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WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
9 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,

Just a brief note to share the excitement of some of the staff and church members at the success of the pre-Lent parties last Tuesday evening. This year, instead of having one combined party for the whole church, we had three separate events: one for the two morning congregations, one for the 5pm congregation, and one for the 7pm-ers. (A special thank you to the Horlins, the Judds and the Hasties for being great hosts). This was a deliberate expression of our 'year of building community'. As I have explained, we are wanting to do more congregation-specific events around food and friendship.

All three parties were terrific—happily, I got to visit all of them. And there was a significant increase in the overall number of people attending. Instead of the 50-60 we normally get, we probably had 90 across the three homes. Someone noted that this is precisely what our 'year of building community' is hoping for.

It is a small thing, I get that. But I reckon success this year will be measured in hundreds of small victories like this, where we connect with each other as family.

Many of us currently look across the church on Sunday and struggle to feel like we know even half the people in the building. Imagine how visitors feel! Already this year we have had unprecedented numbers of first-timers, especially at the 10am service. As exciting as this is, the only way we will connect with newcomers—and so transform numerical growth into community building—is for our regulars to create more occasions for hospitality and friendship. Can I please urge you, then, to take the initiative and invite people you don't know well into your home, or out for a meal or a drink. 'Hospitality' (philoxenia, or 'love of stranger' in Greek) is about treating strangers as family members, and it has the power to transform strangers into family.

God bless,

John

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COMMUNITY WATCH

FOR THE DIARY

☛ **Parish Annual General Meeting**

Mon 17 Mar - 7:00pm

In the Church

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

Mon 31 Mar 7pm

Roseville Golf Club (Links Ave Roseville)

\$40 and \$20 concession.

Payment Options:

Electronic Banking: St Andrew's Women's
Committee BSB 082 341A/C 870 950 712

Please include your name in the reference field.

Cash/Cheque: Place in the Gifts and Offerings
box attached to the rear pew in a named
envelope

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**

OTHER

☛ **AGM Election Nominations**

Nominations for Parish Councillors, Wardens,
Synod Representatives, and Nominators are
required prior to the AGM on Monday 17
March.

Talk to those you think would serve well and,
with their permission, nominate them by
writing to the office ensuring that you clearly
state who you are nominating and for which
role.

office@standrews.net.au

☛ **Mike Hastie and James Smith's Graduation**

Thurs 13 Mar 7:30pm

With guest speaker Rev Mark Dickson,
Principal, George Whitefield College, South
Africa

Enquiries: info@moore.edu.au

☛ **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

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COMMUNITY WATCH

🕒 Working With Children 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

🕒 City Bible Forum's Welcome to the Jungle

Monday 10 Mar – 5:45pm - 8:30pm

City Bible Forum Office

Level 3, 13- 15 Bridge St, Sydney

Q&A Panel and Bible Talk for Christian Graduates making the transition to full time work.

[citybibleforum.org/city/sydney/event/
welcome-jungle](http://citybibleforum.org/city/sydney/event/welcome-jungle)

ST ANDREW'S MINISTRY UPDATE

🕒 Kids' Space on Sundays

On Sundays our children's ministry comprises teaching programs for kids aged 2 to 12, divided into discreet age groups. Kids' Space is available at both our 10am and 5pm services.

We have been blessed to see this ministry grow to almost 100 children at 10am and 25 at 5pm. Although different numbers and spread of ages requires a variety of teaching styles, our aim across all groups is the same: to partner with parents in bringing and modelling the gospel to those in our care.

It is such a joy when most of our families are here and our teaching spaces are bursting at the seams. And it is a particular delight to see the kids developing firm friendships that will be instrumental in keeping them close to Jesus as they move from primary to high school.

Cath Ahern, who leads our Children's Ministry would like to thank all the parents for entrusting their children to her and her team.

To find out more about our Children's Ministry please contact Cath:

cath.ahern@standrews.net.au

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COMMUNITY WATCH

PLEASE PRAY

☪ Churchwide Prayer

Thank God for successful brain surgery and positive results last week for Peter Taylor. Continue to pray for his complete recovery. Praise God for all the encouragement and support the family have received.

Please pray for Santino's parents Sylvia and Joseph as Sylvia's health continues to deteriorate. Pray for God's daily comfort and peace for Sylvia and the witness of her faith in the love and hope of Christ to Joseph and the family. Pray for Santino and Meredith and the family as they support them.

Pray that God will strengthen the marriages at St Andrew's with his grace and pray for wisdom, humility and assurance of his love to all who are struggling in their relationships.

☪ 10am Prayer

Praise God for the safe arrival of a new son, Timothy Alexander, to Michael and Kaithy Zhang and pray for their family as he settles in. Pray too for Emily Tong, Nadia Pickford and Sarah Golsby-Smith in the last weeks of pregnancy.

Please pray for Georgie Conroy, needing healing of infection as she prepares for surgery

in a few week's time. Pray that she will be wise in managing her daily activities.

Please pray for God's strength and comfort for Susan Noor after the sad death of her brother after a short illness. Pray for his wife and family in their grief and loss.

Please pray for Warwick Fenner continuing to gain strength in hospital. Pray that he will soon be ready to come home and for the ongoing management of his serious health issues. Pray for God's grace to strengthen and comfort Mary each day and for harmony in family decisions and relationships.

☪ 5pm Prayer

Pray for Megan and David Sena and their family and especially for Megan's father after the recent loss of her mother. Thank God for their faith and hope in Christ and pray for comfort and peace in their great sadness.

☪ St Andrew's Ministries

Pray for Peter Watson, Jean Rixon, Myree Pullen and Judy Hodges as they care for those in Aged Care. Pray for those who are frail and facing difficulties; that they may know God's presence and peace and trust in him at all times.

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

MISSION & AID

JENNY FALLON



☉ **SIM (Serving In Mission) Australia**

Pray for Jenny Fallon and her husband Dale. Jenny is Pastoral Care and Development Coordinator, training and equipping State Directors for SIM.

Jenny and Dale give thanks for the sale of their townhouse in Punchbowl and for the blessing of their home in the Blue Mountains.

Pray for them as they finish their connection with Campsie Anglican church at the end of February and become a more regular part of the Springwood Community Church.

Pray for Jenny and Dale's pastoral visit to missionaries in 3 Asian countries for three weeks from 28th March. Pray for good

listening and observation skills, wisdom and grace in all conversations and God's protection in their travel.

Continue to pray for Jenny and Dale's Afghani friend, Asad in Villawood Detention Centre. He has now been there for 9 months, and has been in Australia for over 4 years waiting for a refugee visa. Pray that God would turn this situation around for His glory and that Asad would experience freedom and true life. Pray for wisdom for Jenny and Dale trying to encourage and support him.

Pray for Jenny's continuing work on a comprehensive pastoral care plan for SIM Australia missionaries, staff and volunteers, as well as developing resources and training in pastoral care.

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

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE PRAYERS

CONFESSION

Most merciful God,
we humbly admit that
 we need your help.
We confess that we have wandered
 from your way:
we have done wrong,
and we have failed to do what is right.
You alone can save us.
Have mercy on us:
wipe out our sins and teach us
 to forgive others.
Bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit
that we may live as disciples of Christ.
This we ask
in the name of Jesus our Saviour.
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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