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WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
16 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,

I don't mean to sound like a broken record—a metaphor that shows my age—but I want to urge you to make every effort to come to this Monday evening's church-wide meeting and AGM.

From 7pm-7:45pm we will talk through the latest plans and costings for the building project, field your questions, and then take a vote to gauge your support for lodging the

Development Application (DA) with the local council.

There will be another vote a year down the track before we sign any building contract, but this is an important step in our master plan journey over the last three years.

We will not move forward without significant support from you. This is a bold property vision, that grows directly out of our 2020 Vision, but it must be our vision not just that of the church's leadership. You are the key to our community. You must decide.

As you vote, please do so according to what you genuinely believe the Lord would have us do. I am convinced that an expectation and longing for growth and expansion in the local church is the godly approach. Who wants to hope or expect that we shrink or remain the same!? Yet, you may feel that the time is not right, the cost prohibitive, or the plans too ambitious.

I often think of those amazing members of St Andrew's in 1934. Records show that the largest regular Sunday service in those days rarely attracted more than 50 people. The attendance figures for May to August 1934 (a truly representative period of the year) across each of the Sunday services are: 11, 52, 32, 30, 28, 34, 27, 20, 37, 23, 22, 20, 15, 32, 27, 30, 16, 24, 6, 30, 20, 37, 14, 3, 16, 26, 17. Somehow, these

people made the decision that year to move out of their little church building, which had served them well since 1913, and construct the (approximately) 200 seat building we now enjoy. What were they thinking, building something four times larger than their largest regular service required!?

We now enjoy more than five times the Sunday attendance figures of 1934, and by far the highest attendance figures of any period in St Andrew's history. It is the Parish Council's sincere hope that now is the time to recapture the vision of our 1934 brothers and sisters and build something for which our children's children will still be thankful.

If we don't have the collective will to do this, no one in the leadership wants to move forward—not the Parish Council, nor the staff, nor I. Whether you support this major vision or not, please come and make your voice heard and your vote count. Whichever way this falls, the Lord is sure to continue blessing his people in this place.

Warmly,
John

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COMMUNITY WATCH

THIS WEEK

🕒 **Property Redevelopment Update and Parish Annual General Meeting**

Mon 17 Mar from 7:00pm
In the Church

🕒 **Matt Stedman's Presbyter Ordination**

Thurs 20 Mar 7:30pm
St Stephen's Willoughby
211 Mowbray Rd, Chatswood
Please feel free to bring a plate (eg, slice, cake)
for refreshments after the service.
Contact matt.stedman@standrews.net.au

FOR THE DIARY

🕒 **Roseville-Lindfield-Killara**

Inter-church Lenten Service

Tues 25 Mar 7:45pm
Holy Family Catholic Church
Pacific Highway Lindfield
Guest preacher Rev. Ian Pearson
The service is followed by supper and a time of fellowship.

🕒 **Time Out Outing to Manly**

Mon 28 Mar – 12:15pm
Meet at the visitor's car park at the
International College of Management:
151 Darley Rd Manly.
A 3-course lunch followed by an optional walk
around Little Manly Point reserve.
\$35 per person, plus drinks. Payment and
booking must be received prior to the event.
Contact Richard Tress 9416 6416, Marilyn
Moulton 9449 5822 or
timeout@standrews.net.au

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

Mon 31 Mar 7pm
Roseville Golf Club (Links Ave Roseville)
\$40 and \$20 concession.
See advertisement on page 4.

🕒 **Fit For Good - Lindfield Fun Run**

Sun 6 Apr – 8am for 5km, 8:15am for 10km
Roseville Oval, Clanville Rd, Roseville
Runners and walkers let's make a splash in
magenta at the local fun run!
www.lindfieldrotaryfunrun.org.au
For more information contact:
fitforgood@standrews.net.au

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Payment Options:

EFT: St Andrew's Women's Committee

BSB 082 341 A/C 870 950 712

Please include your name in the reference field.

Cash/Cheque: Place in the Gifts & 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 by Fri 21 Mar to

womensevents@standrews.net.au

or phone the office **9412 2553**

or Fiona Taylor **0407 919 954**

ST ANDREW'S MINISTRY UPDATE

🔗 ESL

St Andrew's has been running ESL classes every Thursday morning (10am-noon) during school terms for 11 years. We currently have around 30 students between the ages of 20 and 80, from Japan, China and Korea. Parents can leave their pre-school age children with dedicated carers at playgroup. Our 8 teachers are spread across 4 classes and aim to improve English conversation skills, grow confidence and develop friendships.

We also talk about God. Each class finishes with a Bible study and/or prayer depending on the language ability of each group. Every term Matt Stedman leads a Bible study for the whole group. Other members of the pastoral team also give talks to help integrate the students into St Andrews' wider community. Further activities include regular excursions and monthly craft days when we learn new skills.

It is a great blessing to build relationships with such lovely people and assist them in their understanding of the language and culture of Australia.

To find out more about our ESL classes please contact **esl@standrews.net.au**

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COMMUNITY WATCH

PLEASE PRAY

☉ Churchwide Prayer

Pray for the Property Development Update and the AGM tomorrow night - for God's leading and blessing as we vote about the next step in planning for the property redevelopment and as we elect new parish councillors, wardens and other office bearers.

Praise God for the growth and encouragement of the Tuesday morning mens' small group.

Please pray that Rohan and Alex Barwick can continue serving God in Nepal. Their home in Alice Springs has been damaged by fire so please pray for quick repairs and the resumption of the necessary rental income which supports their work in Nepal.

☉ 10am Prayer

Pray for Mary Fenner and the family as they now care for Warwick at home. Pray for God's grace and strength each day and that they will all know God's love and peace. Pray for good support for Warwick's health and comfort.

Please pray for the husband and young children of a friend of Trish Dawson's who passed away last Thursday. Pray that God would give them supernatural strength and comfort in their grief. Pray that their faith would bear strong testimony to the hope and

love they know in Christ and that this would bring others to know him too.

☉ 5pm Prayer

Please pray for Lowen and Cliff's son Peter who has recently been experiencing serious problems related to a previous brain injury. Pray for an early appointment and successful management of his health issues and that he would know Christ.

Pray for David Morris and Linsey-Anne and their family after the death of David's mother. May many be led to consider Christ as they consider life and death matters.

☉ St Andrew's Ministries

Thank God for the ministry we have in teaching Scripture in our local schools, and for Cath and the team of volunteers who take these classes each week. Please pray that moves by those who are against Scripture in schools might be defeated in their efforts to have this privilege removed. Please pray for our local Member Jonathan O'Dea, that he might vote wisely in the debate according to God's will.

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

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE PRAYERS

CONFESSION

Merciful God, our maker
and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed:
we have not loved you
with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours
as ourselves;
we are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey
you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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

STEPHANIE AND ANDREW BROWNING



➔ Tanzania

Pray for Stephanie and Andrew Browning with children William and Christopher working in Arusha, Tanzania.

Although Andrew's back has been slightly better, it is still troubling him when he spends the day operating, and when driving. The family will be returning to Australia at the end of this month for treatment, which Andrew is hoping will be complete within a month.

Stephanie will be leaving the very time-consuming day to day running of the school in the hands of the Pocknalls. William will miss being at school, and the guitar lessons and rugby practice which he loves.

Praise God for the fistula patients, both in Tanzania and Ethiopia, who have been restored to health.

Give thanks that Christopher's arm is no longer in plaster.

Thank God for the 23 students at Christchurch International School.

Pray that the operation on Andrew's back, which he is expecting to undergo in early April, will be a complete success and that he will recover quickly.

Pray for the ongoing work of the Barbara May Foundation (known in Africa as 'Maternity') for which Andrew recruits personnel, amongst other responsibilities.

Pray for the Pocknalls as they add the day-to-day running of the school to their teaching roles, while the Brownings are in Australia.

Pray for the ministry of Christchurch Cathedral in Arusha, to which Andrew and Stephanie belong.