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IN PRAYER
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NEWS &
THE BIBLE

WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
26TH APRIL 2015

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Believes
IN NEWS

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

FROM THE SENIOR ASSOCIATE

REV MATT STEDMAN

☛ Senior Associate

Dear St Andrew's,

The ANZACs have rightly left an indelible mark on our national conscience. Not only was it a David vs Goliath battle, destined for failure, but it was, in many ways, Australia's coming of age—her arrival on the international stage just 14 years after federation.

As Australians, we pay close attention to remembering those who gave their lives to secure the freedoms we enjoy. The antiphonal cry of “lest we forget” will be heard across thousands of schools during the week and dawn services this weekend as we remember for the 100th time, the landing at Gallipoli.

But remembering these events goes beyond a recognition of the thousands of men and women who have lost their lives during different wars, and beyond being thankful for the lifestyles we have inherited. Humanity remembers dark historical episodes for another reason. For in doing so, we illumine our consciences to what humanity is capable of. Remembering such atrocities is not an enjoyable experience, but hopefully one that shapes our present and future. It is therefore crucial that we pause and reflect, with both a sense of humility and consternation.

And so while we rightly remember some events, we also rightly forget others.

For this is the way many of us cope with painful memories. But I want to remind us that forgetting is not merely a human coping mechanism. We are told that God himself forgets from time to time. However, God's deliberate forgetfulness is only ever discussed in reference to one thing: forgetting our past wrongdoings.

In chapter 43, Isaiah writes:

“I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.”

Of course Isaiah writes poetically, but the fact remains that God will not hold our past wrongdoings against us when we seek refuge in him. You could say that God is in the business of forgetting—a testimony to the power of Jesus' substitutionary self-sacrifice.

Friends, as we again remember the fallen, thankful for the sacrifice of many, thankful for the benefits we have received from their hands, we should be thankful for something else too, that God chooses willingly to forget all our past misdoings. For who of us can claim that all our behaviours, motivations and thoughts have been exemplary?

Lest we forget, that God willingly forgets!

Blessings,

Matt

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FOR THE DIARY

☛ **Life of Jesus**

Wed 6th May | 7.30pm

John and Buff Dickson's home

A 5-week course for people curious to find out about the basics of the world's largest faith.

Contact the Church Office or email
lifeofjesus@standrews.net.au

☛ **Bible Society 'Their Sacrifice' Exhibition**

An exhibition of inspiring and moving stories of courage and faith in times of war.

Visit the website for details of exhibition locations throughout Sydney.

www.theirsacrifice.com

☛ **Women's High Tea**

Sat 16th May | 3.00pm - 4.30pm

In the Church Hall

Cost: \$10, pay at the door.

Speaker: Kirsty Beilharz, on 'The Power of Music - Towards a Flourishing Life.'

RSVP now to

womensevents@standrews.net.au
or the Church Office **9416 2553**

OTHER

☛ **Anglican Deaconess Ministries Scholarships**

Applications close on 22nd May for a number of different bursaries and scholarships.

More information at:

www.deaconessministries.org.au/ministries/scholarships or call Susan on 9284 1476.

PLEASE PRAY

☛ **8:30am Prayer**

Please pray for Peter and Margo Watson after Margo was admitted to hospital having fallen ill late last week. Pray for clarity in diagnosis, for God's guidance in treatment options, healing and a great sense of God's love and peace in trusting him in everything.

Pray for Sue Lim who had knee replacement surgery last week and will move to rehabilitation this week. Pray for good pain management, a strong steady recovery and that Sue will know God's love and strength through this time.

Pray for Alice George and her family after the sudden death of her mother in India. Pray that God's tender love will comfort them in their grief and that they'll know peace in the

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knowledge of Alice's mum's sure hope of salvation.

Praise God that Robert Faulkner-Schotter's surgery went so smoothly last week and that he is now at home and recovering well.

☛ 10am Prayer

Praise God for Jenny Jessup's successful surgery and pray for her as she comes home this weekend from rehabilitation; that she will continue her progress to a full recovery.

Please pray for Monica Chai who is very ill in hospital and for Hiang and Lillian as they care for her. Pray for her comfort and improvement, wisdom for medical staff and unfailing confidence in Christ's grace and mercy.

☛ 5pm Prayer

Pray for Mal MacCallum and Lee Zanoni as they prepare for their wedding on Saturday 2nd May. All are welcome to celebrate with them at the ceremony at 11am here at the Church.

☛ Other

Pray for Roseville College Principal Megan Krimmer and Roseville Public School Principal Sean Moran as the new term starts. Pray that school might be a wonderful experience for the students and for the

teachers to be good examples as they guide them. Pray for Suz Gorham in her new role as Chaplain at Roseville College.

Pray for the many teachers in our congregation at various schools throughout Sydney; that they may be godly examples for the students at their school and that they will guide and care for them well.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth so that they may return into the way of righteousness: grant to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's service that they may renounce those things that are contrary to their profession and follow all such things as are agreeable to it; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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ST ANDREW'S MINISTRY UPDATE

🕒 **Fit For Good**

This year's Fit For Good activities peaked last Sunday with the Lindfield Fun Run. Twenty from St Andrew's, young and not so young, ran and/or walked around the challenging 5k or 10k courses, some in the distinctive magenta running singlets of the Believe Team.



There were some fine first-time performances and two top ten finishes. Well done to everyone who participated - a great community event!

Our Pilates classes, suitable for all ages and abilities, have again been well attended in 2015 and have raised over \$2,000. This will be given to the Vanuatu team of Evangelism Explosion International, as they minister to those in need after the recent cyclone.

For more information or to buy t-shirts (there is a new order going in for the City to Surf) please contact fitforgood@standrews.net.au

MISSION & AID

MALCOLM & LEANNE

🕒 **South East Asia**

Pray for Malcolm and Leanne serving with CMS in South East Asia in training and development.

Pray for continued safety as they make their way around the city through the traffic.

Thank God that they are feeling more settled in their apartment and local area.

Pray for the Centrelink arrangements that are yet to be finalised for Malcolm and Leanne's children who are studying back in Australia.

Pray for perseverance in language study which Malcolm and Leanne find exhausting. Praise God for the good relationship they have with their language teacher.

Thank God for the new friendships that they are developing.

Pray for them to feel at home in a local gathering.

Pray that they will be able to find a way to have time off each week.

Thank God for the evidence Malcolm and Leanne have seen of local believers trying to reach out to others with the good news.

*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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THE ST ANDREW'S CHURCH PRAYER

(Congregation reads *italicised text*)

*Dear Lord, our Creator and our Redeemer,
please enable our church to become
all that You want us to be.*

☛ *Above all, teach us to worship you.*

In large and small gatherings, in heartfelt prayer, in knowing and obeying Your Word, and through our music, help us to put our hope in Your coming kingdom and to live for Your glory now and always.

☛ *Merciful God, inspire us to love one another in practical ways.*

May we value each other's company and friendship, and, mindful of Christ's sacrifice, teach us to care deeply for those in need in our church family and the wider community, so that no one around us would suffer unassisted.

☛ *Enable us, Lord, to promote the gospel of Jesus Christ in our words and actions.*

Give us more people gifted for the task of evangelism, and enable all of us to share our faith whenever opportunity allows.

☛ *Sovereign Lord, add to our number many who come to know Your grace.*

May our buildings and ministry teams expand to welcome them, so that you are honoured throughout our community.

☛ *Gracious God, thankful for your blessings make us a deeply generous church.*

Help us to meet and expand our annual budget and to increase our giving to overseas mission and aid.

☛ *Lord of the world, may we be international in our concern.*

Enable us always to support and pray for Your people throughout the world, and may our church over time be blessed with the rich diversity of nationalities in our region.

☛ *Our great God, fashion us to become 'a light on a stand'.*

Help us to offer a centre of community for Roseville and beyond. Give us grace to serve with local churches and to share the good things of St Andrew's with everyone.

Above all, may we offer to others an example of lives lived in the power of Your Holy Spirit, after the pattern of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in honour of you, our Creator and our Redeemer. Amen.

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FINANCIAL SUPPORT DETAILS

➔ Supporting the General Ministry

Supporting the general work of
St Andrew’s electronically:

Anglican Parish St Andrew’s
BSB 704 998 | A/C 100 005 413 *

*This is our preferred method to receive
your regular support.*

Cash/cheque contributions can be made via the gifts
and offerings 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 via:

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”.

If you would like to support the Property Redevelopment
but **do not** require a tax deduction, please contact
the Executive Pastor, Santino Dimarco.

(* this BSB may be displayed as *Indue Limited* which is
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