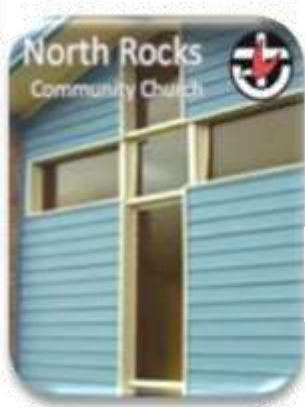




NEWSLETTER

31 August – 6 September 2026

Revive
Restore
Reach Out

Sunday Worship 9am

Prayer for Our Church

Dear God,

Loving and Gracious God, we lift up the members of the JNC. Grant them the wisdom to discern Your will and the patience to wait upon Your timing. Unite their hearts and minds as they seek a faithful leader to guide this congregation. Bless their discussions, give them clarity of vision, and fill them with peace in every decision they make. In Your holy name, Amen.



Farewell Maureen



Please join us as we remember and celebrate the life of Maureen Ora Hornidge. The service will be held at the church on Friday 4 September at 11.30am. Family and friends are then invited to continue the celebration of her life at Castle Hill RSL Club, 77 Castle St, Castle Hill from 1pm.

Thank you - Val Rowlands funeral

Val's children, Elizabeth and Robbie, would like to thank the congregation for the support in making Val's funeral last Friday a special time of remembrance for Val's family, and the NRCC family.

They have shared the following link for us, which includes the order of service, memories photos, and video of the service, especially for those that may have been unable to join last Friday.

bit.ly/valmafuneral

Lamington Drive

The Lamington Drive will be held this Saturday from 8.30am. If you are able to help out on the day please come along.

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.

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

September	
5	Lamington Drive
13	Congregational AGM
October	
18	National Christian Life Survey
December	
5	Fair Trade Market

Community News and Notices



Deadly flash floods struck villages in the border region between Nepal and Tibet on Wednesday, 26 August 2026.

Donations received through UnitingWorld will be directed to the work of United Mission to Nepal (UNM), to provide:

Working in the Dhading and Nuwakot Districts, United Mission to Nepal are supporting

approximately 1,000 affected families with essential food and non-food relief items, based on needs identified through rapid assessment.

As communities move into recovery, they will focus on education, including rebuilding damaged schools and establishing temporary learning centres, so that children can resume their education as soon as possible. The scale and scope of this recovery work will depend on the needs identified and the funding available.

To donate now click [here](#).

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

None of the heroes of faith we learn about in Hebrews 11 would have experienced victory with a weak, ineffective faith. Each of them was courageous in their faith because they knew the enormity of God's power: "Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing" (Isaiah 40:26). And they trusted that He would follow through on His promises: "God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?" (Numbers 23:19). They knew that if God commanded them to act in battle, then God had a plan for victory. God's plans may not always make sense to us, but if God is truly speaking, then we must follow in obedience.

Can you imagine what Joshua must have felt walking in circles around Jericho? Or what Gideon must have felt facing an army "thick as locusts" (Judges 7:12)? Yet they followed through with God's plan because they had courageous faith.

Only courageous faith will keep us going when we are puzzled by our circumstances, suffering for our choices, and walking through the valley. Following God's plan will not always be easy, but we can trust that the all-powerful God will continue to equip us, guide us, and strengthen us in our battles.

We must always trust in the good and holy God who will never make a mistake. We must persistently believe in the sovereign hand of God, who is working all things "for the good of those who love him" (Romans 8:28). We must continuously call on Him in prayer and follow Him with all our hearts. We must remember that even in our suffering we are victorious because our eternal dwelling place is in heaven. No matter what situations or enemies we face, we can be confident because Christ has won the greatest victory—and that is a great foundation for courageous faith.

Prayer: God, thank You for the examples of courageous faith found in Your Word. Help me to always trust You and Your plan for victory. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"For the LORD your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory" (Deuteronomy 20:4).

Prayer Points for This Month

For Our Church

- Pray for each of us as we find ways to "Practise the Way".
- Pray for the JNC, for wisdom in discernment, unity, patience and guidance, to bring clarity to the process of calling a minister to our church.
- Pray for Rod, for wisdom in his leadership and discernment in his decisions.
- Pray for healing and restoration for those in need.
- Pray for comfort and strength for those who have lost loved ones.

For the Wider Church

- Pray for the churches of Parramatta Nepean, Murray Darling and Sydney presbyteries as they transition into the new Central Presbytery.
- Pray for community services organisations and missions associated with PNP.
- 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 the people of Nepal following the flash floods.
 - 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 Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal
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