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WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
2 MARCH 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,

Two important things.

First, please lock in your diaries the time and date of the AGM, 7pm, Monday 17 March. In addition to giving you my annual 'report card' on the progress of the 2020 Vision, we have two essential items to cover, and without a large and representative group of you present we are unlikely to make the right judgments. As usual we will vote on five things: (a) the size of Parish Council (3, 6, 9, plus the default

appointments); (b) the parish councilors themselves; (c) two wardens; (d) two synod representatives; (e) five nominators. The PC/Wardens are not toothless committees; they are the core governance group for property and finance and, in our context, are the protectors of the 2020 Vision. They also provide key advice to me in all significant ministry decisions of the church. We need godly, prayerful, innovative and responsible men and women from across the age range (18+). Nominations are now open. Talk to those you think would serve well and, with their permission, nominate them by writing to the office (email or letter) with something like: "I FULL NAME nominate FULL NAME to the position of PARISH COUNCILOR / WARDEN / SYNOD REPRESENTATIVE / NOMINATOR".

The other crucial thing happening at the AGM is a church vote on our willingness to lodge with Ku-ring-gai Council the Development Application (DA) for the building project. Philip Bell AM, the chair of the property committee, will present the final plans to the meeting, explain the costing, and then we will take a prayerful secret ballot. Obviously, the decision to lodge a DA, and even getting approval to redevelop, does not commit the church to anything. The Parish Council and I

just feel that a vote of this kind, at this time, will mark a significant moment for many in our church. The result may surprise many who currently misjudge the level of church-wide support for this enormous project.

The second matter is simple a reminder that Lent begins this Wednesday 5 March. “Lent”, from the Anglo-Saxon word for “Spring”, is a 46-day period of preparation and reflection in the build up to Easter Day. According to the Book of Common Prayer, forty of those days are ‘fast days’ and the six Sundays are ‘feast days’, since every Sunday of the year recalls the joy of the resurrection of Jesus. In other words, Lent is certainly not a medieval Roman Catholic practice. It is part of our Reformation heritage, particularly in the Lutheran and Anglican traditions.

Of course, nothing is mandatory; Lent is no more than a tradition. Yet, it is a noble tradition, one that reflects the New Testament assumption that Christians would occasionally fast, just as Old Testament believers did (Matthew 4:2, 6:16; Mark 2:20; Acts 13:2, 14:23). From the 2nd-century onwards, Christians have observed a period of fasting in the build up to Easter as an identification with the Lord’s suffering on our behalf. It does not build spiritual muscles. It does not gain favour

with God. It is simply a tangible expression that we follow the crucified Lord.

Consider joining Buff and me, and several others on the staff team, in practising Lent this year. You might choose to go without alcohol, chocolate, coffee, Facebook or whatever. Or you might choose instead to add a sign of your connection with Christ’s sacrifice, perhaps giving \$20 a week to an aid agency, reading more Scripture than usual, praying for our missionaries each day on rotation. The ideas are endless, but I believe the practice is rewarding. It focuses the mind and triggers the memory of Christ’s Passion just a little more than usual—and that has to be a good thing. Whatever you decide, just remember to make Sundays in Lent different. The church calendar is designed to give us a weekly reminder of our celebration of the Living Lord. Make Sundays feast days!

God bless,

John

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COMMUNITY WATCH

THIS WEEK

🕒 **Belonging Course**

Wed 5 Mar – 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

🕒 **Pre-lent Parties**

Tues 4 Mar 7pm

Upon receiving your RSVP, requests for assistance with food and drinks will be finalised with you.

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

FOR THE DIARY

🕒 **Parish Annual General Meeting**

Mon 17 Mar - 7:00pm

In the Church

🕒 **Nepal INF lunch**

Fri 14 March 12:30pm

Selena Courtness' home, 16 Archbold Rd Roseville.

Hear more about Nepal and INF. All welcome.

Contact Selena for details and to RSVP.

waxlyrical@selena.com.au

🕒 **Cross-Congregational Women's Dinner**

Mon 31 Mar 7pm

Roseville Golf Club (Links Ave Roseville)

\$40 and \$20 concession.

When RSVP'ing please confirm that you have paid and what payment method you used.

RSVP to womensevents@standrews.net.au

or phone the office **9412 2553**

or Fiona Taylor **0407 919 954**

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COMMUNITY WATCH

OTHER

🕒 AGM Election Nominations

A reminder for those who wish to nominate someone to do so prior to the AGM on Monday 17 March.

See John Dickson's News note on page 1 for details.

🕒 Working With Check for Volunteers

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

ST ANDREW'S MINISTRY UPDATE

🕒 Fit For Good

This is an innovative concept in getting fit and doing good. It comprises a Running Group and Pilates classes, the fees of which go to charities (e.g. World Vision).

The Running Group meets at 0630 on Sundays at the church and last year over 20 of us participated in a variety of races from 5k to half-marathons wearing St Andrew's branded singlets: The Believe Team!

The Pilates class are held at St Andrews on Mondays (5:30-6:30pm) and Fridays (11am - 12pm) and are run by professional instructors, who give their time for free. The flexibility of Pilates means it is suitable from beginners to advanced and the small classes (typically 8 people) enable close personal attention.

Both activities are developing micro-communities across congregations and even beyond the church and as we are exercising and having fun we are also becoming fit and have so far raised over \$5,000 for good causes: Fit for Good!

fitforgood@standrews.net.au

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COMMUNITY WATCH

PLEASE PRAY

🕒 Churchwide Prayer

Pray for John and the Centre for Public Christianity as they present a Christian viewpoint on public issues in the media. Pray that God would powerfully use these times to stimulate thought and conversation and persuade many of the truth of the gospel.

Pray for many in our church who are at this time caring for frail and needy parents - may God strengthen them and grant them his love and grace to be patient, compassionate and wise.

Pray for Peter Taylor, former assistant minister at St Andrew's. Peter is having brain surgery on Wednesday. Pray for guidance for the surgeons performing such a delicate operation and pray also for his wife Judy, that she will know God's comfort.

Pray for the many new families coming to St Andrew's and for the Belonging Course - that they will quickly feel at home here and be encouraged and strengthened in their faith and love for God.

For the elderly or frail in Nursing Homes or unable to attend church. Pray for Joyce Fagan, Margaret Garside, Beverley Glissan, Gwen Hutchison, Margaret MacGregor, Lois Meyer,

Adrienne Searle and Frank Wyndham, and pray that they will continue to know God's love and presence with them day by day.

🕒 10am Prayer

Please pray for Warwick Fenner still in hospital and considering his next stage of care. Pray that God will reveal his love for him and bring great comfort and peace to Mary as she puts her trust in him. Pray for harmonious and supportive family relationships and wisdom and support from the medical care team.

Thank God that Georgie Conroy has improved in health and pray for her as she prepares for future surgery. May God bring full healing and good progress.

🕒 St Andrew's Ministries

Thank God for those who share in leading the music ministry week by week; for the time and commitment it takes to rehearse and for the blessing it is to our services.

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

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE ITEMS

CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have strayed from your ways
 like lost sheep,
We have left undone
 what we ought to have done,
and we have done
 what we ought not to have done.
We have followed our own ways
 and the desires of our own hearts.
We have broken your holy laws.
Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us;
restore those who turn to you,
according to your promises declared
 to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.
And grant, merciful Father,
 for his sake,
that we may live a godly
 and obedient life,
to the glory of your holy name.
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.

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

MISSION & AID

NEPAL



➔ Selena Courtness / INF

Today we are focussing on Nepal and a mission organisation where Selena Courtness, one of our 5pm parishioners, works. Selena works for INF (International Nepal Fellowship) recruiting volunteers.

Pray for INF serving the Nepali people through health and development work, and for those serving there; that they may be sustained through God's Word.

Pray for the Green Pastures Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre providing high quality treatment for those with disabilities and leprosy. Pray for the Christian witness of the staff and that much needed funds for the

hospital will be provided so that care can be given freely to those unable to pay.

Give thanks for Alex (nee Clark) and Rohan Barwick, with their two young daughters Olive and June, who have taken long-service leave for 12 months to serve with INF in Nepal. Alex attended St. Andrew's Roseville until she and Rohan were married. Alex is working in the INF Communications Department in Kathmandu while Rohan cares for the girls.

Pray for the Barwicks as they settle into learning the language and coping with different foods.

Pray that they will learn to rely on God more and trust in His strength.

We also give thanks for Kerrie Worboys and Peggy Ashwell from our 10am congregation who both served with INF over many years. Pray that God will raise up more people from St. Andrew's to go.

Pray for Phil Morris, CEO of INF Australia; that he may lead the organisation wisely and seek God's guidance always.

Finally, we pray for Selena Courtness. Pray that God makes clear to Selena what the recruitment priorities are and that she is able to quickly respond to requests.