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NEWS &
THE BIBLE

WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
23 FEBRUARY 2014

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IN NEWS

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

FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER



REV JOHN DICKSON

☛ Senior Minister

Dear St Andrew's,

You may have seen in the news this week that seventy-five year old missionary John Short has been arrested in North Korea for 'proselytising'. The details are sketchy but it seems he handed out a printed gospel presentation, a 'tract', and was discovered with Christian literature (written in Korean) in his bags. He could be imprisoned for 15 years of hard labour. Other missionaries have met a similar fate, and it is estimated that 50,000 nationals are in local prison camps for

practising Christianity. This week's events coincide with a United Nations report condemning the regime in Pyongyang as the most repressive and brutal in the world.

It seems that media outlets weren't quite sure what to do with John Short. On the one hand, they freely reported yet another example of oppression in North Korea. On the other hand, a distaste for Christian missionary work seemed to show through. It was as if John Short himself was doing something oppressive and imperialistic, as if sharing one's faith is the stuff of the cultural bully.

There is something deeply patronising about all this. It assumes North Koreans have no ability to think for themselves in the face of Christian evangelism. But chances are, the average North Korean—schooled as they are in atheism from a young age—would have taken on Mr Short and told him he was deluded for believing in fairies and gods. But this brave follower of Christ, who knew full well the risks of sharing Christ in this country, could not resist the feeling of being a 'beggar' telling other beggars where he found some 'bread'! That's what evangelism is: not an example of cultural domination but an act of love. If Jesus died and rose again for North Koreans just as much as for ancient Greeks and modern Australians, why wouldn't we applaud the

gentle courage of John Short? Why wouldn't we—in our own way, given our own circumstances and opportunities—do what we can to point others to the Bread of Life?

Please pray for John Short and for his wife, Karen. Pray for the 25 million North Koreans who don't know Christ—and for the 50,000 nationals suffering for his Name. And let's pray for ourselves, that we would never fall for the rhetoric of the world in thinking that reaching out to others with the news of Jesus Christ is fanatical or domineering.

There will come a day when Christ's lordship will be clear to all—to Australians as well as North Koreans. And on that day no one will look at those who were active in promoting Christ's love as 'bullies'!

God bless,

John

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COMMUNITY WATCH

THIS WEEK

➤ **Belonging Course**

Wed 26 Feb – 7.30pm

Matt Stedman's home

3 week fast-track course for newcomers to get to know St Andrew's and meet others.

Contact James Smith for details.

james.smith@standrews.net.au

➤ **Time Out - Harbourside Walk**

Fri 28 Feb – 9:30am - 12noon

Clifton Gardens, Bradleys Head, Taronga Park Zoo and Sirius Cove

Meet at corner of Morella Rd and Iluka Rd, Mosman at 9:30am.

Contact Richard Tress 9416 6416 or

timeout@standrews.net.au

FOR THE DIARY

➤ **Pre-lent Parties**

Tues 4 Mar 7pm

Upon receiving your RSVP, requests for assistance with food and drinks will be emailed back to you a well prior to the event.

8:30am & 10am combined at Craig and Sue Horlin's home 18 Duntroon Avenue, Roseville.
RSVP to 830am-events@standrews.net.au or 10am-events@standrews.net.au

5pm at Stephen and Anne Judd's home at 50 Lord St, Roseville.

RSVP to 5pm-events@standrews.net.au

7pm at Mike and Kel Hastie's home at 1/8 Waratah St Roseville.

RSVP to 7pm-events@standrews.net.au

➤ **Parish Annual General Meeting**

Mon 17 Mar - 7:00pm

In the Church

OTHER

➤ The funeral for Allan Bryson will be held on Monday 24 Feb at 10:30am here at St Andrew's.

➤ All volunteers who are over 18 years who work with children and youth at St Andrew's need to complete a working with children check with the NSW government.

Please contact Cath Ahern as soon as possible to complete this process.

cath.ahern@standrews.net.au

COMMUNITY WATCH

PLEASE PRAY

🕒 Churchwide Prayer

Pray that all doing the Life of Jesus course would find the course material and discussion enlightening and stimulating and persuasive and that God's love in Jesus would be clear to them.

Please pray for our Scripture teachers as they settle into their weekly classes. Pray for God's help in preparing and presenting the lessons and that the children would be respond positively to hearing the gospel.

Pray for the many who are currently facing uncertain work situations and unemployment. Pray that their security in Christ would strengthen their faith in God's love and provision for all their needs and that he would direct their paths.

🕒 8:30am Prayer

Please pray for God's comforting love and assurance for the family and friends of Allan Bryson and Norene Harding who have recently died. Praise God for the faithful and powerful witness of their lives and for the promise they knew of eternal life with Christ.

🕒 10am Prayer

Please pray for Warwick Fenner, very ill in hospital and for God's healing hand on him. Pray that God will strengthen Mary in his love and power in her life and give her peace as she looks to him. Pray for the family, Claire and Ewan.

Please pray for a full and uncomplicated recovery for Georgie Conroy who has been in hospital this week and pray for the success of future surgery. Pray the family will grow in trusting God through this trial.

🕒 St Andrew's Ministries

Pray for our youth ministry and for Mike Hastie as he gets to know the people in the group and for all those who lead Bible study groups. Pray for Suz working alongside the young women, that they all might relate well and care for one another.

🕒 Local Area

Pray for Roseville College, for Megan Krimmer, headmistress and for our involvement with the school. Pray for the teachers, that they will relate well to the girls. Pray for the Cru group as they meet weekly to study the Bible and support one another.

Pray also for Roseville Public school and their headmaster Sean Moran.

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

MISSION & AID

EAGLE VALE ANGLICAN CHURCH



📍 Eagle Vale Anglican in South-western Sydney

Pray for Craig Hooper and his wife Sandra as they continue to minister in Eagle Vale.

Praise God for sending Sashi, the new Children's Worker and for the very enthusiastic and effective start she has made.

Praise God that more people than ever have signed up for Bible Study groups this year.

Praise God for the new people that the Lord is bringing to the Church.

Praise God for the new Playgroup that began a few weeks ago.

Pray for the Easter services and the Holiday Kids Club (23-24 April) to be well attended, and that it is used by the Lord to build His Church.

Pray for more Scripture teachers to bring God's word to children in the local Primary Schools.

Pray for Bible Study groups, that they will be effective in equipping people in the Lord.

Pray for the weekly visits to Claymore with Shane and the evangelism team on Sunday afternoons, to bring many people to Christ.

Pray for the Playgroup to be effective in contacting many families in the area.

*Words you'll need for
today's contemporary services*

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE ITEMS

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily glorify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, are yours
now and for ever. 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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