday 10th October to 5am Monday 13th October.

There will be a COMPLETE CLOSURE of North Rocks Road between Church St and the Woolworths entrance, except for pedestrians and buses.

The suggested detour for those normally coming up from the bottom end of North Rocks Rd (at Church St) is via James Ruse Rd, Pennant Hills Rd, Bettington Rd/Statham Ave to the top end of

North Rocks Rd and then down to the Church (or the reverse if you are heading down).
This detour is about 7km and you should allow an extra 15 minutes drive time on Sunday morning, and more at other times.
Access to and from Woolworths car park will only be from the North.

Night roadworks also continue during the week with minor delays.

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

Oct	
11	Community Garden
12	Guest Preacher: Richard Parker
25	Community Garden
Nov	
30	Start of Advent
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

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

Read 2 Timothy 3:10-17.

Paul told Timothy to stand firm in the Truth of the Gospel, to stand firm in finding and following God's purpose for his life, to stand firm in patience and love. Only when we hold fast to the Word of God, will we be able to obey this call. The Bible does not bend to the whims of celebrities or popular culture; God does not change like shifting sands. So if we want to follow His will and righteous way as the days grow darker, we must turn to Scripture for guidance. We need to read it, obey it, know it, and live it because it is the Truth—not just some of it, not the parts that we like, but every sentence and every word.

The Bible is unlike any other book. It was breathed out by the Holy Spirit of God. There were, of course, human authors who penned the words, but it was God who prepared them to communicate according to His will. Each book of the Bible grew out of a special set of circumstances, and yet, God sovereignly orchestrated those circumstances to bring His timeless message to the world through the extraordinary working of His Spirit in ordinary people.

If you think about it, the Bible is really an indescribably good gift to this world. Without it, how would we know God? How would we know how much He loves us? How would we know the way of salvation? The Bible is salvation's handbook, and it tells us that salvation is only possible through Jesus Christ.

When worldly people hear that, they decry it as intolerant. But God's offer of salvation through His Son is for everyone. Anyone who will confess that Jesus is Lord and believe in their heart that God raised Him from the dead will be admitted to the Kingdom of God (see Romans 10:9), which will include people from every nation, tribe, and tongue (see Revelation 7:9). The world says all religions lead to God, but there is no faith like Christianity—for, in no other religion did God so love the world that He gave His one and only Son to die for us on a cross (see John 3:16). That's the message of the Bible, a sure foundation that will never fail us if we will stand firm on it.

Prayer: Lord, I praise You for the gift of Scripture that allows me to know You and the hope of Your Gospel. Your grace and love are awesome. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, . . ." (2 Timothy 3:16).

Prayer Points for This Month

For Our Church

- Pray that we listen, speak, and act with grace, always seeking God's will in our actions.
- Pray for wisdom in decision-making, unity of purpose, and a heart for the well-being of our church. Pray for Church Council that they will be filled with wisdom, unity, and effective service.

- Pray for Rod and everyone involved in contributing to our services, that they may be Spirit-filled and guided in their roles.
- Pray for healing and restoration for those in need.

For the Wider Church

- Pray for the leaders of our local churches. Grant them wisdom, discernment, and strength to lead faithfully and courageously, hearing and acting upon Your Word
- Pray for the global Church to be united in a joint mission—to take the gospel to the ends of this earth. Let there be a revival across the world in Your name.
- Pray for those who have devoted their lives to spreading the gospel across the world, especially for the missionaries we support - Mike & Jacky Hammond, Richard & Lindsey Parker, and Bill & Sandra Callister.

For Australia

- Pray for respect for Indigenous cultures and histories, and for a journey towards peace and reconciliation.
- Pray for God to guide leaders toward wisdom and justice, and for a society that shows tolerance and respect to all people.
- Pray for a deeper understanding of God's truth, and a move of the Holy Spirit to bring spiritual revival to the nation and its people.

For the World

- Pray for all those who've had to flee their homes due to persecution and conflict. May they find loving communities where they can settle well and find healing from trauma.
 - Pray for countries to find diplomatic solutions that will bring harmony between nations and for wars to end.
 - Pray for all who are affected by natural disasters and issues of climate change that are having such a detrimental effect on people's livelihoods and putting many lives at risk.
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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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