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WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
17TH MAY 2015

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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 want to highlight what I feel is a significant contradiction in the life of St Andrew's Roseville.

On the one hand, we are extremely generous with our resources. The enthusiasm for the \$10m building project is thrilling. The response to the annual Foundation Day appeal is always astonishing. And following a single request two Sundays ago, you gave over \$35,000 dollars for the people of Nepal. The International Nepal Fellowship will fall off their collective chair when they receive such a sum from a single church in a single week. Praise God.

But, unfortunately, that's not the only story. In the Wardens' Report below you will see that we have a budget crisis. There is an evident lack of support for the regular ministry of St Andrew's. We are so far behind the agreed budget that the Wardens and I will need to make difficult decisions within the next few months.

I know the problem is not a lack of the spirit-of-generosity at the heart of St Andrew's. The problem appears to be more rational,

volitional. Many of you are simply choosing not to support the operating costs of the church. Indications are that only about half of the potential givers (and here I don't mean individuals but 'giving units' or households) are in fact giving anything to the regular running of the church.

Given that the cause cannot be a simple lack of liberality, why this choice among so many? Is it that some wrongly assume 'Anglican Head Office' financially supports local ministers? Are some 'disengaged' with the nuts-and-bolts of our ministry? Is it as simple as the fact that we don't take up a weekly public collection across the church but rely almost exclusively on the more discreet electronic giving? Do I need to speak and teach more regularly about our family responsibility to support the local church? I don't know. But I would like to hear your thoughts about how we can lift the regular giving of St Andrew's or adjust our ministry to fit with the forecast shortfall.

God bless,
John

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FROM THE WARDENS

FINANCIAL REPORT – MAY 2015

Dear members of St Andrew's

As at the end of April our offertory has fallen short of the budget we approved at the AGM by \$50,000. See below for the details.

While we are extremely grateful for the generosity shown by our faithful members who give regularly week-by-week and month-by-month, it is clear that many of our regular members are yet to do so. This is the essence of our challenge.

If we don't urgently arrest this decline we will have a shortfall of \$150,000 by year's end.

Our 2015 Budget forecast a small surplus of some \$700. Whilst care is taken to ensure that savings in expenditure are made wherever possible, the vast majority of the expenditure budget is salaries, wages and staff entitlements.

Clearly this financial position is untenable and unsustainable. If our whole church income is not increased to match our agreed expenditure then tough decisions need to be made.

If St Andrew's were a secular corporation, we would simply cut expenses. This would mean ceasing valuable ministries and reducing

mission and aid in order to claw back the projected \$150K deficit. Surely, none of us would even entertain such a thought, and neither would our heavenly father who has given us everything we call our own.

We ask those who are not giving regularly to the church to please start today. We also ask those few who might be in a position to help 'plug the gap' to make your intentions known to the Wardens immediately.

The Wardens would welcome any suggestions or ideas from members of the parish to assist in our financial planning. The return of the weekly public offertory across the church is being given serious consideration.

We are aware that many members of our parish are exceedingly generous to many Christian and charitable organisations. We ask that you make your church, our church, a priority in your giving.

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Church Wardens

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The table below shows a short-fall of income of \$50,000 for this period.
Extrapolated to the end of this calendar year, the result would be a deficit of \$150,000.

	Jan \$	Feb \$	Mar \$	Apr \$	YTD \$
2015 Budget	77,938	77,938	77,938	77,938	311,750
2015 Actual	58,199	60,298	79,253	63,931	261,681
Surplus / (Shortfall)	(19,739)	(17,640)	1,316	(14,007)	(50,069)

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COMMUNITY WATCH

FOR THE DIARY

🕒 **Time Out - Woy Woy trip**

Fri 29th May | 9am - 3:15pm

Join us for a train trip to Woy Woy followed by an easy casual walk along the waterfront and seafood lunch at Fisherman's Wharf.

Meet at Roseville Station to catch the 9.10 am train to Hornsby.

Friends, relatives and neighbours welcome.

Contact Richard Tress 9416 6416 or email timeout@standrews.net.au

🕒 **Bible Society 'Their Sacrifice' Exhibition**

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

Visit the website for details of exhibition locations throughout Sydney.

www.theirsacrifice.com

PLEASE PRAY

🕒 **Churchwide Prayer**

Please pray that those attending the new Belonging course beginning Sunday 17th May; that the course will help them feel more connected to the St Andrew's community.

Please ask God to lead everyone currently doing the Life of Jesus course each Wednesday night to a clearer understanding of the gospel of Jesus. Pray that their questions and doubts will be addressed.

🕒 **8:30am Prayer**

Thank God for the improvement Sue Lim has had after her knee surgery and also for his protection and peace through some medical complications. Pray that Sue will be ready to return home this week with these issues resolved.

🕒 **10am Prayer**

Please pray for Kate Day's young son Freddie as he has his adenoids removed on Wednesday 20th. Pray for a straightforward recovery and improvement in Freddie's health as a result.

Please pray for Monica Chai as she receives palliative care at home. Pray that God will pour out his grace on her, and on Hiang and Lilian as they care for her.

🕒 **5pm Prayer**

Please pray for Jane and Charles Moore and the family as Jane's father Ian has been diagnosed with further cancer. Pray that the chemotherapy trial will be successful in treatment and that God's grace and mercy will be known to all the family.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

☛ St Andrew's Ministries

Pray for those in Nursing Homes and Hostels who are no longer able to worship with us. Joyce Fagan, Beverley Glissan, Margaret Green, Gwen Hutchison, Mark Jolly, Margaret MacGregor, Margaret Rook, Adrienne Searle, and Frank Wyndham. Pray also for those who care for them and for the ministry team: Judy Hodges, Myree Pullen, Jean Rixon and Peter Watson as they visit and bring words of comfort and hope.

☛ Other

Pray for our local Federal MP, Paul Fletcher, and local State MP, Jonathan O'Dea, as they represent us in parliament. Give them wisdom as they debate and decide issues for the good of the country and its people.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O God, the king of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: leave us not desolate, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to where our Saviour Christ has gone before, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for evermore.
Amen.

MISSION & AID

STEPHANIE AND ANDREW BROWNING

☛ Arusha, Tanzania

Andrew is working with the Lutheran Mission Hospital as a surgeon as well as travelling to nearby countries to teach and operate. Stephanie has established a Christian School supported by the local Diocese.

Praise God for the new surgical techniques being developed and that women are now being cured of previously incurable conditions.

Praise God that another new fistula clinic has opened near Kampala in Uganda after five years of planning.

Give thanks for a new surgeon being trained in Malawi and that more midwives and students are coming to Arusha for skills upgrading.

Pray for Stephanie as she oversees renovations on the new school property. Pray also for more staff to be found and for Jayne McNamara who is joining the team in July.

Pray for the Brownings as they prepare for a home visit to see family and friends over July and August and for arrangements for them to visit St. Andrews while they are in Sydney.

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

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE PRAYERS

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

(Book of Common Prayer)

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you
humble and heartfelt thanks
for all your goodness and
loving-kindness to us and to all people.
We praise you for our creation,
preservation, and all the blessings
of this life;
but above all for your measureless love
in the redemption of the world by our
Lord Jesus Christ, for the means
of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us that due sense
of all your mercies,
that our hearts may be truly thankful,
and that we hold forth your praise,
not only with our lips,
but also in our lives;
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness
and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory,
now and forever. 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

Supporting the general work of St Andrew’s:

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 part of the Diocesan banking arrangements)

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