



# NEWSLETTER

12 – 18 January 2026

Revive  
Restore  
Reach Out

## Sunday Worship 9am

### Prayer for Our Church

Dear God,

As a new year begins, we humbly ask for Your Spirit to guide our church. Give us the wisdom to seek your will in all that we do, trusting your unchanging love amidst life's uncertainties. Help us to put aside differences so that we might build your kingdom sharing the Gospel with love and compassion. Open our eyes to the sorrows of the world, empowering us to respond with sacrifice and tenderness to those in need, reflecting Your grace and mercy.

We ask this 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.

### Term 1 Roster

The roster for February to April is currently being prepared. If you know you will be away at any time please email [enquiry@northrocks.org.au](mailto:enquiry@northrocks.org.au). If you wish to change your commitment to the roster in any way please email or talk to Cathy.

### For the women at NRCC

you're invited to morning tea, Saturday 31st January 9.30am at Stonemill Patisserie (Lawndale Ave, North Rocks).

Please RSVP to Jenny-0417249116/[keytejenn@gmail.com](mailto:keytejenn@gmail.com) by Wed 28th January so a booking can be made.

If you'd like a lift, please let Jenny know

**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

| Jan     |                      |
|---------|----------------------|
| 24      | Community Garden     |
| Feb     |                      |
| 14 & 28 | Community Garden     |
| 21      | An Afternoon in Song |

**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

**North Rocks Community Church**

*Invites you to attend*



*An Afternoon  
In Song*

**FEATURING:**

*"Small Things"*  
*"Emma Goodstir"*  
*"Tony Keyte"*

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**WHEN:** Saturday February 21st, 2026

**WHERE:** 132 North Rocks Rd, North Rocks

**TIME:** 3pm to 5pm

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*Café Style seating - BYO drinks and nibbles*  
(Free Coffee and Tea available)

**\*\* Suggested donation \$5.00 \*\***

## 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/>

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## Reflection of the Week

Joy dwells in the hearts of those who trust in God's power, not their own. This is what Paul meant when he said, "I can do all this through him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13).

Whether Paul was preaching to King Agrippa or a lowly Roman soldier, he was content because Christ enthroned his heart. The unlikely apostle had learned to say, "I can count on God's power to give me strength to obey Him, to carry me through whatever I go through, and to make Christ my all-sufficiency."

Paul delighted in the knowledge that Christ had taken hold of him and would never let him go. He recognized that he owed everything to God—his faith, strength, and every good fruit blossoming in his life. This led him to pursue the glorious promises of God, confident that Christ had provided for all his needs. And He did for you, too.

Today, take joy in the Lord—what He has done for you and is doing in you. Let that lead you to contentment in every situation so that you proclaim with Paul, "My God will meet all my needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

*Prayer: Father, I trust You. You alone are worthy. You are love. You are good. You are sufficient for me. My hope is in You. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

***"I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:12-13).***

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## Prayer Points for This Month

### For Our Church

- Pray for encouragement and strength for all who faithfully serve in our church family.
- Pray for those preparing to begin the new school year.
- Pray that God will provide Rod with strength, wisdom, and protection. May he continue to preach boldly, lead faithfully and remain dependent on God.
- Pray for church council, that they continue to work as one making wise decisions for our church.
- Pray for healing and restoration for Helen Joyce (Anne's mum) Cay, Jack (the son of Bill's former boss) undergoing treatment for a brain tumour, George, Mari, Dawn, Gail, Debbie, Peter, Glen H, Christine, Stan, Samson & Gloria's family, Margaret B, Maureen.
- Pray for Rod and his family as they mourn the loss of his father.

## For the Wider Church

- Pray for the presbytery ministries of Parramatta Nepean Presbyteries – Suburban Seeds, Bidwell Uniting and Lifeline Macarthur and Western Sydney.
- 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 safety and resilience for communities facing natural disasters.
- Pray for reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.
- Pray for wisdom for our leaders in local, state and federal governments.

## For the World

- We pray for the nations and regions of the world experiencing conflict.
- 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.
- We pray for Iran, Iraq & Syria.

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**(BSB):** 634634 **Account Number:** 100025906

### **Prayers**

If you have any prayer requests or would like to know about those with particular pastoral needs to pray for, please contact Cathy or another member of the Pastoral Care Team  
Cathy: 0411 055 403

## 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