



NEWSLETTER

23 February – 1 March 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.

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.

NSW Floral Art Association Friday 27 February

NSWFAA would like to invite you to a Floral Art Demonstration featuring Francine Thomas from New Zealand.

The event will be held on Friday 27 February 2026 from 9:30am through to 12:45pm at the NRCC hall.

Our floral art show bench with amazing designs will be on show during this time.

Cost: \$55.00

For more information please contact Sharryn Place on sharrynplace@gmail.com or 0418 692 003

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.

February	
28	Community Garden
March	
14 & 28	Community Garden
22	Congregational Meeting
29	Palm Sunday
April	
3	Good Friday
5	Easter Sunday
July	
25	Trivia Night

Community News and Notices

Lecture and Panel Discussion on spirituality and ethics

1.00-3.00pm Saturday 14 March

Pitt St Uniting Church, 264 Pitt St, Sydney

Venerable Geshe Lhakdor, Director of the Library of Tibetan Works and Artifacts at Dharamsala, India, will present a lecture on "Turning inward: The first step to universal compassion." Afterward, he will join Rev Dr Rod Benson, General Secretary of the NSW Ecumenical Council, for a moderated dialogue on Buddhist and Christian approaches to spirituality and ethics.



Our world urgently needs a movement of attentive and generous discipleship.

The climate crisis is undoing decades of progress, driving poverty, food insecurity and forced migration across our world. There's profound injustice at its heart: those who've contributed the least to this crisis are suffering the most, while those who've burned the most fossil fuels have largely insulated themselves from its effects.

UnitingWorld's [Lent Event](#) offers a way to step into meaningful action. Take part in 40 For The Future - a climate challenge for all ages living more simply and raising funds for UnitingWorld projects

▪ **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

Our Power Source

Paul knew the source of his power: "For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: 'The righteous will live by faith'" (Romans 1:17). From beginning to end, from Old Testament to New Testament, it is always the same—the righteous will live by faith. In fact, Paul is quoting from Habakkuk 2:4: "the righteous person will live by his faithfulness . . ." Our faith is exercised in the past, present, and future.

In the past, you exercised faith the moment you put your trust in the Lord Jesus Christ—you are saved from hell to heaven. And today, you are putting your trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, knowing that He is providing for your needs, strengthening you against sin, empowering you to have victory, and giving you wisdom for each day. Your faith also focuses on the future. You know that the moment you check out of this earth, you are going to check in with Jesus. So from the beginning to the middle to the end, salvation is a work of God's grace—a gift of faith—and we just receive it (see Ephesians 2:8). It's handed to us. What a privilege and joy! How can we stay quiet about such a love?

Are you ashamed of the Gospel? Do you get quiet when someone tells you it is bigoted to say Jesus is the only way to heaven? Do you get intimidated when someone tells you that it is

narrow-minded to believe that there is no salvation from hell other than Jesus Christ? Remember your power source—and move ahead in obedience and faith, trusting God to see you through.

Prayer: God, help me remember that You are the source of my power. Give me courage and boldness to lovingly stand for Gospel Truth. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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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 France, Germany & Monaco.
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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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Church Council

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