




# NEWSLETTER

30 March – 5 April 2026



## Sunday Worship 9am

### Prayer for Our Church

<p>Dear God,          We pray that this Easter season we may be renewed in the joy of the resurrection, boldly proclaiming the Gospel. We pray that your spirit may guide and strengthen us in our mission and service to you. Help us to be unified and passionate about people coming to know and love you. Let us be a church who shows love in action, extending mercy and welcoming those who join with us this Easter.          Amen</p>	
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You are invited to pray this prayer individually, in small groups, Bible study groups or at other gatherings during the week.

### 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.

April	
3	Good Friday
5	Easter Sunday
18	Ladies' Morning Tea
May	
31	Celebrating Practising the Way
July	
25	Trivia Night

## 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/>

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## Reflection of the Week

The world's viewpoint about God's love is such a watered-down version of the Truth. They view Him as a benign and insipid force. They think that His love is so unconditional that He will happily overlook all their faults. They think that God is not concerned about what religion they belong to or what they believe.

As Christians we know that our God is loving and merciful, yet He is also just in His judgments. We know that although His love is not based on our accomplishments, His love is conditional upon Christ's death on the cross and upon our acceptance of that gift.

Our human brains cannot comprehend the infinitude of God's love. The apostle Paul wrote to the Ephesians: "And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God" (Ephesians 3:17-19).

God's love does not come cheap. God's love cost His own Son. Jesus endured immeasurable

physical and emotional pain when He was separated from the Father in order to take away our sins. Perfect, holy, righteous Jesus died to pay the wages of our sin. That kind of sacrificial love is incomprehensible. How great is God's love that He would give Himself for us! "This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins" (1 John 4:9-10).

*Prayer: God, thank You for Your love—a love so great I cannot even comprehend it. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

**"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).**

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## **Prayer Points for This Month**

### **For Our Church**

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will fill us with love and unity in our diversity.
- Pray that Rod will discern Your will and lead us with clarity and conviction.
- Pray for wisdom, patience and guidance for church council as they plan for the future of NRCC.
- Pray for healing and restoration for those in need

### **For the Wider Church**

- Pray for the Presbytery Ministries of Parramatta Nepean Presbyteries – Bidwell Uniting, Suburban Seeds and Lifeline Macarthur & Western Sydney.
- Pray for strength and perseverance for the church in countries that persecute Christians for their faith in God.
- 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 listen to those whom they serve, and make decisions for the good of all people.
- Pray for all who call Australia home. May we work together and learn from each other to create a sense of unity.

### **For the World**

- We pray for peace around the world, for countries to find diplomatic solutions that will bring harmony between the nations.
  - Pray that churches around the world focus on unity, faithfulness to the gospel and strengthening believers amid suffering.
  - We [pray](#) for Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia.
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## Prayers

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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

Chairperson: Cathy Nelson Secretary: Samson Leung Treasurer: Anne Crabb  
Alex Chow, Jenny Keyte, Sue Vasilevska