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WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
26TH OCTOBER 2014

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IN NEWS

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

FROM THE ASSOCIATE MINISTER



REV MATT STEDMAN

☉ Associate Minister

It's wonderful to be back after two weeks in Zimbabwe training pastors in Christian doctrine. This is no light-weight course! Topics up for discussion included God's transcendence and immanence, the Spirit's dual procession, the inerrancy and infallibility of scripture, and Jesus' homoousion nature; and the pastors couldn't get enough of it! What might surprise some of you is that for most of the pastors, the training we provide, *is* their theological training for ministry, which is why I take these trips so seriously. I should also add

that through your generous financial support, \$12,000 was able to be allocated from the St Andrew's Mission & Aid budget to African Enterprise. This covered the students' board and tuition for the course. Trust me, the money you give is making a difference to the church in Zimbabwe.

I always try to expect the unexpected when I'm in Africa. This helped me to be prepared for the request I received while being picked up on the first Sunday for church, "Matt, this morning you will preach to us on foot washing". After coming up with a few thoughts and delivering the sermon, I was then asked to help wash the feet of every man, woman and child in the church - immediate application! There were about 600 people there that morning and church went for six and a half hours.

What makes such trips so special is that these pastors are almost exclusively from backgrounds where there has been a lack of biblically-based theological training. For me, coming from a reformed evangelical tradition, I certainly treat such opportunities as a rare privilege. Of course, I'm always tempted to try and change the whole African church in two weeks, but such theological change takes generations, not days.

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I know we hear this a lot, but we really do have an abundance of spiritual resources in Australia. I was reminded about this again when arguments broke out in class about how many times one needed to be submerged under the water during baptism to be saved. Some said once, some three times, and others, seven. A mere sprinkling of water on the head was not even considered worthy of mention! There were also heated conversations about the importance of giving exactly 10% of our income, the evils of drinking alcohol, the role of the spirit etc. Jesus words came back to me, "to those who have been given much, much is expected."

My overall impression of Zimbabwe was that it's in a bad state. Due to economic sanctions by many western countries, Zimbabwe has looked to China for economic investment. I believe Russia is also interested in partnership. How successful these partnerships will be remains to be seen, however many people I spoke to were highly skeptical that the common Zimbabwean would benefit in the long run. Some journalists have perhaps unfairly named China's interest in Africa as 'the second colonisation'. With practically no public healthcare or social welfare, modern Zimbabwean life more closely resembles first century Israel than it does 21st century

Australia. There is no option for Zimbabwean Christians but to live by faith.

Having returned, I am more convinced than ever that taking your family to a country like Zimbabwe for one of your family holidays will be of great value. It will broaden your families horizons as to how other people live, it will increase your thankfulness for what you have, and it will cause you to pray along with your poorer brothers and sisters, 'give us today our daily bread'.

God bless,

Matt

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord God, without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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COMMUNITY WATCH

THIS WEEK

🕒 **Operation Christmas Child**

Sun 26th Oct

If you didn't manage to get your Operation Christmas Child box returned today, the boxes are being delivered to Blacktown on Wednesday so please drop them into the church office or the verandah of 7 Addison Ave, Roseville by Tuesday 28th October. Also, please return any unused or half-filled boxes.

🕒 **100% Hope Uganda - at Lindfield Public School**

Tues 28th Oct - 7pm in the school hall

Hear Trishelle Grady's story of her work and life in Uganda. Speak to Jane Moore (10am) or Nadja Leffler (5pm) for more information about the event.

More information about Trishelle and 100% Uganda can be found at
www.tinyurl.com/trishellegrady

FOR THE DIARY

🕒 **Foundation Day**

Sun 2nd Nov

2 services only: 10am and 5pm

Both services include a children's program and will be followed by a BBQ-style meal.

🕒 **Safe Ministry Training**

Sat 8th Nov 9am - 2:30pm

In the St Andrew's Church Hall

Parts A & B and Refresher course for those who haven't done a course in the last 3 years.
Cost: \$50 for first timers, \$25 refresher

All participants need to register at:
www.youthworks.net/events/SMEEvent

🕒 **Men's Event - Late Oktoberfest**

Thu 20th Nov 7.30pm

57 Middle Harbour Road, Lindfield.

A "101 on beer tasting" from St Andrew's resident expert Phil Robinson

\$5 for BBQ, BYO beer.

RSVP to mens-events@standrews.net.au

PLEASE PRAY

🕒 **Churchwide Prayer**

Continue to pray for God's strength and guidance for HSC students as they persevere to the end of their exams. Pray that they will commit their futures to God and seek to please him in the changes and choices that face them in the months ahead.

Thank God for the 'Life of Jesus' course running at the moment and for Aaron and Angie Black leading it. Pray that all attending

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will grow in their understanding of Christ and his love.

🕒 10am Prayer

Please pray for 3-year-old Charlie Sellars who is having his tonsils and adenoids removed this week. Pray for his recovery and for his parents Anthony and Amber. Amber and Charlie attend our Thursday playgroup.

Pray for Andy Loel and his sister Amanda in their deep loss and grief after the death of their aunt, Yvonne. Pray for God's comfort and hope to sustain them through this time.

Praise God for the marriage of Rubab Raza and Will Johnson and pray for God's blessing on their future lives; that they grow in love and commitment and seek to serve and honour God together.

Pray for Sarah Hawkins and Erika Ellis who are both in the final weeks of pregnancy; pray that God will bless them and their babies with good health and a safe delivery.

🕒 5pm Prayer

Pray for Nancy Huang as she recovers from recent surgery; that God will grant healing and patient trust in his care over the weeks ahead.

Pray for good healing and complete recovery for Ken Henderson after he sustained a deep gash to his head in a fall. Thank God for his

protection from more serious injury and for the calm shown at the time.

Pray for Kirsten Scharkie in the final weeks of her pregnancy; for strength for 2 more weeks of work and for a safe and timely delivery.

🕒 7pm Prayer

Please continue to pray for Yeesum's cousin Lillian, her husband Pete and young daughter Jess after the Lillian's diagnosis of lung cancer recently. Pray that God's love sustains them and that his power and mercy bring them comfort, relief and healing.

🕒 St Andrew's Ministries

Please pray for many of our members across the congregations engaged in School Ministry at various levels. Pray that they might be great role models for the students so that they will choose to follow Jesus and serve him faithfully throughout their lives.

🕒 Other

Pray for Archbishop Glenn Davies and our Regional Bishop Chris Edwards in their many and varied responsibilities in our Diocese. Pray that they will walk closely with the Lord Jesus and that he will give them wisdom in all the decisions they have to make.

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PROPERTY VISION FUNDRAISER BUSH DANCE

"I think it was one of the best "all in together" activities we have ever had at St Andrew's."

"It was great fun!! We all had a ball. Will it be a yearly event?"

These are just two of the many enthusiastic responses received by those who were able to attend last Saturday evening's Bush Dance. The evening was a fantastic community-builder which saw all congregations and all age groups having fun and dancing together. There were literally newborns right through to 89 year olds involved (thanks Neville!). The evening also raised over \$1,200 towards the Property Re-development.

Of course there are many people to thank for their efforts including all those who helped in areas such as setting up, selling tickets, catering, pack-up and playing instruments in the band. A particular thank you to our very own and lovely Bec Kimpton, who organised much of the event, as well as her sister Mel who 'called' the Bush Dance so skilfully.

Many have asked whether we will be holding future Bush Dances. Based on the success of this one, there can only be one answer - stay tuned!

Santino Dimarco
Executive Pastor



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

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE PRAYERS

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.

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

MISSION & AID

EAGLE VALE ANGLICAN CHURCH



🕊 Eagle Vale Anglican in South-western Sydney

Rev Craig Hooper with his wife Sandra ministering in the parish of Eagle Vale which we have supported since its inception in the 1980's as one of the Archbishop's Vision for Growth Parishes.

Pray for the Rector, Craig Hooper with his wife Sandra and thank God for the way he has blessed and grown the parish over the years.

Give thanks for the start of the Mission and Vision Series aiming to, by God's grace, maximise the growth of God's kingdom in the area and beyond.

Pray the church's plans for 2015; that God's kingdom will continue to grow for His glory alone. Pray for everyone at church to be growing in faith, hope and love.

Pray for Scripture teaching in the local High Schools to keep bearing fruit for the Lord.

Pray for more contact with the parents of Scripture class kids through various activities at the schools and being visible in the community. Pray also for the students who have come to faith through Scripture classes, particularly 'T', that with his budding faith he will also be a witness to his non-Christian parents and siblings.

Give thanks for the start of a SUPA Club in Kearns Public School. This is a lunchtime Christian group for Year 5 and 6 students. Pray for growth in numbers and that the kids will be challenged to consider Jesus' claims in the gospel.

Pray for the preparation for Kids Club on 22 and 23 December; for leaders and helpers and that many kids will come.

Pray that more women in the neighbourhood will come to the Little Lambs Playgroup more regularly, and for helpers who can follow up and build relationships through home visits.

Pray that the parents and children of Elevate (Kids Church and Creche) will keep growing in the love of God and knowledge of his grace and mercy, and that they can be a light in their neighbourhood and networks.