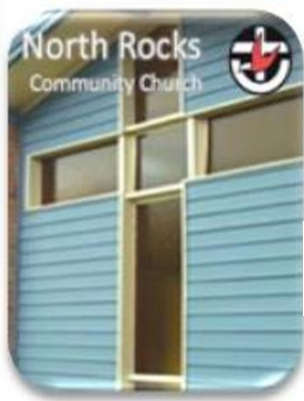




NEWSLETTER

6 - 12 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.

Guest Preacher

This Sunday, October 12, we will be welcoming Richard Parker to preach at our worship service.

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.

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 3:1-9.

When Paul wrote 2 Timothy, he prophesied about the end times. This letter is likely the last that Paul wrote, so one of his last acts on this earth was to leave us a description of those who will

trouble the church at the end. He said these people would be marked by three things: immoral conduct, religious zeal, and militant fanaticism.

As to their immorality, they will be lovers of themselves and not lovers of God (see 2 Timothy 3:2, 4). Everything they do will be motivated by love of self. The backbiting, the scandal, and the brutality we see in our society today all flow from this selfishness. No amount of legislation, no amount of knowledge, no amount of education, no amount of indignation is going to cure this. Only the Gospel of Jesus Christ can change our culture.

Those who trouble the church in the last days will have "a form of godliness" but will deny its power (v. 5). In other words, they will put on an outward show of religion but will have no internal transformation—they will yet have self-centered hearts of stone. True faith, however, combines form and power. It combines spiritual worship and godly living. True faith talks the talk and walks the walk. Faithful believers show suffering sinners where to go to find forgiveness, healing, and hope and inspire those sinners to receive God's grace by the evident fruit of the Spirit in their lives. But religion without moral conduct is a dead religion—it cannot testify to the power and love of God.

False teachers in these end times seek to empty the Church of the Truth, coupling immorality with religious fervour. Their mission is to remove the offense of the cross and to make every church conform to their worldly way of thinking. They are hostile toward Biblical morality and will attack anyone who disagrees with them. They preach tolerance but display intolerance for the Word of God. They want to destroy Biblical faith as we know it.

When we look carefully at Paul's words, it's hard to deny that his prophecy rings true in our day. But we have nothing to fear. Soon and very soon, Jesus will appear. He will wipe away all our tears and in righteousness judge those who have made a mockery of His Word. And then, we will be with Him forever.

Prayer: Father, give me faith to stand firm on Your Word in the face of false teaching. Thank You that Christ will come again soon and bring to completion Your work of redemption and renewal. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days" (2 Timothy 3:1).

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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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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