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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,

Happy 25th National Volunteer Week (which ends this Sunday)! Over the last two decades or so, there has been an increasing awareness of the importance of volunteers. According to social researcher Dr Andrew Leigh, the Australian volunteering story is a complex one, with a boom in volunteerism and community participation following the Second World War (borne of necessity) and a steady decline from the 1960s. In the 1960s, 33 per cent of Australians were active members of

community organisations—e.g., Rotary or Apex—but by the mid 2000s this figure had fallen to 18 per cent. On the volunteering front, specifically, there is mixed evidence: a drop from the 1960s on, with a sharp rise in the late 1990s, probably inspired in part by the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. While we are not seeing the upsurge of volunteerism witnessed after the war, we are seeing modest increases—inspired more by ‘supply’ than ‘demand’, Leigh says. The Government is watching this closely; they understand how crucial the volunteer spirit is to social capital. “It is a mark of how seriously volunteering is now taken in policy circles,” Leigh points out, “that there was a question about it in the 2006 census.”

Everyone is watching this important space.

Happily, churches apparently ‘rock’, when it comes to volunteering! In “Research and Philanthropy in Australia,” a report by the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs in 2004, it was found:

People who say they have a religion are more likely to volunteer and for more hours than those who say they have no religion. This effect is even more pronounced for people who frequently attend religious services.

Andrew Leigh, who identifies as an atheist, underlines the same thing:

Among churchgoers (those people who attended a religious service in the previous month), 25 per cent also participated in a community service or civic association over the same period. By contrast, among non-churchgoers, just 12 per cent participated in community or civic association.

None of this is cause for gloating. Christians are not better people than their non-Christian neighbours, argued CS Lewis; *they are just better than they would be without their Christianity!* The gospel inspires volunteerism. The sociological evidence reveals that but, more importantly, the Scriptures themselves make the point again and again: belonging to the ‘body of Christ’, the church, will mean playing some role in its health and activity. The apostle Paul writes, “For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us” (Romans 12).

And, actually, St Andrew’s is doing pretty well on this front. I doubt that “each of us” plays a role in the ministry here, but a good number of

you do. I was talking with one of the pastors from Hillsong recently—these guys do quite amazing, intentional analyses of participation—and they reckon the healthy zone for a congregation is between 1 in 6 and 1 in 9. That is, if 1 in 9 of your Sunday congregation is serving in some way on any given Sunday, you are doing pretty well. If 1 in 6 of your Sunday congregation is serving in some way on any given Sunday, you are doing particularly well. So what are our numbers. I asked James Smith to do a quick calculation in relation to the 10am congregation, specifically. He says that on any given Sunday we will average 36 volunteers (not including staff)—welcoming, reading, morning tea, etc. Given that our average adult attendance is around 140 at this service (sadly, still only about two-thirds of the members of that congregation), our volunteer ratio is around 1 in 4. Pretty good, right? And that’s before we start counting the vital volunteer ministries midweek. Praise God!

So, at the conclusion of this National Volunteer Week, I want to say a heartfelt thank you, on behalf of the whole staff team, to all of you who have given time, energy, and love to the ministry of St Andrew’s.

God bless,

John

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COMMUNITY WATCH

THIS WEEK

☛ 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

FOR THE DIARY

☛ Roseville-Lindfield-Killara Interchurch Fellowship

Tue 27th May – 7.45pm

An ecumenical service to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, cnr Fiddens Wharf Rd and Charles St West Killara.

☛ Anglicare Community Collection Sunday

Sun 1st June - we do need more volunteers.

You can help deliver brochures and bags in the week commencing 25 May, and/or collect the filled bags in the early afternoon of Sunday 1 June.

Email office@standrews.net.au to volunteer.

☛ 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

☛ 2014 Warrawee Lecture

Wed 11th June – 7.30pm. Free Admission.

Warrawee Public School Assembly Hall
Cnr Pacific Highway & Finlay Road.

Rev Dr George Athas speaking on 'The Buried King: David, Archaeology, and the Bible'.

Register at www.warraweeanglican.org.au

PLEASE PRAY

☛ Churchwide Prayer

Please pray for Jean Rixon in hospital for treatment for her back. Pray for healing and improvement in pain, and wisdom for her doctors in their decisions.

Praise God for the provision of work for some in our church and pray for those needing jobs; that God would sustain their patience and trust and direct them to what he has for them to do.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

Pray that all those attending the current Life of Jesus and Belonging courses will find them helpful and stimulating.

🕒 10am Prayer

Praise God that surgeons could remove all of Kaithy Zhang's tumour and pray for her speedy and full recovery and that Christopher and baby Timothy will be settled during this time.

Pray for Ruth Williams and Oscar and Elliot as they move to the UK in a couple of weeks. Pray for school places to be available and that the boys will transition well. Pray that Ruth will know God's strength and peace in all the practical aspects of these weeks and trust his timing and provision.

🕒 5pm Prayer

Pray that Lowen Sutton's father David settles quickly and happily into a new care situation in Dural. Pray that God will provide Lowen with the grace and strength needed to support David well.

🕒 7pm Prayer

Pray for Emily and Mike Tong's new baby Jed who is having lots of blood tests and medical appointments. Pray that he copes well with this and that God fills Emily and Mike with his peace and assurance of his loving care.

ST ANDREW'S MINISTRY UPDATE

🕒 Meals Ministry

On the first week of each term the women's Tuesday morning Bible Study groups hold a "cook up". It's a hive of industry resulting in many delicious meals available for a variety of needs in subsequent months.



Since the beginning of this term our meals have helped new mums in those exhausting early weeks, a member of our church who had recent surgery and a family currently doing it tough with illness. One couple from the 10am congregation collected a couple of meals for their elderly neighbour who was recently hit by a car.

With a label on every meal clearly stating that "St Andrews Believes in Caring for our Community", this ministry demonstrates God's love to others in a most practical way!

To join us at a "cook up", to request labels to make a mid-term contribution to the freezer or if you know of someone who could benefit from the meals ministry, please contact: communityproject@standrews.net.au

*All that our missionaries
do in and around their communities*

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.

This month the Reformed Evangelical Church will celebrate 10 years of officially proclaiming the good news about Jesus Christ in Slovenia (REC existed for many years before its official legal registration). Praise God for how much he has worked in the lives of his people both at REC and in Slovenia and pray that people will be encouraged to continue serving.

Praise God for growth in confidence in Jesus Christ over the past year as they have read through Luke's gospel.

Pray for the preparations for the Groombridge's move back to Australia. All their belongings are being shipped in the first week of June, so there is a lot of packing to do before then.

Pray for their friends and for Mark, Rochelle, Matej, Philippa and Calvin as they prepare to say 'goodbye'. Pray for them as a family that God will prepare them for the transition to Australia.

Pray for the final home assignment preparation and wisdom and guidance in terms of plans for the future.

Lastly, please pray that a buyer will be found for their car soon.

*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 Dimarco for specific instructions:
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