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WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
2ND FEBRUARY 2014

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IN NEWS

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

FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER



REV JOHN DICKSON

Dear St Andrew's,
The year begins!

You know, I was about to commence with, "Let me waste no time telling you what's new at St Andrew's this year." Then I remembered a little conversation I had with Josie this week, as she slowly threaded the laces of her new school shoes:

Dad: "Darling, let me do that for you."

Josie: "Why?"

Dad: "Cos I'll be quicker."

Josie: "Why does it need to be done quickly?"
Dad walks away questioning his approach to life.

The staff and Parish Council have determined that 2014 will be our "Year of Building Community", which is also the title of our new sermon series on 1 John. With a busy calendar of events over the last few years and quantifiable numerical growth, many feel we need to refocus on what is core to our 2020 Vision: we pray to be a community of Jesus Christ, offering a centre of community to Roseville and beyond. A 'centre of community' is defined in our vision as "a focal-point of biblical truth, friendship, social care and action, diversity, creativity, intellect, events, health and fun, all grounded in a confident, well-articulated conviction about the lordship of Jesus Christ over all of life. A Christian 'centre of community' is a place where people know they belong, as friends and family."

In 2014 we are pressing PAUSE on most of the big ticket items in our calendar, especially the ones that require a lot of headspace and people-power, and we are focusing on smaller, congregation-specific opportunities "to value each other's company and friendship", as our Church Prayer puts it. It is our slow year.

There are three other new things. First, we welcome this week the freshly minted

Reverend James Smith and Reverend Mike Hastie. James will be focusing on pastoral care and community building at the 10am congregation, where there are nearly 200 regular adults (and a million kids), and Mike is focusing on the 7pm congregation and the Youth ministry—again, nearly 200 individuals. Please pray for them. There are more people in their direct care than in most whole churches in the diocese.

Secondly, we have a new office manager in Bec Kimpton. Bec is hugely experienced in both management and creativity and comes to us very highly recommended. We will be introducing her to you in the next few weeks. In the meantime, I want to say again how thankful I am for the tireless work, partly paid and partly volunteer, of Lynette Medway, Jenny Glen and Jonathan Kua (Jonathan has found a wonderful job at Koorong Books, by the way).

Thirdly, you will notice a few more classically Anglican bits and pieces in our contemporary services: a Confession, the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles' Creed, and some other things, most weeks. Don't worry, we're not losing our edge or accessibility to the visitor. I genuinely feel that our contemporary services could do with more 'upward' dimensions. We do the horizontal, welcoming, down-to-earth thing

well. I want us to excel in doing business with God. A Confession sets a gospel-tone at the front of the service, reminding us of our sin yet convincing us of God's grace. Jesus himself asked us to say the Lord's Prayer. It is the model of all prayer—and I feel bad I haven't encouraged its use a little more. And the Apostles' Creed is a statement of faith that connects us to Christians from around the world, across the denominations, and throughout the centuries. Whatever the themes of our Bible readings and sermon each week, saying one of the historic Creeds (the Apostles' Creed being the shortest) reminds us of what is core and prevents any of us—including the preacher—from riding a hobbyhorse. Please go with the flow of this, and let me know how you feel about it in the coming months.

God bless,
John

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COMMUNITY WATCH

THIS WEEK

🕒 **Launch of Ministries**

Thu 6 Feb – 7.30pm
In the Church

For all volunteers across the life of the church
in 2014.

Contact Matt Stedman

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FOR THE DIARY

🕒 **Life of Jesus**

Tue 11 Feb – 7.30pm
John and Buff Dickson's home

A 5-week course on the life he lived and the
life he gives; for people curious to find out
about the basics of the world's largest faith.

Contact the Church Office or email
lifeofjesus@standrews.net.au

🕒 **Parish Annual General Meeting**

Mon 17 Mar - 7:00pm
In the Church

PLEASE PRAY

🕒 **Churchwide Prayer**

Please pray for the small groups as they begin
this week - that they will be a means of
deepening our relationship with God and of
loving care for one another.

Pray for our school students and teachers
returning to school - especially for students
beginning school or moving on to high school
or tertiary education.

🕒 **10am Prayer**

Please pray for Georgie Moore after an acute
flareup of her arthritis. Pray for her as she
faces surgery on Tuesday and that this will
relieve her pain and the pressure on her joints.
Pray that God will give her a calm trust in his
love and for guidance and assurance to Jane
and Charles as they seek the best avenue for
both future treatment and Georgie's long-term
health management.

Please pray that God will comfort and help
Herb Klintworth who has travelled to South
Africa due to his mother's passing. Pray that he
will know God's nearness and peace in his
grief.

COMMUNITY WATCH

🕒 5pm Prayer

Please pray for Linsey-Anne Morris and her family as they grieve the death of her aunt in Queensland. Pray for God's comforting love and the hope of the gospel to strengthen them.

Also pray for Annie Judd and the family in the weeks following her mother's death in January.

🕒 7pm Prayer

Praise God for the very happy news of the engagement of James Whalley and Julia Watson; pray for their future lives together as husband and wife.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

The next book that the Women's Book Club is reading is *The Reason for God* by Tim Keller. Please feel welcome to join us and meet for discussion early this year – we have a great time! For further details email

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MISSION & AID

Andrew and Stephanie Browning with children William and Christopher, Arusha, Tanzania

- 🕒 Pray for the Fistula work performed by Andrew and his colleagues throughout Africa.
- 🕒 Pray that more land will become available for the school to expand its teaching facilities.
- 🕒 The school is in need of another van. Pray that the funds needed for a van can be raised.
- 🕒 As at the end of 2013 more teachers were needed at the school. Pray that any new teachers that have commenced will settle in well and if more are still needed pray that God will lead them to serve with Stephanie.
- 🕒 The school is also in the process of registration. Pray that the necessary processes involved in this run smoothly and that it will be completed quickly.
- 🕒 Pray for Andrew and his continuing back ailment. Andrew is planning to return to Australia for surgery on his back in April this year. Pray that God will make it clear if this is the best course of action for Andrew to take.
- 🕒 Praise God for plentiful rain that fell in late 2013. Particularly praise him that the completion of the rainwater catchment system occurred just prior to the rainfall.

*Words you'll need
for today's service*

SERVICE ITEMS

CONFESSION

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father,
We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like
lost sheep,
We have followed too much the devices and
desires of our own hearts,
We have offended against thy holy laws,
We have left undone those things which we
ought to have done,
And we have done those things which we
ought not to have done,
And there is no health in us:
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us
miserable offenders;
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their
faults,
Restore thou them that are penitent,
According to thy promises declared unto
mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord:
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his
sake,
That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous,
and sober life,
To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the
glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker
of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his
only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried. He descended to the dead. The third
day he rose again from the dead. He ascended
into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father almighty; from there he shall
come to judge the living and the dead. I believe
in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic*
church; the communion of saints; the
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the
body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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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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