



NEWSLETTER

15-21 June 2026

Revive
Restore
Reach Out

Sunday Worship 9am

Prayer for Our Church

Dear God,

We come before you with grateful hearts as we celebrate the gift of your Spirit at Pentecost. Thank you that your Spirit is given freely to all who trust in you. Deepen our understanding of your word and help us to live it out faithfully each day. Guide us with your wisdom as we make decisions that honour you and strengthen your work within our community.

Amen.



Congregational Meeting - Forming a JNC

We have been invited by Presbytery to form a Joint Nominating Committee (JNC) for the purpose of calling a new minister for North Rocks Uniting. The Church Council requests the Chairperson of the Congregation and Secretary to call a special meeting of the congregation (see reg 3.5.1.d) for the purposes of appointing members of a JNC which will be responsible to seek an ordained ministry agent who can be recommended for call and placement at North Rocks Uniting.

This meeting will be held after church, on Sun 21 June. Please be praying about who to nominate and talk to them in advance if possible; who would represent NRCC well. Please look for the separate email/hardcopy made available to everyone.

Trivia Night

Trivia night is just over a month away. Please invite your friends to come along for a fun evening. The event is on Facebook to share or you can pick up some flyers at the back of the church. If you have any items that can be used as prizes they can be left in the church office. We are also looking for donations of chocolate bars to use for prizes. All money raised will be donated to Parramatta Mission.

Would you like to meet with Rod?

Rod is available to meet with people for a pastoral conversation or prayer, either at the church or at a cafe. If it is easier he can come to you. Please phone him to work out a time.

30 Days | 30 Voices | One Church in Prayer

From Pentecost Sunday on 24 May to the 49th Anniversary of the Uniting Church in Australia on 22 June, we are embarking on a shared season of national prayer.

Over these thirty days, thirty voices from across the Church will come together. Each day, a new voice will lead us in praying as one body around a single, unifying question: ***“What does it mean to be woven together in Christ's love across cultures and boundaries?”***



The national prayer chain is one of the most significant parts of the Uniting in Prayer event, connecting every part of the Uniting Church - local communities, agencies, schools, and councils - to each other in prayer through the 35 days. NRCC will be praying for Moonta UC (SA) & Gladstone UC (Qld)

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.

June	
13 & 27	Community Garden
21	Congregational Meeting
July	
11 & 25	Community Garden
25	Trivia Night
August	
2	Families' Service
September	
5	Lamington Drive
13	Congregational AGM
October	
18	National Christian Life Survey
December	
5	Fair Trade Market

Community News and Notices

▪ **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

How do you respond to fear? Do you run and hide, withdrawing into yourself? Do you try to distract yourself from fear with activities? The correct response to fear is not to surrender to it or to ignore it but to overcome it with faith in God and absolute obedience to His Word. Scripture tells us, "But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit" (Jeremiah 17:7-8).

Many people trace their fears back to a loss of control. We experience fear when the stock market fluctuates. We experience fear when we cannot fix our relationships, health, or careers. So what do we do? We try harder to control the situation. We work long hours to accumulate wealth, in search of financial security. We develop unhealthy jealousy in our relationships. We try every new health fad in search of the fountain of youth. Yet none of these methods bring us contentment or peace.

When we realize that the God who created and redeemed us is still actively working in our lives today, we can find rest in Him, no matter what storm is raging. Jesus told us, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (John 14:27).

When we comprehend that God is in control of our lives and surrender our circumstances to Him, we will find security. "So this is what the Sovereign LORD says: 'See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who relies on it will never be stricken with panic'" (Isaiah 28:16).

Prayer: God, help me to respond to fear with faith in You and obedience to Your Word. Help me to remember that I can rest in You because You are in control. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in safety" (Psalm 4:8).

Prayer Points for This Month

For Our Church

- Pray for perseverance in our faith strengthening us to keep our eyes on Jesus.
- Pray for the leaders in our church that you will enable them to lead with integrity, compassion, and a deep commitment to Your Word.
- Pray for Rod, for wisdom in his leadership and discernment in his decisions.
- Pray for healing and restoration for those in need.

For the Wider Church

- Pray for greater unity among believers around the world and help us to love one another as you love us.
- Pray for community services organisations connected to local UCA congregations: [Gateway Family Services](#), [Junction 142](#), [Parramatta Mission](#) and [Castlereagh Conference Centre](#).
- We pray for protection, strength, and comfort to be with those around the world who suffer for their faith.
- 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 those who are struggling with the cost of living.
- Pray for reconciliation between all who call Australia home.
- Pray for wisdom for leaders to make decisions for the good of all Australians.

For the World

- Pray for peace for those living in areas of increased conflict. May they know the hope that can only be found in God.
- Pray for guidance for world leaders that they might find ways to work together for the good of all.
- [Pray](#) for Botswana, Zimbabwe.

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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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