

**WE**  
*Believe*  
**IN PRAYER**  
**PRAISE**  
**NEWS &**  
**THE BIBLE**

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**WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE**  
**27TH APRIL 2014**

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**ANDREW'S**  
*Believes*  
**IN NEWS**

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

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# FROM THE ASSOCIATE MINISTER

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## REV MATT STEDMAN

### 🕊 Associate Minister

Dear St Andrew's,

ANZAC Day is arguably Australia's most treasured narrative. In the one story we find the interweaving themes of a nation's coming of age, a depleted company of soldiers holding back superior forces, and most importantly and tragically, Australians soldiers laying down their lives for king and country.

I often wonder if one of the reasons we marvel at The ANZAC story is because we know we wouldn't have the same mettle as those who fought on our behalf while facing unspeakable hardship. Hopefully this wonder will never be tested!

Of course all of this ANZAC Day ceremony and remembrance, while appropriate, is for those who died for a country and people they loved. This is the great point of distinction between sacrifice on the battlefield and the sacrifice of Jesus.

Paul correctly identified in Romans 5:7 that, "Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die."

I doubt many of us would argue with that! But while it's unlikely we will ever have to die for someone we love, consider what he writes in the following verse...

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

No one of sound mind would be willing to die for an enemy; The ANZACs weren't, neither are you or I – but Jesus was. Jesus' love was not constrained by dying only for those who loved him, but such was the extent of his love, that he died for his enemies – even those putting him to death.

As we rightly remember ANZAC Day, and the sacrifice of many service men and women, thank God for Jesus, who died not for those who loved him, but for those who despised him.

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# COMMUNITY WATCH

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## THIS WEEK

### ☛ Meals Ministry Cook-up

Tue 29th April – 10am - 12noon.  
in the Church Hall

All are welcome to be involved.

Contact Meredith Hatcher for information  
[meredith.hatcher@standrews.net.au](mailto:meredith.hatcher@standrews.net.au)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:james.smith@standrews.net.au)

## PLEASE PRAY

### ☛ Churchwide Prayer

Praise God for Emily and Mike Tong's new baby boy, Jed. Pray that they settle into sleeping and feeding well and that God will help Emily and Mike to be calm in their new role as parents.

Pray for Nigel Gorham after surgery for a badly broken arm. Pray for great healing and a return to normal pain-free function and that God's love will sustain the family in trusting him.

Give thanks that Andrew Browning has had successful back surgery. The family plan to go back to Tanzania on 6 May. Pray for Andrew as he takes time to recover from the surgery before he returns to work.

Please pray for Jenny Killen recovering after ankle surgery. Pray for strength in managing these difficult weeks on crutches and that her ankle will heal well.

### ☛ 10am Prayer

Please pray for Warwick Fenner having radiotherapy treatment to relieve symptoms and pray that God's love and faithfulness will give Mary great peace and strength each day.

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

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# CONTEMPORARY SERVICE PRAYERS

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## 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.