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NEWS &
THE BIBLE

WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
13TH APRIL 2014

ST
ANDREW'S
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IN NEWS

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

FROM THE EXECUTIVE PASTOR

SANTINO DIMARCO

☛ Executive Pastor

Dear St Andrew's,

In each of the 3 years that I have been Parish Treasurer, it has been delightful to see God working through us as we have considerably increased the level of giving to both fund the work of the Parish and our giving to mission and aid.

Those who were at the Parish AGM last month may recall that the budget presented and approved called for an increase in General Offertory of 15% when compared to the level of 2013 giving. Some of this increase will come from the growing size of our church membership; and some will need to come from an increased giving from existing church members.

Our full-year budgeted expenditure (including our annual Foundation Day but excluding Property Vision spending) is budgeted to be approximately \$1.2 million.

A break-down of this expenditure in percentage terms is:

☛ Senior and ministry staff costs	48%
☛ Administration/maintenance staff	7%
☛ General running expenses of the Parish	19%
☛ Giving to mission and aid	26%

The Parish Council is hopeful that our giving to mission and aid will this year, for the first time, exceed 30%. While the budgeted amount is only 26%, we pray and hope that un-budgeted "over and above" giving that often occurs throughout the year (e.g. the appeal we made last year to provide the St Peter's Anglican church with funds to assist them in feeding many refugees), together with better-than-budgeted giving at our annual Foundation Day, will see the result climb over 30%.

On the last page of this week's News, you will find graphs of our monthly General Offertory (actual compared to budget) as well as monthly expenditure (actual compared to budget) for the 3 months to 31 March 2014.

In a nutshell, we are behind in our monthly General Offertory. The approved budget required average monthly giving of \$72,500. So far this year we have fallen below this figure each month; by approx. \$13,700 in January and \$7,700 in both February and March. If we are to meet our General Offertory annual budget, we now need to achieve a monthly amount of \$75,732 for the months of April through to December.

As for expenditure, we are currently on-budget having spent less than budgeted in January and March but more than budgeted in February. The timing of expenditure is sometimes difficult to budget so there will be months of overspending and months of underspending.

The graphs will be updated on a monthly basis so that you are kept informed of how we are tracking.

Methods by which you can support the work of St Andrew's can be found on the back page of this week's News and on the church website.

If you would like to discuss anything relating to supporting St Andrew's financially please feel free to contact me at

santino.dimarco@standrews.net.au

Finally, in the words of the St Andrew's Church Prayer:

Gracious God, thankful for Your blessings, make us a deeply generous church. Help us to meet and expand our annual budget and to increase our giving to overseas mission and aid.

Blessings,

Santino

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COMMUNITY WATCH

THIS WEEK

🕒 **Easter Services**

Good Friday 18th Apr

8:30am Traditional

10am Contemporary + Kids Ministry

Easter Sunday 20th Apr

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

🕒 **Steph Lentz and Hamish Henderson's Wedding**

Sat 19th April 2pm at St Andrew's

All are welcome!

FOR THE DIARY

🕒 **Life of Jesus**

Tue 13th May – 7.30pm

John and Buff Dickson's home

A 4-week course on the life he lived and the life he gives; for people curious to find out about the basics of the world's largest faith.

Contact the Church Office or email

lifeofjesus@standrews.net.au

🕒 **Belonging Course**

Wed 14th May – 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

OTHER

🕒 **Equipped For The Harvest**

Sat 10th May – 9am - 4pm

St Paul's Anglican Church, 421 Old Northern Rd, Castle Hill

Daniel Shayesteh speaking on understanding the teaching of Christ in comparison with other beliefs, and understanding your identity in Christ and how can you impact the lives of others.

Go to spch.org.au/harvest to register.

🕒 **New role - Manager, Diocesan Services**

A new role is being advertised by the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat: to assist the Diocesan Secretary in serving the Synod, the Standing Committee and other central diocesan governance bodies. For more information go to www.sydneyan Anglicans.net/jobs/manager-diocesan-services

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COMMUNITY WATCH

PLEASE PRAY

☛ Churchwide Prayer

As we approach Easter please pray for the deep impact of our services on all who attend and that many will visit St Andrews over this time.

Give thanks to God for those who have found work recently and continue to support in prayer those amongst us currently unemployed and looking for work.

☛ 8:30am Prayer

Thank God for the blessing of the marriage of Sasha and Erika Ellis and pray that God would strengthen them in love and faithfulness to one another and to God.

☛ 10am Prayer

Praise God for Georgie Conroy's successful surgery this week and pray for her during this time of recovery.

Please pray for Mary and Warwick Fenner; that recent treatment will bring improvement and that God will sustain them in his unfailing love and compassion and give them peace in Christ.

Pray for the safe arrival of new babies expected soon for Nadia and Brad Pickford, Sarah and Jonathan Meisner, and Emily and

Mike Tong. Praise God that Dee and Brad Williams are expecting a new baby later in the year.

Please pray for Susan Verdall-Austin her family who are visiting South Africa while Susan's father has heart surgery. Pray for a successful surgery, a good recovery and that God's hand would be clear to them all.

☛ St Andrew's Ministries

Pray for Cath as she leads the Playgroup with her team of helpers. Thank God for the opportunity to reach out to parents in the community with this valuable activity and pray that it will be used to show Jesus' love and bring more people into the Kingdom.

Pray for former parishioners in nursing homes and hostels and all those who are unable to attend services at St. Andrew's: Adrienne Searle, Beverley Glissan, Lois Meyer, Margaret MacGregor, Joyce Fagan, Gwen Hutchison, and Frank Wyndham. Pray that they will have a firm trust in the Lord, be assured of his great love for them and have a sure hope in eternal life with him. Pray for those who are caring for them and those visiting, particularly Peter Watson, Jean Rixon, Myree Pullen and Judy Hodges.

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ST ANDREW'S MINISTRY UPDATE

🕒 **Fit for Good**

This term's Fit for Good activities ended on a high last Sunday with the Lindfield Fun Run. 27 of the St Andrew's family ran and/or walked around the challenging course, some in the distinctive magenta running singlets of the Believe Team.



Tommy Horlin and the Blacks

Special mention must go to the Sanbrook family who all participated *and* made it back for the 10am service!

Our Pilates classes have been well attended and together have raised almost \$2000 in the term, which will be given to Anglicare, the urban mission and community care arm of the Sydney Anglican Church. Well done everyone: getting fit and doing good!

For more information on activities and/or buying Fit for Good singlets please contact fitforgood@standrews.net.au

MISSION & AID

MARK AND ROCHELLE GROOMBRIDGE

🕒 **Slovenia**

Pray for Mark and Rochelle Groombridge with children Matej, Philippa and Calvin, currently serving with CMS in Slovenia at the Reformed Evangelical Church in Ljubljana. In July they will be returning home after 10 years in Slovenia.

Pray for them as they have many priorities in packing up and preparing to come back to Australia; that they will be able to have quality time with friends and that they will continue to trust God in all the changes and busyness of the situation.

Pray for the Women's Bible Study Group that Rochelle has been co-leading with Nives. Pray for Nives as she coordinates the group as well as teaching in the Sunday School. Pray that she will continue to grow in her knowledge and love of the Lord and that God will give her wisdom and help as she serves in these areas.

Pray also for the Monday Night Bible Study, particularly over the next few weeks as they look at Luke's gospel in the lead up to Easter.

*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

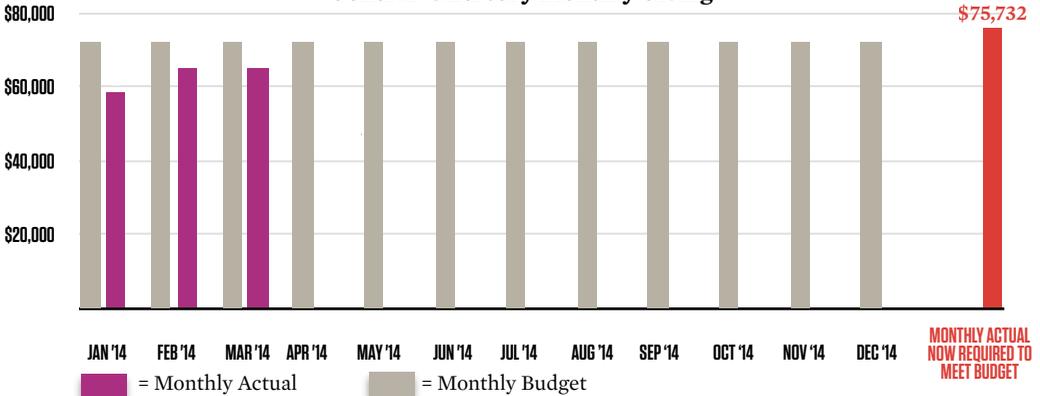
We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, 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

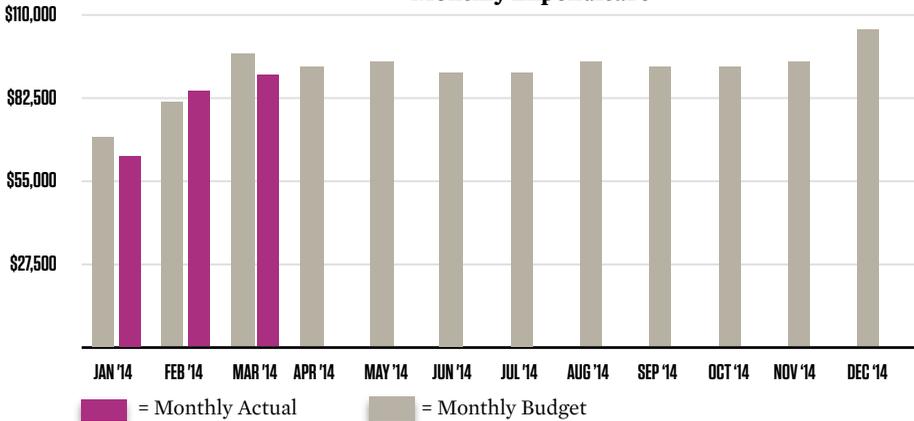
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, are yours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

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE

General-Offertory Monthly Giving



Monthly Expenditure



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.

There is a "gifts and offerings" box attached to the church's rear pew if you prefer to make cash/cheque contributions.



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