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WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
6TH APRIL 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've got 'catholicity' on my mind at the moment. Last week a few of the staff team attended a magnificent conference with Tim Keller, the pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian in New York City – a church many of you have visited in recent years. During the conference there was quite a bit of talk about Christian communities collaborating, or at least communicating more and praying for each other. This is not a simple 'ecumenicalism', where churches water down their beliefs to

the lowest common denominator. Keller himself is an outspoken Reformed Evangelical – just like our Sydney Anglican tradition—but he is just as well known for establishing partnerships with other 'brands', and even sharing the resources of Redeemer with diverse churches around the world.

All of this coincides with our Lenten joint church services, the next of which is this Tuesday here at St Andrew's. Our own Peter Watson is leading the service—based on the standard Anglican Evening Prayer service—but a minister from another tradition is giving the sermon. And the congregation will be made up of people from all sorts of traditions—including non-Protestant ones!

I don't think anyone imagines these inter-denominational services are the key to reaching our world, but they do offer a valuable symbol of the diverse family God is gathering under the Lordship of the crucified and risen Jesus. This is the unshakable foundation of Christianity from the beginning: "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord', and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).

Adding to my experience of 'catholicity' was the funeral last Saturday of Santino's mum, Sylvia. Quite a few of us from St Andrew's

turned up to the Roman Catholic church of Cronulla, Sylvia's home church for many years, and were delighted to hear gospel-focused readings, songs, and prayers. Santino's eulogy highlighted his mum's deep trust in Jesus, the One who died and rose again to bring forgiveness for all free of charge. You could have heard a pin drop in the packed church.

At the same time, I am excited that Hillsong Music—who write some of the most memorable contemporary praise songs in the world today—have composed a song based on the Apostles' Creed. I can't take credit for the beautiful thing they have produced, but it was apparently a post on my Facebook page earlier in the year that got their creative juices flowing: I simply wondered out loud how unifying it would be to have this ancient, universal creed set to a great tune. Some of the Hillsong team took me out for breakfast a few weeks ago to play me the song. It is superb. It will be released on their next album sometime in July—and they've promised to give us the sheet music earlier. So watch this space.

Each week we say, "I believe in the holy catholic church." While we must hold our Anglican understanding of Scripture with clarity and conviction, any genuine understanding of the gospel has to inspire humility and grace toward those who worship

the crucified and risen Jesus in ways different from our own.

I am not urging you all to go to the service on Tuesday evening. Nor am I encouraging you to check out Hillsong. I am just letting you know that the more I ponder Tim Keller's call to catholicity the more I believe it has the potential to move us beyond 'yesterday's Christianity', when each denomination thought it was big enough to do without the others, into a Faith better suited to reaching a post-Christian world, where our tribal differences sound like hairsplitting and where clarity about the risen Lord is in such short supply.

Every blessing,

John

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COMMUNITY WATCH

THIS WEEK

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

Sun 6th 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

🕒 **Roseville-Lindfield-Killara**

Inter-church Lenten Service

Tues 8th April 7:45pm

Location: St Andrew's Roseville

Guest preacher Fr. Colin Blayney

🕒 **St Andrew's Churchwide Prayer Meeting**

Wed 9th April 7:30pm - 8:30pm in the Church

🕒 **Time Out Concert**

Fri 11th April 12:30pm

A Little Lunch Music concert

in the City Recital Hall, Angel Place, Sydney.

The programme features a Piano Trio by

Dvorak. Admission is \$15.

Meet on Roseville station at 10:55am. Do invite a friend or neighbour!

Contact: Marilyn Moulton **9449 5822**.

FOR THE DIARY

🕒 **Easter Services**

Good Friday 18th Apr

8:30am Traditional

10am Contemporary + Kid's Ministry

Easter Sunday 20th Apr

8:30am, 10am, 5pm, 7pm regular services

OTHER

🕒 **Lies, Love and Hitler**

Tues 15th Apr - Sat 3rd May

at the Old Fitzroy Theatre, Woolloomooloo

A play about a modern day theologian who finds his emotions becoming entangled with a student. He converses with Bonhoeffer - who incidentally has been dead for 70 years - to find his way through his ethical dilemma.

More details at: www.liesloveandhitler.com

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COMMUNITY WATCH

PLEASE PRAY

☛ Churchwide Prayer

Please pray for God's comfort and sustaining love for Santino and his family in their grief following his mother Sylvia's death.

Please pray for James Smith's parents Brian and Dawn in the UK, who have both been diagnosed with serious health issues recently. Pray that this shock will turn their hearts to Christ in deep dependence and trust, and that God would grant them good management and treatment for their needs. Pray for James as he seeks to care for them while being so far away.

Thank God for his blessing of encouragement and fellowship in Christ at last week's women's dinner and for new relationships begun and others deepened.

☛ 10am Prayer

Please pray for Neil and Susan Verdal-Austin who are visiting family in South Africa and especially for Susan's father Willem who is having both a pacemaker fitted and open heart surgery in the next 2 weeks. Pray for God to bless him with a strong recovery and that he would be drawn to faith in Christ.

Pray for the couples awaiting the arrival of new babies soon - Emily and Mike Tong, Sarah

and Jonathan Meisner, and Nadia and Brad Pickford.

Please pray for Georgie Conroy who is having surgery on Tuesday. Pray that God will grant healing and a full recovery, and peace to James and the family at home. May they all grow in their trust in Christ through this time.

☛ 5pm Prayer

Please pray for Jane Moore's father who was recently diagnosed with cancer. Pray for guidance as to best treatment options, complete recovery and that this difficult time will open his heart to respond to Christ's love.

☛ St Andrew's Ministries

Thank God for Jane Clifford and her able group of helpers as they meet on Thursday mornings to run the ESL group. Pray for those who come to learn; that they will see God's love, be drawn to ask questions and be helped to put their trust in Jesus.

Pray for the many in our congregation who teach in schools across Sydney. Pray that as they teach their students they will find opportunities to show God's love and guide them to put their trust in following him.

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ST ANDREW'S MINISTRY UPDATE

☛ **Community Project**

First launched as the Resource Bank, this innovative program seeks to connect the resources within our church with the needs in the wider community. Now called the Community Project, we serve the local area in a number of ways, including;

- Visiting, including walking with, and reading for, the elderly
- Driving people to appointments
- High quality meals from our freezer ministry
- Shopping for groceries
- Emergency babysitting
- Low level home maintenance

In a typical month we provide 20-30 acts of practical assistance but we would love to hear from more volunteers across all congregations so that we can expand this free service. Also, we ask that you look out for people in the community who may need help. Perhaps it may be an older neighbour, or a young family currently struggling. Whatever the case, you can help by letting people know that the St. Andrew's Community Project is available to lend a hand.

To find out more please contact
communityproject@standrews.net.au

MISSION & AID

BISHOP MASIMANGO KATANDA

☛ **Anglican Diocese of Kindu in the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

Pray for Bishop Masimango Katanda and for the Berea Bible College.

Please pray for the Congo as there is much political unrest in the country. On 30th December, Kindu Airport was attacked by an armed group and five people were killed. At the same time during an armed robbery the Diocese lost all the computers and printers that had been provided for its Cyber Café project. Praise God that the life of the watchman was spared.

In his role as an Ambassador for Peace (recognised by the Universal Peace Federation), Bishop Masimango led a debate in February on "Religion: source of conflict, resource for Peace," attended by politicians, civil society leaders and church leaders. Pray for Bishop Masimango in this role as he seeks to influence leaders in the Congo.

Pray for the Berea Bible College and for the students who have to live far from families with little means of communicating with them for a long time; particularly difficult when there is so much instability in the country.

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

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE PRAYERS

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

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