



NEWSLETTER

9 - 15 February 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.

CWCI E3 Conference

The E3 Conference is being held March 13-15. NRCC won't be organising a livestream gathering but if you are interested please click [here](#) for all the information.

Practising the Way - NRCC Feb-Mar 2026

The **Practising the Way Course** is designed as a framework for spiritual formation built around teaching, community, and practice. At North Rocks Community Church, we aim to integrate **sermons, supplied videos, discussion groups, and homework**. Below is an **eight-week plan** that balances those elements, structured around a weekly rhythm.

Each person should have access to a Companion Guide (available free as a PDF) and a notebook to write their reflections, questions, insights, and prayers.

Cleaning Bee - 14 February

We will be cleaning the church on February 14 starting 8.30am in preparation for An Afternoon in Song the following week.

Please put the date in your diary and come along to help if you are able.

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.

Jan	
24	Community Garden
Feb	
14	Cleaning Bee
14 & 28	Community Garden
21	An Afternoon in Song

Community News and Notices

North Rocks Community Church
Invites you to attend

*An Afternoon
In Song*

FEATURING:
"Small Things"
"Tony Keyte"
"Emma Goodsir"

WHEN: Saturday February 21st, 2026
WHERE: 132 North Rocks Rd, North Rocks
TIME: 3pm to 5pm

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/>

Reflection of the Week

Have you ever been trapped by fear? When we allow fear to build up and to affect us continuously, we begin losing not only our joy but also our effectiveness in witnessing. Ever-present fear steals our God-given potential. It causes us to keep quiet instead of testifying to God's salvation. Fear keeps us from reclaiming our workplaces, neighbourhoods, and schools for Christ. Fear keeps us from giving generously of ourselves to the work of God. Fear keeps us from telling everyone we know about the one who saved us eternally.

Our only hope against conquering fear is faith. Fear will hold us back, but faith in God will lift us up. We can find comfort in the words of the psalmist: "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, . . ." (Psalm 46:1-2).

Read Joshua 6. As Joshua faced the fortified walls of Jericho, he must have had his doubts. The people certainly must have asked, "You want us to penetrate the impenetrable—by marching around the city walls once a day in silence and then seven times on the seventh day with trumpets and shouting? What will this accomplish?" But instead of giving in to fear, Joshua responded with unquestioning obedience to God's battle plan. And that is what faith is all about—obedience, the evidence of trust and faith.

What is your Jericho? What obstacle is hindering you from living boldly for Christ? Today you can begin to exercise complete trust in the presence of God by spending time with your heavenly Father. When you draw near to Him, He'll direct you and give you confidence and peace for whatever trials come your way.

Prayer: Father, help me not to be trapped by fear. Give me the strength to respond to intimidating situations with unquestioning obedience as I trust in You. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you" (Psalm 56:3).

Prayer Points for This Month

For Our Church

- Pray for encouragement and strength for our congregation as we learn to serve each other as Jesus does.
- Pray for Rod that he will receive God's wisdom as he leads our church through Practising the Way.
- Pray for wisdom for church council as they work together to serve NRCC.
- Pray for healing and restoration for those in need.

For the Wider Church

- Pray for the Community Services Ministries of Parramatta Nepean Presbyteries – [Gateway Family Services](#), [Junction 142](#) and [Parramatta Mission](#).
- Pray for strength and perseverance for churches around the world in areas of conflict. May they continue to know peace that can only come from you.
- 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

- Prayers that leaders will act with integrity, wisdom, and courage to make just decisions for all.
- Pray for unity and healing, for overcoming division, reducing tension, and fostering peace.
- Pray for the vulnerable and voiceless, and bring justice to those who have suffered injustice

For the World

- We pray that world leaders might find peaceful solutions to conflict between countries.
- Pray that local churches and Christians worldwide remain faithful, act as conduits of hope, and bring God's love to their communities.
- We pray for Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Vatican City.

Prayers

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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
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Ministry Leaders

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Church Council

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