



NEWSLETTER

16-22 March 2026

Revive
Restore
Reach Out

Sunday Worship 9am

Prayer for Our Church

Dear God,
As we work through Practising the Way, encourage and guide us. Help us to know how to live our lives for your Kingdom rather than striving to fit in to the world in which we currently live. Give us the wisdom to follow you and to become more like Jesus every day. May we seek God amid the suffering and hardship faced by us and our loved ones. 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.

There will be a **Congregational Meeting** after the Church service on Sunday 22nd March. It will begin at approx. 10.20 am and is expected to finish by 11 am.

This is an opportunity for all members of NRCC to hear more about what is happening in their church and to ask questions.

Practising the Way - NRCC Feb-Mar 2026

This Sunday is the final session of the **Practising the Way Course**. We will be celebrating this course in a few weeks time.

Summary of Church Council Meeting

- Church council approved Beverley Chow as the coordinator of the Prayer Chain. Current members are Jacky Hammond, Anne Crabb, & Cathy Nelson, together with Bev. If anyone would like to join the Prayer chain, please chat to Bev.
- The International congregation of Wesley Mission will be launching a church plant at Centenary Church, North Parramatta on the 3rd May.

• Upcoming events:

- Men's social night- 27th March at Castle Hill RSL. Please chat to Alex for more details
- Ladies' morning tea-18th April at Clover café, North Rocks shopping centre
- Celebrating Practicing the Way- breakfast & service-31st May
- Trivia night-25th July
- Families' service-2nd August

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

March	
22	Congregational Meeting
27	Men's Social Night
28	Community Garden
29	Palm Sunday
April	
3	Good Friday
5	Easter Sunday
18	Ladies' Morning Tea
May	
31	Celebrating Practising the Way
July	
25	Trivia Night
August	
2	Families' Service

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



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 Best Friend for the Journey

In today's culture, we are confronted with all kinds of tempting philosophies. In order to find the right path in this depraved world, we must train our minds to discern what pleases the Lord. God's Word reveals His will, but His Word can only be spiritually evaluated, discerned, and understood. The only way to know the mind of God is through the Spirit of God. He knows the mind of God perfectly, and He stands ready to illuminate our minds to God's ways through Scripture. He does this so that we might grow and mature, becoming more like Christ with each passing day.

The Holy Spirit is the flashlight that brightens all the dark areas in our hearts and lives. He is the same Holy Spirit who helped you to believe, and now He wants you to know the mind of God. Remember that the Holy Spirit is the true author of the Bible. There were human authors too, but those men were guided and inspired by the Spirit of God, so much so that the Bible is "God-breathed" (2 Timothy 3:16). So when you're reading Scripture and you come to something difficult or confusing, ask the Holy Spirit for His help.

Many people read the Bible but neglect to ask the Holy Spirit for understanding in order to obey what He wrote. No wonder we are in the mess we are in. The Holy Spirit is our best friend, and He stands ready to help us understand the mind of God.

Prayer: Holy Spirit, help me call on You for understanding and wisdom as I read Your Word. I need You to illuminate my mind so that I understand, submit, and am transformed by Your living and active Word. Open my eyes. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way, no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God" (1 Corinthians 2:11).

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 Denmark, Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden.
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Prayers

If you have a confidential prayer request please contact Bev (0404 809 102).

If you have pastoral care needs or would like to share a prayer request in the newsletter please contact Cathy (0411 055 403) or another member of the Pastoral Care Team.

Ministry Leaders

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Church Council

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Alex Chow, Jenny Keyte, Sue Vasilevska