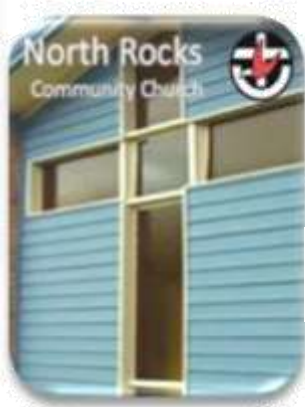




NEWSLETTER

7 - 13 September 2026



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.



Lamington Drive

After a 7 year "lamington hiatus", NRCC showed that we haven't lost our touch when it came to last week's Lamington Drive.

We may be smaller in number these days, but we are "big in heart" and that was evident with a dedicated team of dippers, rollers and packers producing 180 boxes (1800 lamingtons) in under 90 minutes.

Thank you to everyone who came to help, placed orders, cleaned up, made boxes and assisted in other ways on the day. A very BIG thank you to Dennis for helping keep a track on orders & payments for us.

Together we raised \$5,600 profit which we will pass on to *PARRAMATTA MISSION & DIGNITY DISHES*.

It was wonderful to see so many people walk in off the street to buy our lamingtons, as we also welcomed back past NRCC members who came to help us. Hope to see you all again next year!

WELL DONE TEAM and THANK YOU!

Blessings

Quent & Jane.

AGM

The AGM will be held on Sunday 13th September at approx. 10:15 am, following the Church service.

Latest News from Jacky & Mike Hammond

For the latest newsletter from Jacky & Mike click [here](#).

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

September	
12	Community Garden
13	Congregational AGM
26	Community Garden
October	
10	Community Garden
18	National Christian Life Survey
24	Community Garden
November	
21	Women's Morning Tea
December	
5	Fair Trade Market

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

Be the Witness

[*Be the Witness*](#) is a musical treatment of Jesus' life being performed at Riverside Theatre, Parramatta Sept 10-13. Performed in Sydney in 2026, *Be the Witness* aims to impact lives for

Jesus long after we leave the theatre.

Click [here](#) to listen to an interview with the director of the production at Riverside this month.

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

Resisting the world's pressures can be painful. Paul warns, "Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived" (2 Timothy 3:12-13).

Jesus gives a similar warning: "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you" (John 15:18-19).

When we are following God's principles for living, when we seek purity and righteousness, when we act and speak with integrity, the world is going to resent us for it. We cannot expect a world in darkness to understand our desire to walk in the light. Regardless of the cynicism or ridicule we face, God calls us to His standard of obedience and righteousness.

We don't have to do this work alone. The Holy Spirit will guide and empower us to withstand the world's pressures. The Bible will show us the Truth when we are confronted with lies. "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

The more time we spend in God's Word, the more our hearts and minds align with His will. Choosing to do the right thing becomes easier when we begin to understand God's ways. Standing for the Truth becomes easier when we find encouragement and strength in Scripture. But apart from God, we will quickly become enmeshed in the world's ways of thinking.

Prayer: God, thank You for Your Spirit within me to guide me to respond to worldly thinking with Biblical wisdom. Thank You for Your Word that exposes the lies around me. Help me to stay in Your Word so that my heart and mind will be aligned with Yours. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil" (John 3:19).

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 Benin, Ivory, Togo

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