



NEWSLETTER

1 – 7 December 2025

Revive
Restore
Reach Out

Sunday Worship 9am

Prayer for Our Church

Loving God,

As we enter this Christmas season, we thank You for the gift of Jesus, the true Light of the world. Guide our church to be a place of welcome and warmth for all who come from our community. Open our hearts to notice those around us and to share Your love in simple, meaningful ways. May everyone we meet come to know the real meaning of Christmas—the hope and joy found in Christ.

Bless our gatherings and conversations, and let Your light shine through us.

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.

Advent Reflection

“Perhaps you don’t feel inclined to rejoice as we engage with Advent this year. And that’s okay. Advent does not demand joy and celebration, although there’s nothing wrong with expressing happy emotions or accompanying others who are keen to express them. Advent meets us where we are, in every season of life, in whatever mental or emotional frame it finds us. But Advent does more...”

Read on: [Until the Son of God appear – iDigress](#)

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/>

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.

Dec	
6	Fair Trade Market
13	Community Garden
21	Guest Preacher: Sathi Clarke
24	Christmas Eve
25	Christmas Day Service 9am

Community News and Notices



**SATURDAY
6 DECEMBER
2025**

**CHRISTMAS
FAIR TRADE
MARKET**

*Jewellery
Fashion
Homewares
Bags
Toys
Body care
Fairtrade food items*

**9am - 2pm
North Rocks
Community Church
132 North Rocks Rd, North Rocks
FREE ENTRY**

Choose to buy fair trade products to help create a brighter future for millions of farmers, workers, and their families around the world.

Why not give fair trade gifts for Christmas this year which will give joy to both producer and receiver!

Plus Christmas craft for kids, morning tea with delicious cakes & sausage sizzle.

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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.



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Click Here

Parramatta Mission | Meeko Plus | 175 HOTEL | wesley | Uniting Church

This Christmas, donate a
Plate for a Mate
Your gift will provide food and support to those in need.



JUST ONE
ACT OF KINDNESS
CAN CHANGE A LIFE

MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR JUST ONE TODAY







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

Can you imagine a group of carpenters gathering to build a skyscraper without architectural blueprints? The results would be horrendous! Have you ever heard of a medical student failing his medical exams numerous times and still having a successful career as a physician? This would be impossible!

You would never entrust your health to someone who has not passed his medical exams, and you would never live in a home that was built without a plan. Just as we need structure for buildings, we also need structure in our relationships.

On any level, this can prove to be challenging. Whether dealing with a spouse, sibling, parent, child, co-worker, boss, or friend, the key to building solid relationships is learning how to interact successfully with one another.

When it comes to the subject of relationships, what is your greatest fear? Rejection? Or do you struggle with the thought of not meeting someone's expectations? Don't despair; God has given His Word to you as a guide.

God knows how to deal with all types of people. When you develop Christlike characteristics in your own life, you begin to view others as God views them. Second Peter 1:5-7 tells us to "make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love."

Today, ask God to impart to you His love and acceptance of others. When you choose to become more like Christ in your relationships, God will give you the ability to love and live in harmony with those around you.

Prayer: Lord, I confess that I am frequently self-absorbed in my relationships and overly concerned with others' views of me. Help me to remember who I am in You, to find my confidence in You, and to love others freely as people made in Your image. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble" (1 Peter 3:8).

Prayer Points for This Month

For Our Church

- Pray for listening hearts this Christmas season, that in the midst of celebration we would hear God's guiding voice.
- Pray for encouragement and strength for all who faithfully serve in our church family.
- Pray for Rod, that the Holy Spirit would continue to inspire and uphold him as he teaches and leads us, helping us grow in faith and in our understanding of the true meaning of Christmas.
- Pray for those in need of healing and restoration.

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 that they may share the message of Christmas to the communities in which they worship.
- Pray for those in mission as they reach out to those who do not yet know you. We pray especially for the missionaries we support - Mike & Jacky Hammond, Richard & Lindsey Parker, and Bill & Sandra Callister.

For Australia

- Pray for a peaceful Christmas season for all Australians, for comfort and calm for those in distress.
- Pray for safety and resilience for communities facing natural disasters like fires, floods, and droughts.
- Pray for reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.
- Pray for those working to protect the environment and for more effective action to safeguard the planet for future generations.

For the World

- "We pray for the whole human family, that the glory of Christmas will shine forth across the earth and bring fresh heart to all who long for peace."
- "We pray for the nations and peoples of the Middle East, that the catastrophic toll of death and destruction there will finally persuade leaders to agree to terms of peace."
- "We pray for peace, justice, and wisdom for those in positions of authority, and for the salvation of all people, that they may come to know Christ."

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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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Ministry Leaders

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