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WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
1ST DECEMBER 2013

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*All that's going on
around St Andrew's*

FROM THE EXECUTIVE PASTOR

SANTINO DIMARCO

I am delighted to report that once again, we have “dug-deep” to support several worthy causes during our Foundation Day annual giving. This year we have collectively raised in excess of **\$217,700 – wow!** This on its own is a truly wonderful expression of our gratitude to the love and grace that God has shown us; but it is even more remarkable when considered in light of the Property Vision commitments that many of you have made, the increased regular offertory commitment, the support given to St Peter’s Anglican to assist refugees, the annual Backpack appeal, the 7pm congregation “op-shop” and other worthy causes that have been supported.

A huge thank-you to all who contributed, whether large or small, to this year’s Foundation Day annual giving.

As promoted in the lead-up to Foundation Day, based on the total raised of \$217,700, the distribution of funds will be:

- Anglican Aid All Saints’ Church Peshawar Appeal (10%) **\$21,774**
- Sydney Archbishop’s Emergency Bushfire Appeal (10%) **\$21,774**
- Asian Seminaries (10%) **\$21,774**

- St Andrew’s Anglican Church Roseville (40%) **\$87,096**
- StreetWork (15%) **\$32,661**
- World Vision Warlpiri Indigenous Community Project (15%) **\$32,661**

When looking at the diversity of causes above, it is worth noting that we are supporting local, national, and international needs.

Additionally, our support is in areas of evangelism, emergency relief and the education of indigenous young Australians. All this combined shows that we, through our blessings, are seeing the gospel shared through evangelism and action, and at home and afar.

On an administrative note, receipts for donors will be issued during the coming week as we finalise funds received against pledges made.

On a similar theme, this Sunday we are profiling TEAR Australia Gift Cards. This is a fabulous opportunity to give a gift that has enduring benefit to a poverty-stricken community in need. Take the opportunity to put into practice some of the ideas and thoughts raised by Matt in last week’s sermon (though I don’t think hand-made golf tees are to be found in the catalogue!).

Blessings to all as we welcome December and the joy of the Christmas season.

Santino Dimarco

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COMMUNITY WATCH

THIS WEEK

☛ **TEAR Australia Gift Cards**

Available after all services today.

☛ **Centenary Dinner**

Tomorrow (Monday 2nd Dec) is the last opportunity to RSVP for the Centenary Dinner. Details below:

Sat 7th Dec – 6.30pm
Roseville Golf Club

After dinner speaker: Dr Paul Barnett
\$45 adults / \$30 full-time students

RSVP: centenarydinner@standrews.net.au

To pay for tickets, please make payment by:

- ☛ Cheque (made payable to *St Andrew's Anglican Church Roseville*) or cash in an envelope (with your name clearly marked) and place the envelope in the Gifts and Offerings Box at the rear of the church; or
- ☛ EFT to BSB 062 240 A/C 0090 0162
Include the initials "CD" and your surname in the reference field.

FOR THE DIARY

☛ **Ecumenical Celebration for Advent**

Thu 5th Dec – 8.00pm
Waitara Catholic Church
23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara
This year's speaker is our Rev. Peter Watson

☛ **Carols on Clanville**

Sat 14th Dec – from 6.00pm
Roseville Park – Clanville Road, Roseville

☛ **Lessons and Carols**

Sun 22nd Dec – 7.00pm
In the Church

Note that on this day, there will be only two services held: 10am Family Service and the *Lessons and Carols* Service at 7pm.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

☛ **Tue 24th Dec Christmas Eve**

5.00pm Kiddy farm, BBQ, followed by 6.00pm Family service.

11.00pm Contemporary communion service.

☛ **Wed 25th Dec Christmas Day**

8.30am Traditional Christmas service (with communion)

10.00am Contemporary Christmas service.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

SUMMER SERVICE TIMES

29th Dec 2013 through to 26th Jan 2014
9.30am and 6.00pm.

Regular service times will recommence
Sunday 2nd Feb 2014.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR – LESSONS & CAROLS

If any parents would like their children to be involved in a children's choir item during this year's Lessons and Carols (being held on 22nd Dec, 7.00pm), please contact Marilyn Moulton marilynoulton@bigpond.com

PLEASE PRAY

To request confidential prayer from the ministry team, or suggest an item for inclusion below: prayer@standrews.net.au

☪ Churchwide Prayer

Pray that in this time of Advent we will celebrate the gift of Jesus and help others to remember his coming. Pray that our services and special events will draw many guests and be encouraging to all.

Please pray for those who have recently suffered the grief of losing a family member or dear friend. Pray that God's love would bring

them comfort, peace and help for the days ahead.

Many in our church are caring for the needs of unwell and aging parents – please pray that they would bring their needs and anxieties to God and know his strength, guidance and sustaining love.

Praise God for answers to prayer for some regarding new jobs; pray for those still facing uncertainty and seeking work.

☪ 8.30am Prayer

Praise the Lord, that Chris Lomas is home and recovering well from the operation.

☪ 10am Prayer

Please pray for healing and comfort for Oscar Kroie who's broken his wrist. Pray for Elke and Gareth as they care for him and that he might soon sleep well.

Pray for Mary Ellen Rogers and Emily Stedman as the time for them to have their babies is very near. Pray for calm trust and that God would grant uncomplicated delivery of strong healthy babies.

Pray for smooth and steady recovery for Mary Fenner after a bad fall down stairs last week.

🕒 7pm Prayer

Praise God for the engagement of Steph Lentz and Hamish Henderson and pray that God will guide and bless them in preparing for marriage and as husband and wife.

🕒 St Andrew's Ministries

Praise God for the recent ESL Open Day and for those who expressed interest in helping to take a class next year.

Also give thanks for how well it has gone this past year, for the sense of community and the warmth that people feel in coming. Give thanks for Jane Clifford and all those who help to make this happen.

Pray that those who come will not lose contact during the holiday break but look forward to coming next year.

Pray for the Wardens and Parish Council that they might be wise in their deliberations and guidance to the Rector and Parish. Continue to uphold the Building Committee as they work towards the Building Project. Pray that sufficient funds will be available when they are needed to be able to proceed when the time comes.

OPEN HOUSE

🕒 Sundays 8:00 pm on Hope 103.2FM hosted by Leigh Hatcher

Social researcher Hugh Mackay on the Good Life.

Also, the man connecting dads and their sons – making men out of boys.

Plus, the secret to a serene Christmas!

*All that our missionaries
do in and around their communities*

MISSION & AID



MARK AND ROCHELLE GROOMBRIDGE

📍 Slovenia

Mark and Rochelle Groombridge with children Matej, Philippa and Calvin are working as CMS missionaries in Slovenia at the Reformed Evangelical Church in Ljubljana.

They write that next year marks their 10th year in Slovenia, and looking back they thank God for the way he has been working through them and us as their supporters. They are thankful for the way the church has grown. They are due to return to Australia in the middle of next year and have come to the decision through prayer that it will be their final term in Slovenia.

They ask for prayer for them over the coming month.

Praise God for the work he is doing in Slovenia. Though it is small and often hard to see fruit, they know that he is working as they look at the lives of their brothers and sisters. Pray that they will continue to be faithfully living and sharing the gospel.

Praise God they have been able to make the decision to return to Australia. In many ways the past year has been a very hard one, but thankful for God's leading and guidance through it all. Pray for them as they come to terms with all that it means to finish up there. Pray that they will continue loving and serving at church and that God will be helping them through all the changes and prepare them for the transition to life in Australia.

Pray that God will keep their marriage and family relationships strong.

Praise for Peter and Lidija Novak as they lead the church. Pray that God will sustain them and give them wisdom especially as they look to continue without the Groombridge's later next year. Pray that others will step up and be willing to serve at church.

Winter is knocking at the door. The days are short, the skies are constantly grey and the sun rarely shows its face. Pray that God will keep their spirits high through these grey months.

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FINANCIAL SUPPORT DETAILS

☛ Supporting the General Ministry

To support the general work of St Andrew’s, electronic banking details for regular direct credit are:

Anglican Parish St Andrew’s
BSB 704 998
A/C 100 005 413

This is our preferred method to receive your regular support.
If you prefer to make cash/cheque contributions, there is a gifts and donations box attached to the church’s rear pew.

☛ Supporting the Property Redevelopment

To support the St Andrew’s Property Development, **tax-deductible** contributions can be made to the following account:

St Andrew’s Anglican Church Roseville Donation Fund
BSB 704 998
A/C 100 010 195

Please include your surname and the initials “PV” (for Property Vision) in the reference field.

Donations by cheque should be made to St Andrew’s Roseville Donation Fund. Please mark the envelope with your surname and “PV”.

A receipt for tax purposes will be forwarded to you upon receiving your electronic or cheque donation.

If you would like to support the Property Redevelopment but **do not** require a tax deduction, please contact Santino Dimarco for specific instructions: santino.dimarco@standrews.net.au

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