



2 NOVEMBER 2025

Welcome to worship this morning,
we hope you enjoy being with us.

Lectionary Readings

This week 2 November, 2025

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

Next week 9 November, 2025

Haggai 1:15b – 2:9
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

Christmas is Coming!

As we have done over the past two years, the Hands and Feet Volunteer Team invite you to spread some Christmas Cheer this year by donating a Christmas treat, such as chocolates, shortbreads, puddings etc. to go into our clients baskets on 16th December.

There is a box at the back of the church for your donations which we will be collecting until Sunday 14 December.

Appliances available

With the closure of the child care centre and the leasing of the manse, we have two washing machines, three fridges, a microwave, an ipad, a desktop computer and a TV looking for new homes.

They are all in good working order and prices are negotiable.
If you are interested, please see Brian or Sue.



SATURDAY
6 DECEMBER
2025

CHRISTMAS FAIR TRADE MARKET

Jewellery
Fashion
Homewares
Bags
Toys
Body care
Fairtrade food items

9am - 2pm
North Rocks
Community Church
132 North Rocks Rd, North Rocks
FREE ENTRY

Choose to buy fair trade products to help create a brighter future for millions of farmers, workers, and their families around the world.

Why not give fair trade gifts for Christmas this year which will give joy to both producer and receiver!

Plus Christmas craft for kids, morning tea with delicious cakes & sausage sizzle.



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The words of the ancient prophet Habakkuk (640-609 BC) will be the basis for our Call to Worship this Sunday. Habakkuk lived in Judah during the nation's decline. Wickedness, strife and oppression were on the rise and Habakkuk found himself wondering how a righteous God could permit such violence and lawlessness.

We will hear the first four verses of Habakkuk's complaint to God, and then counter each complaint with statements of Christian faith. Habakkuk in bringing his complaint to God prays a prayer of Lament, which commonly feature phrases such as "how long Lord", "why do you hide your face" and the well-known "my God, my God, why have you forsaken me". (This phrase was penned by King David in Psalm 22 and Jesus quotes it as it hangs upon the cross).

The occurrence of Lament in the Bible is a testament to the fact that we can pour our hearts out to God. God can take it and we do not need to hold back.

The interesting thing about Laments is that they generally end with praise. When we let God know how we really feel something miraculous happens and our spirit begins recalls the promises of God. This is a prayerful form of theological reflection. In Psalm 22 for example David begins by expressing his suffering, saying he feels lower than a worm. By the end of the Psalm David reflects that God will put everything right. The "poor will eat and be satisfied", "the rich will feast", "all the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord" and "future generations will be told about the Lord. They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!".

After making his complaint to God, Habakkuk receives an answer he does not like. God's solution to all the unrighteousness rife in Judah is to raise up the Babylonian army who will bring destruction upon the nation. Despite this calamity the Book of Habakkuk finishes with the following hymn of praise:

Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines,
though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food,
though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls,
yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Saviour.
The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer,
he enables me to tread on the heights.