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WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
30TH NOVEMBER 2014

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IN NEWS

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

FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER



JOHN DICKSON

☛ Senior Minister

Dear St Andrew's,

I am writing this while still at the conference in Korea for Christian teachers from around Asia. It is wonderful to see so many people from around the world who have chosen, as an expression of mission, to invest their lives in top quality Christian schooling throughout the region. What started decades ago as schools for the kids of local missionaries has become a vast network of educational institutions attracting students from all levels of society. Some of these schools are now no.1 in their

countries for academic excellence. And at the heart of the program is the love of Christ and the Christian vision of life. Lives are being changed. Whole communities are being transformed. And it begins with young teachers—mostly from the West—hearing the call of the Lord to use their skills in service of the world.

This Sunday (30 November) is Saint Andrew's Day in the worldwide Anglican calendar (it also happens to be the first day of Advent). The set prayer for our namesake resonates beautifully with what I've seen here in Korea: a willingness to drop everything to follow the Lord. Reflecting on the call of the apostle Andrew recounted in Matthew 4, the Book of Common Prayer reads:

ALMIGHTY God, who didst give such grace unto thy holy Apostle Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him without delay: Grant unto us all, that we, being called by thy holy word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil the holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Archaic language aside, what a great reminder this is of a 'readiness' to hear the call of Jesus and serve the world in his name.

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Not many of us will express this readiness in preaching like Saint Andrew, or in serving as a teacher in one of these international Christian schools, but how I pray it will be *some* of us. The need is so great; Christ's glory so important: I do pray that some from this church of Saint Andrew will receive grace to drop everything and launch out in full-time ministry.

I also pray that *all* of us will be able to see our education, career, home and social life as opportunities to “forthwith give up ourselves” and serve others in Jesus' name.

And wherever the Lord has us placed, I am also praying—indeed, the whole staff team is praying at the moment—that a great spirit of service would come on our church community. We have seen a remarkable spirit of volunteering at two ends of the spectrum. At one end, people seem eager to rally around the big, one-off projects. At the other, we have had several people nearing retirement offer the church a day or two a week to get jobs done. We are genuinely thankful for this.

Where we struggle a bit, however, if I'm honest, is finding volunteers for the ‘middle’ of this ministry spectrum—Sunday school teachers, crèche minders, mums (or dads!) to help at midweek Playgroup, and so on. It seems that the low key, week-by-week stuff is

the most difficult to sustain. But it is vital. It is the engine of our connections with the wider community. Humanly speaking, probably nothing is more important to the future growth of St Andrew's than our many and varied kids ministries.

So, let me ask you this Saint Andrew's Day prayerfully to consider whether you could follow the call of Christ as a volunteer in one of the regular kids ministries. Things are winding down in the next few weeks, of course, but we would love to hear from you now if you are willing to serve in one of these areas next year (or even for a portion of the year). Please speak to our Children's Minister Cath Ahern, or with me directly.

Happy Saint Andrew's Day!

Every blessing,

John

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COMMUNITY WATCH

FOR THE DIARY

🕒 **Book Stall**

Sun 7th and Sun 14th Dec

A great opportunity to purchase books as Christmas gifts for friends and relatives after the 8:30am, 10am and 5pm services.

🕒 **Women's Christmas Social**

Wed 10th Dec 7:30pm

In the Church Hall \$10 - pay at the door.

Contact womens-events@standrews.net.au

🕒 **Carols on Clanville**

Sat 13th Dec from 6.00pm

Roseville Park – Clanville Rd, Roseville

🕒 **Lessons and Carols**

Sun 21st Dec 7.15pm

In the Church

*Please note that the 8:30am and 7:00pm services will **not** be held on this day.*

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH (CORNER BANCROFT AVENUE & HILL STREET ROSEVILLE)

🕒 **Sunday 21st December**

10:00am - Contemporary + kids ministry

5:00pm - Contemporary + kids ministry

7:15pm - *Traditional Lessons and Carols*

🕒 **Wednesday 24th Christmas Eve**

5:00pm Kiddy farm, BBQ,

followed by 6:00pm Family service

11:00pm Contemporary communion service

🕒 **Thursday 25th Christmas Day**

8:30am Traditional Christmas service

10:00am Contemporary Christmas service



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COMMUNITY WATCH

PLEASE PRAY

☪ 10am Prayer

Praise God for the loving, long life of Sue Horlin's and Angie Black's grandmother and pray for them in their sad loss after she died peacefully last weekend. Pray that God will comfort them and keep them in his love and peace.

Pray for healing and ongoing recovery for Leigh Hatcher and for his assurance of God's sovereign care.

Please pray for James Smith's father Brian having prostate surgery for cancer on 1st Dec. Pray for an uncomplicated and successful surgery, and a strong recovery and that Brian and his wife Dawn will know God's peace as they trust him.

Continue to pray for the Chai family as Monica has had a fall and was unable to be discharged from hospital on Wednesday as planned. Pray for patience for them and for continued healing so she will be able to go home soon.

☪ 5pm Prayer

Pray for Margo Morris' niece Simone who has recently been diagnosed with cancer. Pray for God's healing and strength and the success of treatment.

Pray for Kirsten and David Scharkie as they wait for the arrival of their new baby and pray for a timely, safe delivery and for ease of settling into the family.

☪ 7pm Prayer

Thank God for the marriage of Nick Gibson and Jessica Swavley. As they begin their lives together pray that Christ's love will equip and guide them to love and serve one another, and honour God in their relationship.

☪ St Andrew's Ministries

Please pray for the Property Redevelopment Committee and for the approval of the plans by Ku-ring-gai Council. Pray for the various fundraising activities planned so that there will be sufficient money in hand to be able to commence the project when approval is given.

Thank God for our Small Groups ministry and for the fellowships which have developed during the year. As the year draws to a close please pray for the groups to continue next year and that more people will join and experience the joy and value of meeting together to discuss God's Word. Pray for the leaders as they seek to care and nurture the members of their groups.

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

MISSION & AID

STEPHANIE AND ANDREW BROWNING



📍 Tanzania

Stephanie and Andrew Browning with children William and Christopher serving in Arusha Tanzania. Andrew is working with the Lutheran Mission Hospital as a surgeon engaged in fistula surgery, as well as travelling to nearby countries to teach and operate. Stephanie has established a Christian School supported by the local diocese.

Thank God that Andrew's work was recognised recently in Uganda where he received an award from the UNFPA for his fistula work.

Thank God that the family was able to take a mid-term break in the UK visiting friends and relatives. William celebrated his 9th birthday in London where Andrew took him to the British Museum and the Natural History Museum.

Thank God for the continued growth of the school and for the group of young people from the Histon Baptist church in Cambridge who visited recently and brought new textbooks and teaching resources.

Continue to pray for the negotiations to buy a neighbouring property for the school and for the money to be available to purchase it. If the new property is not available by December, the plan is to turn the garage into a classroom which will enable 50 children to be enrolled in the school. (See www.ccis-arusha.com for photos of the school).

Continue to pray for the Hoopers as they settle in to their roles at the school.

*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 Redevelopment, **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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