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**WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE**  
**11TH MAY 2014**

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**IN NEWS**

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

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# FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER

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## REV JOHN DICKSON

### ☛ Senior Minister

Dear St Andrew's,  
Five important things this week.

First, we're looking forward to honouring mums this Mother's Day, and hearing from God's word about one very faithful mother and her son Samuel, the man who would establish kingship in Israel and, therefore, the hope for the great king and messiah Jesus. Matt Stedman speaks at 830am, Alison Whalley at 10am and 5pm, and Suz Gorham at 7pm. We are grateful for gifted men and women in this church who are able to explain the Scriptures and inspire us

to trust God's ways and promises. And congratulations to Suz Gorham, who has just completed—and well and truly passed—her Masters in Theology from the London School of Theology, the largest evangelical theological college in Europe.

Secondly, this last week the staff had a few days away together up at MacMasters Beach. We call it a 'retreat' but it felt more like an 'advance'. Apart from lots of conversation and laughter, we enjoyed numerous sessions exploring team roles, health, and plans. A highlight was having John Campbell from Growth Coaching International (and a member of the 5pm congregation) lead us in a half-day discussion about staff culture. It was both encouraging and revealing, as we learned not only where we are thriving as a team (alignment of vision and strength of relationships) but also where we need to do more work (internal team communication). We especially loved the "train exercise"—which you'll have to ask us about! We are grateful for John's expertise—gifted to St Andrew's.

Thirdly, this week also saw the release of *Women, Sermons and the Bible*, a multi-authored Matthias Media book interacting with my *Hearing Her Voice: A Case for Women Giving Sermons*. It is a forthright critique of my argument and firmly restates the view that only men may give sermons in church. I am quietly confident they're mistaken and am glad for more discussion (I am also mischievously

pleased we happen to have women on the preaching roster this week!). In any case, I thought you should know that the conversation around this topic has stepped up a notch in the diocese this week. Please pray that any ongoing debate will honour Christ and not become a distraction.

Fourthly, how exciting it was last Sunday to have over 100 people, just from the 10am congregation, involved in the “Lunches for Nine”! Check out the lovely photos here in the News. This is exactly the sort of thing we are hoping to see in this Year of Building Community, across all four congregations. Let’s excel in the ancient Christian practice of “breaking bread in their homes and eating together with glad and sincere hearts” (Acts 2:46).

Finally, I am thrilled that the property fundraising team this week started to visit all of our Small Groups, explaining how we hope to cover our \$10.5m building project and asking us all to start contributing as generously as we can. A staggering 98% of you endorsed the decision to submit the Development Application to local council. We are now asking that you prayerfully consider what you are able to give to make this ‘concrete’. Buff and I are committed to supporting the project as sacrificially as we feel able. We can’t wait to see what the Lord will do with an expanded, fully functional worship space and community centre on our site. The thought of thousands of people over the next

50-100 years being tangibly blessed by our contributions is inspiring.

Rarely is anything great achieved without courage—so argued Bill Hybels (of Willow Creek Church) in an excellent lecture we watched on our staff retreat. And ‘courage’ grounded in God’s faithfulness is exactly what we all need in the coming months and years.

God bless,

John



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# COMMUNITY WATCH

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## THIS WEEK

### ☛ **Life of Jesus**

Tue 13th May – 7.30pm

John and Buff Dickson's home

A 4-week course for people curious to find out about the basics of the world's largest faith.

Contact the Church Office or email  
[lifefofjesus@standrews.net.au](mailto:lifefofjesus@standrews.net.au)

### ☛ **Belonging Course**

Wed 14th May – 7.30pm

Matt Stedman's home

3 week fast-track course for newcomers.

Contact James Smith for details.  
[james.smith@standrews.net.au](mailto:james.smith@standrews.net.au)

## FOR THE DIARY

### ☛ **Time Out Lunch**

Fri 23rd May - 12.30pm

David and Marilyn Moulton's home,  
3 Dorset Drive, St Ives.

If you need travel directions, a lift or can contribute to the meal please contact Marilyn. Do consider bringing a friend  
RSVP by Mon 19th May to 94495822 or  
[marilynmoulton@bigpond.com](mailto:marilynmoulton@bigpond.com)

### ☛ **Roseville-Lindfield-Killara Interchurch Fellowship**

Tue 27th May – 7.45pm

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church  
cnr Fiddens Wharf Rd and Charles St West Killara,

An ecumenical service to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

### ☛ **Anglicare Community Collection Sunday**

Sun 1st June

*nb. Sign up to help during refreshments after church today.*

We will be partnering with twelve other local churches to collect food and other grocery items for Anglicare. We need your help to deliver brochures and bags in the week commencing 25 May, and we need a team to visit the same houses in the early afternoon of Sunday 1 June to collect the filled bags.

### ☛ **Men's Wine Tasting Evening**

Thu 5th June – 7.30pm

Roseville Memorial Club

Special Guest: Nick Farr-Jones

Cost: \$30 (Student/Unemployed \$15)

Contact the Church Office or email  
[mens-events@standrews.net.au](mailto:mens-events@standrews.net.au)

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## PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE

The general offertory received for the 4 months through to the end of April 2014 totals \$259,910. This compares with our budgeted general offertory for the same period totalling \$290,000. We are therefore \$30,090 below budget as at the end of April. Please consider if you are able to assist by increasing your regular giving and/or making a one-off additional contribution to the general offertory.

Details of how to support the Parish financially are found on the back page of the weekly News.

Philip Bell, Andrew Killen, Craig Taylor  
**Parish Wardens**

## PLEASE PRAY

### ☪ Churchwide Prayer

Praise God that Miriam Foster has begun as Assistant Children's Worker and for the provision of accommodation for her close to the church. Pray for Mim as she settles into her new role and new situation.

Thank God for the staff days away and for the time spent on team growth and planning.

Please pray for Jean Rixon and for wise decisions regarding treatment of her back problem. Pray that God will sustain her in patience and assurance of his sovereign care.

### ☪ 10am Prayer

Please pray for Kerrie Worboys and her family that they will all know God's comfort and peace following the death of Kerrie's niece, Cath, from cancer earlier this week.

Please pray for Kaithy Zhang having surgery this week. Pray for successful removal of an abdominal tumour and that her new son Timothy will be settled during her recovery.

Please continue to pray for Mary Fenner struggling with carpal tunnel syndrome and also as she cares for her husband Warwick who is very unwell with cancer. Pray that God's love will strengthen Mary and give her peace.

### ☪ 5pm Prayer

Praise God for successful appendix surgery for Charlotte Sanjay and pray for her as she recovers.

Please pray for Jenny Killen following her ankle surgery; for relief of pain, healing and a strong recovery. Pray for the family managing with Jenny out of action.

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## ST ANDREW'S MINISTRY UPDATE

### ☛ **Children's Ministry**

The Children's Ministry team, and Cath Ahern in particular, is pleased to report that a new Children's Ministry assistant has been appointed.

Miriam (Mim) Foster started this week and she will work part-time in this role for the next twelve months while Emily Tong is on maternity leave.

Mim comes to us from Newcastle and has moved to Roseville to take up the position. She brings with her a number of years of children's ministry experience and even in her first week has already been a blessing to the children through teaching Scripture at Roseville Public School, and helping at our Thursday morning playgroup.

Mim will join the 7pm congregation. Please pray for her as she settles in and becomes part of the team, and take a moment to welcome her into our community. We will formally introduce Mim at our services.

For more information on our Children's Ministry please contact Cath Ahern  
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## MISSION & AID

### DALE AND RACHEL BARCLAY

#### ☛ **Sunraysia South, Diocese of Bendigo**

Pray for Dale and Rachel Barclay, with children Samuel, Joseph, Eden and Talitha, serving with BCA.

Pray for the preparation and planning for the Bible in the Bush conference later on in the year.

Continue to pray for those who are working hard to minimise the impact of the drug 'ice' in the community. Pray for police, social workers, teachers, health workers and school chaplains. Pray for protection, especially for those who are vulnerable to taking this drug.

Pray for those attending church to have attentive ears and willingness to hear God's word, to learn and grow and be willing to serve.

Pray for the new trial evening service, that it will be a blessing for many new contacts.

Pray for Dale attending a Diocesan Council meeting in Bendigo, for safety in travel and his for his contribution to be worthwhile.

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

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# CONTEMPORARY SERVICE PRAYERS

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## CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have strayed from your ways  
like lost sheep,  
We have left undone  
what we ought to have done,  
and we have done  
what we ought not to have done.  
We have followed our own ways  
and the desires of our own hearts.  
We have broken your holy laws.  
Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us;  
restore those who turn to you,  
according to your promises declared  
to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
And grant, merciful Father,  
for his sake,  
that we may live a godly  
and obedient life,  
to the glory of your holy name.  
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:  
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