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THE BIBLE

WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
1ST JUNE 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 don't often plead us to ponder our commitment to key aspects of church life, but today I want to bundle three pleas into one News Note.

First, can I please ask us to consider our efforts to welcome visitors, especially at 10am and 5pm where numbers make it easy for new people to go unnoticed. I am worried that much of the welcoming is being done by a wonderful few. I understand that some personalities find it

easier than others to greet new faces, but it can't be harder than the experience of a new family standing in our hall with a coffee completely *alone* (as I witnessed recently). 'Community' is the heart of our *2020 Vision*, and perhaps the most basic expression of this ideal is a willingness to walk across the room to treat strangers like family.

Secondly, I would like to ask many of you to consider your financial contributions to the ministry here. The 589 regular adults of St Andrew's represent about 360 individual households. After a bit of analysis, we estimate that only about 160 households are giving regularly (this includes the relatively small number of you who give through the plate at 830am or via the 'box' at the other services). Perhaps this is the church leadership's fault. It was our idea three years ago to drop the 'plate' from the three contemporary services and rely instead on people moving to direct crediting with online banking. I wonder if a number of families never made the switch. I also reckon newcomers haven't been well informed about how to give in this church (again, our fault). In any case, there is currently a significant lag in our financial position: we are \$38,000 behind budget. We are not overspending. Quite the opposite. And the average household giving required to meet our budget is modest. I just

fear that we have made the financial dimension of our worship 'out of sight, out of mind'. My plea, then, is that we all start contributing to the regular ministry of St Andrew's, 56% of which goes to staff salaries, 30% to mission and aid outside the church, and the remainder to ordinary expenses. To support the regular ministry of St Andrew's, via electronic banking, the account details are as follows:

Anglican Parish St Andrew's
BSB 704 998
A/C 100 005 413

If you prefer to make cash/cheque contributions, there is a gifts and donations box attached to the church's rear pew.

Finally, I hope I'm not pushing the friendship by asking us all to make prayer a real priority. In a setting like ours, where we are used to getting things done our way in our own time, depending on God in prayer is not second-nature. This is true of me, and I'm meant to be the 'professional Christian'! Will you please commit to praying that God will revive our hearts, fill us with his Spirit, and bless our endeavours to bring him glory through our individual lives and through our *2020 Vision*. Would you also please mark in your diary the end-of-term Church-wide Prayer Meeting on Wednesday 18 June at 7:30pm. The last prayer meeting was the smallest for a couple of years. I

would love to reverse that next time. We are at a crucial juncture in the history of St Andrew's. We must look to the Lord for his grace.

I hope I haven't depressed you by pointing out that we could do a little better in these three key areas of spiritual health—welcoming, generosity, and prayer. The reality is, God continues to bless our work. People are growing in faith, lives are being restored and cared for, and genuine conversion has occurred in our midst in recent weeks. I am simply asking you—as I pray for myself—to respond afresh to God's grace with a welcoming heart, deep generosity, and heartfelt prayer.

Every blessing,

John

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COMMUNITY WATCH

FOR THE DIARY

☛ **Men's Wine Tasting Evening**

Thu 5th June – 7.30pm

Roseville Memorial Club

Special Guest: Nick Farr-Jones

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

RSVP today (1 June)

to mens-events@standrews.net.au

or phone the Office on 9412 2553

Payment Options:

Electronic Banking:

St Andrew's Roseville

BSB 062 240 A/C 00900162

Please use reference MWT and your surname

Cash/Cheque: Place in the Gifts and Offerings box attached to the rear pew in a named envelope.

☛ **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

☛ **Sydney Prayer Breakfast**

Fri 13th June - 6:30am - 8:30am

at the Westin Hotel, 1 Martin Place, Sydney

An annual event for Christians to pray for the city of Sydney.

Guest speaker: Dr Michael Spence,
Vice Chancellor of Sydney University

Table of 10 people is \$530 and Individual tickets are \$58.

More info at

www.sydneyprayerbreakfast.com.au

☛ **World Cup Aussie Fry-Up**

Sat 14th June - 7:30am at Church.

Come to watch Australia in their first game vs Chile in the Football World Cup.

Men, women and children are all welcome.

BBQ breakfast provided.

RSVP to matt.stedman@standrews.net.au

☛ **Church-wide Prayer Meeting**

Wed 18th June - 7:30pm - 8:30pm

In the Church

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COMMUNITY WATCH

PLEASE PRAY

☛ Churchwide Prayer

Thank God that Jean Rixon is home from hospital and continue to pray for successful management of her back pain. Pray that she will rest in God's love and wisdom in her life and continue to honour him each day.

☛ 8:30am Prayer

Please pray for Ben Tym and his family as they relocate to the UK; pray that God will go before them, provide for them and that they will trust Him and grow in faith through this experience.

☛ 10am Prayer

Please pray for recovery for Patricia Golsby-Smith who has been in hospital over the last week. Pray that God will be her comfort and strength and that she will know peace and assurance in his love.

Please pray for Ruth Williams as she, Oscar and Elliot return to the UK to reunite with James. Pray for God's provision of school positions for the boys and a good church and pray that they will transition well into their new home.

Please pray for Mary Fenner, having surgery on her wrist this week. Pray for successful

relief of symptoms and a good recovery, especially as she cares for Warwick.

☛ 5pm Prayer

Please pray for Jane Moore's father who is currently having chemotherapy and struggling with its side-effects. Pray that he will tolerate it and that its effect will prepare him well for surgery.

☛ St Andrew's Ministries

Pray for the kids Xtreme sleepover planned for next weekend in the Hall. Pray for Cath, Mim and other helpers as they prepare the activities. Pray for a fun time for the children and that they will learn more about Jesus and his love for them. Please pray that the weather will be fine for the outdoor activities.

Pray for the Building Committee as the development application (DA) is almost ready to be lodged with Council. Please pray that they will be acceptable and that the next stage of the work will be able to commence. Thank God for our able team who have committed many hours to the project thus far.

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

MISSION & AID

JOHN AND NICK, GRACE, HARRY & NOAH



☞ **In China working with church leaders**

Despite great persecution, praise God for the devotion and growth of the Chinese church.

Praise God for the relationships of trust that John and Nick have been able to develop with local Christians.

Pray for the Chinese church leaders, many of whom struggle with pain, doubt and confusion as they seek to shepherd the millions of Chinese believers.

Pray for the the welfare of the church leaders as many deal with feelings of isolation, depression, troubled marriages, spiritual dryness and the pressure convey a sense that 'all is well'. Previous generations have overlooked these issues, but now there is a

longing for depth not just breadth (at any cost).

Pray for John and Nick as they seek to equip and care for the faithful servants of the Chinese church. Pray also that these faithful servant leaders will turn to God for care and comfort.

Pray for John, Nick, Grace, Harry and Noah as they move back to China soon; that they will settle in well and feel God's hand in their work and family life.

Praise God for the support from Australia for the Chinese church. Please continue to pray for the maturing and encouragement of God's people in China.

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

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE PRAYERS

CONFESSION

Most merciful God,
we humbly admit that
 we need your help.
We confess that we have
 wandered from your way:
we have done wrong,
and we have failed to do
 what is right.
You alone can save us.
Have mercy on us:
wipe out our sins and teach us
 to forgive others.
Bring forth in us the fruit
 of the Spirit
that we may live as
 disciples of Christ.
This we ask in the name
 of Jesus our Saviour. 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:

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BSB 704 998
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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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