



# NEWSLETTER

24 - 30 November 2025

**Revive**  
**Restore**  
**Reach Out**

## Sunday Worship 9am

### Prayer for Our Church

**Dear Lord,**

Thank You for each of the ministries within our church that share the gospel with others. I pray that You would help these ministries meet the unique individual needs of every person in our church and wider community and guide them closer to You. Let us each love our neighbours as ourselves. Help us all to live selflessly as we spread Your name.

**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.

### Christmas Services

We are looking for people who would like to help organise the special Christmas services for 24 Dec (6.30-7.30pm, preceded by a community barbecue), and 25 Dec (9.00-10.00am). If you have creative ideas, or would like to help on the night, and would like to join the team please talk to Rod.

### Fair Trade Market - December 6

#### Invite your friends and family

NRCC is hosting the Fair Trade Market on Saturday December 6. We would like you to invite your friends, family, work colleagues and neighbours along to the event.

### 5 WEEK NORTHBOUND LANE and 2 WEEKEND COMPLETE CLOSURES of North Rocks Rd

From Monday 10th November at 8.00 pm to sometime late on Friday 19th December there will be a closure of North Rocks Rd to

**ALL Northbound traffic 24 hours per day** between Church St and the Woolworths entry.

(Buses will be allowed.)

Southbound traffic will be permitted, but there will be some delays.

Also there will be **TWO Complete Weekend Closures** (both directions) during this period:

8.00 pm Friday 28th Nov to 5.00 am Monday 1st Dec and

8.00 pm Friday 5th Dec to 5.00 am Monday 8th Dec.

The suggested detour to get to the Church is as before:

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.

This detour is about 7km and you should allow an extra 15 minutes drive time on Sunday morning, and 30 minutes at other times.

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### 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/>

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## Dates for your Diary

Nov	
30	Start of Advent
Dec	
6	Fair Trade Market
13	Community Garden
21	Guest Preacher: Sathi Clarke

**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.

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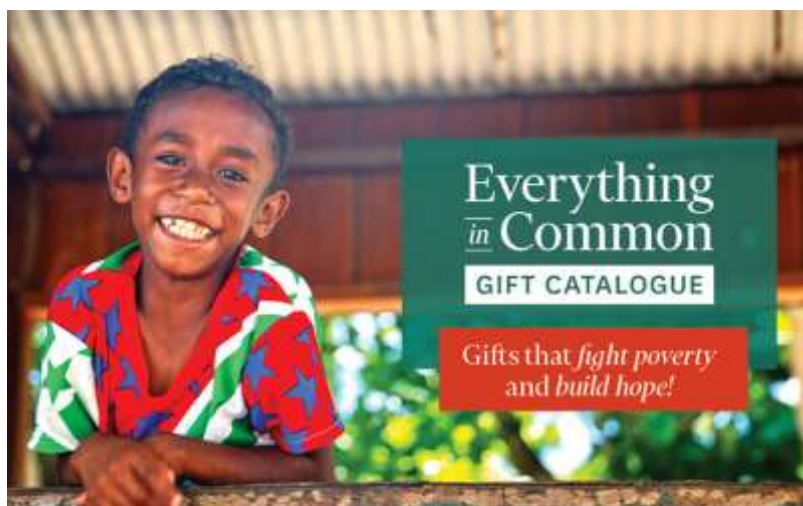
## Community News and Notices



## Different ways you can help those in need this Christmas

If you are looking for ways to help those in need please click on the images below for charities to donate to, or presents to give your friends and family that will make a difference to someone in need.





## 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

Whether we realize it or not, faithfulness is at the heart of all relationships. It is the very thing that prevents families and societies from falling apart. And it is the one element that has the ability to encourage us to persevere in times of failure and heartache.

The psalmist writes, "The LORD preserves those who are true to him, but the proud he pays back in full" (Psalm 31:23). Therefore, it comes as no surprise that the apostle Paul lists faithfulness as one of the fruit of the Spirit.

In fact, one of the first things we learn about God is that He is faithful. As children, we often sing the song "Jesus Loves Me," and we know He does. No matter what we have done in the past or what we will do in the future, God's love for us never changes. It is eternal, infinite, and abiding.

Far from compelling us to presume on God's faithful, unchanging love, the amazing grace of God is the catalyst for our repentance so that we are saved to new life in Christ. This new life begins the moment we are born again of the Spirit so that, through Him, we become like Jesus—faithful, the kind of friend "who sticks closer than a brother" (Proverbs 18:24). Jesus remains at our side even when others abandon us, and we should follow His example in our relationships with others. To whom can you be faithful today?

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for my friends. Please help me to be a good friend to them. I pray I will follow Your example and will stand by my friends when they need me the most. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

**"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law" (Galatians 5:22-23).**

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## **Prayer Points for This Month**

### **For Our Church**

- Pray for listening ears as we seek to hear God's guidance and direction.
- Pray for encouragement for those contributing in many ways to the life of our church.
- Pray for Church Council that they will make wise decisions around governance.
- Pray for SRE in our local schools as they prepare for their Christmas services. We pray for Bev as she organises the service at NRPS.
- Pray for Rod as he teaches and guides us in our faith journeys.
- Pray for healing and restoration for those in need.

### **For the Wider Church**

- Pray for those involved, from Parramatta Nepean, Murray Darling and Sydney presbyteries, in working together to become the new Central Presbytery.
- Pray for strength and perseverance for churches around the world to stay strong in the hope of our Lord.
- Pray for missionaries who commit daily to share your word around the world, often with those who have not yet heard about you. We pray especially for the missionaries we support - Mike & Jacky Hammond, Richard & Lindsey Parker, and Bill & Sandra Callister.

### **For Australia**

- Pray for unity among people of all backgrounds, that we might all work together for reconciliation.
- Pray for the wisdom and integrity of rulers and parliamentarians to govern for the common good, ensuring justice and peace.

- Pray for the youth and young adults, that they may be anchored in truth and find purpose in faith.

## For the World

- Ask for peace to be established in troubled regions and for those displaced by conflict.
  - Pray for those who are experiencing despair and fear, and for their healing and strength.
  - Ask for a world where both people and the planet can thrive, free from exploitation.
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### **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.  
Robyn: 0424 791 916

## **Ministry Leaders**

Transitional Supply Minister: Rev Dr Rod Benson / 0412421678 / [rod@northrocks.org.au](mailto:rod@northrocks.org.au)

## **Church Council**

Chairperson: Cathy Nelson   Secretary: Samson Leung   Treasurer: Anne Crabb  
Alex Chow, Jenny Keyte, Sue Vasilevska