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22ND FEBRUARY 2015

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

FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER



REV JOHN DICKSON

☛ Senior Minister

Dear St Andrew's,

A quick thank you and a small request.

First, I deeply appreciate your prayers over these last two weeks, as I travelled around the US, preaching, lecturing, and appearing in the media. It was perhaps the smoothest schedule of overseas ministry I've experienced. It was busy, but things were extremely well organised, and each event went off without a hitch. More importantly, I had a real sense that these occasions—whether a university lecture or a Sunday morning sermon—really counted in

people's lives. I put that down to your partnership in prayer. It is very encouraging to know that you're with me in all this.

Highlights of the trip include a sceptics night in downtown New York where the questions definitely kept me on my toes, an unexpected interview on Fox TV News about rising cynicism toward the Bible, a public lecture on Jesus at the scary-smart Georgia Tech in Atlanta, two days of events with seminary students and pastors at Dallas Theological Seminary, speaking to several thousand students at Baylor University, a Q&A pub night in a Grand Rapids brewery, and three back-to-back sermons at Ada Bible Church led by one of the best preachers I've ever heard, Jeff Manion, who was called to this tiny church 30 years ago. The church grew to about 100 people over Jeff's first seven years and now, with no explanation other than God's grace, he finds himself leading a community of well over 10,000. Who knows when and how God chooses to bless his people!?

I know I say it every time, but as much as I feel the importance of this itinerant ministry, it doesn't compare to the significance of what we're doing together in trying to build a community of Jesus Christ offering a centre of community for Roseville and beyond. Please continue to pray for what God is doing in our midst. Who knows how he might choose to "grant us the continual dew of Thy blessing," as the Book of Common Prayer puts the daily

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prayer for the local church. Thank you for your support of me and the ministry team and for your ongoing prayers for the national and international work of the Centre for Public Christianity.

Forgive me for changing gears in such a clunky way, but I also want to talk briefly about money. In addition to prayerfulness, the other great sign of congregational health is financial generosity toward the local church. Every year about this time we ask regulars to consider increasing their weekly/monthly giving. As we reported throughout 2014, our regular offertory fell short of the amount budgeted. The 2014 accounts are being finalised but the indicative figure of shortfall is \$35,000. As you will see when the 2015 budget is presented in a few weeks, we are not expanding the ministry in the coming year (apart from a tiny percentage increase to outside Mission & Aid). To simply maintain the current levels of staffing, plus the general increases that we all experience in day-to-day expenses, and to ensure that we do not have a shortfall in 2015, a 15% increase on 2014 giving is required.

If you are already regularly giving, we ask that you consider increasing your giving by around 10%. If you haven't yet started giving on a regular basis we ask that you prayerfully consider doing so. This should see us collectively funding the 2015 ministry, Mission & Aid and other costs of the parish.

Methods of giving can be found on the back page of this newsletter beneath the heading 'Supporting the General Ministry'. If you would like further details please contact our Executive Pastor and Treasurer, Santino Dimarco.

Thank you for your partnership in prayer and giving.

God bless,

John

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord Jesus Christ, for our sake you fasted forty days and forty nights: give us grace to use such abstinence that, our flesh being subdued to the spirit, we may always obey your will in righteousness and true holiness, to your honour and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for evermore. Amen.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

THIS WEEK

🕒 **Roseville-Lindfield-Killara Inter-church Lenten Service Series**

First Service Tue 24th Feb 7:45pm
Roseville Uniting Church 7A Lord St Roseville
Guest preacher: Rev James Smith
See flyer on display cupboard for more details.

🕒 **Life of Jesus**

Wed 25th Feb – 7.30pm
John and Buff Dickson's home
Contact the Church Office or email
lifefjesus@standrews.net.au

🕒 **Time Out Concert**

Thu 26th Feb 12:30pm
Meet at Roseville station at 11am.
Concert at City Recital Hall featuring Timo-
Veikko Valve and Kathryn Selby.
Contact Marilyn Moulton for more details
9449 5822 or timeout@standrews.net.au

🕒 **Anglican Aid Breakfast**

Fri 27th Feb - 7:30am - 8:45am
City location
Guest speaker former-cricketer Shaun Pollock
Tickets can be purchased by going to
www.anglicanaid.org.au

🕒 **Time Out Walk**

Fri 27th Feb 9:30am
Harbour-side Walk from Clifton Gardens to
Bradleys Head and Sirius Cove.
Meet at Morella and Iluka Rd, Mosman.
Contact Richard Tress 9416 6416 or
email timeout@standrews.net.au

🕒 **CMS Prayer Breakfast**

Sat 28th Feb – 8:30am - 10am
This will be a time of dedicated prayer for
God's work through CMS missionaries.
RSVP to Harry and Olive Cotter 9410 2812,
hocotter@bigpond.com or
Ruth Howes 9427 0912,
frhowes@tpg.com.au

FOR THE DIARY

🕒 **Belonging Course**

Sun 1st Mar – 3:00pm - 4.30pm
over afternoon tea
3 week fast-track course for newcomers to get
to know St Andrew's and meet others.
Contact James Smith for details:
james.smith@standrews.net.au

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COMMUNITY WATCH

🕒 **Women's Dinner**

Mon 9th Mar 7pm

Roseville Golf Club (Links Ave Roseville)

\$40 and \$20 concession.

See flyer on the display cupboard for more details and payment info.

When RSVP'ing please confirm that you have paid and what payment method you used.

RSVP by Sun 1st Mar to

womensevents@standrews.net.au

or Kylie Roberts **0431 974 935**

🕒 **Parish Annual General Meeting**

Mon 23rd Mar - 7pm

In the Church

OTHER

🕒 **AGM Election Nominations**

Nominations for Parish Councillors, Wardens, and Nominators are required prior to the AGM on Monday 23rd March.

Talk to those you think would serve well and, with their permission, nominate them by writing to the office ensuring that you clearly state who you are nominating and for which role: **office@standrews.net.au**

PLEASE PRAY

🕒 **Churchwide Prayer**

Pray for our Chair Challenge; that the practice of reading God's word daily might become part of our daily lives.

Pray that those attending the Life of Jesus course beginning this week will feel comfortable in the group and be able to clarify their understanding of the Christian faith. Pray for Buff and John as they host and facilitate.

After the sad and sudden death of Danny Morrison last week, who was known to many at St Andrew's, please pray for his wife Deb and their 3 children and the many local families and friends who share their grief and shock at this time.

Many people at St Andrews either struggle with or are supporting loved ones suffering from serious depression. Please pray for God's healing and relief and that there would be helpful management of these issues and response to treatment. Pray that He sustains all sufferers in their faith and hope in Him.

Pray for those amongst us who are currently unemployed or uncertain about work. Pray that God will provide suitable work for them and grant them his peace to endure this time with patient trust.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

🕒 10am Prayer

Praise God that Michael Zhang and Nigel Gorham are recovering well after successful surgery last week and pray for a complete recovery.

🕒 St Andrew's Ministries

Thank God for the St Andrew's staff and that God's word is faithfully preached each week. Pray that we will come with hearts ready to receive the word and to grow in our love and faithfulness to God and to one another.

🕒 Other

Pray for Roseville College principal Megan Krimmer, and Roseville Public School principal Sean Moran. Thank God for the scripture classes and for those who teach them each week.

MISSION & AID

EAGLE VALE ANGLICAN CHURCH

🕒 South-western Sydney

Pray for Rev Craig and Mrs Sandra Hooper in the Parish of Eagle Vale in south west Sydney.

Thank God for the weekly Kids Club that will be beginning in Claymore in Term 2 in partnership with Claymore Baptist. Pray that it will be used by the Lord to reach many families for Christ. Pray for wisdom and strength for Sashi as she heads up the Kids Club.

Please pray for the church AGM on Sunday 8th March; that the Lord will raise up two new wardens and for others to be willing to serve in various roles.

Pray for the weekly Bible Studies to be places of encouragement, growth and equipping so the Church will continue to be built for the honour of the Lord.

Pray for all those who teach the Word in different contexts: ministry staff, Bible Study leaders, youth and children leaders. Pray that they will always be watching their lives and teaching closely, to save both themselves and their hearers.

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

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE PRAYERS

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 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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