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WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
31ST 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 promised you an update on the decisions of Parish Council, as we seek to redress the \$50,000 shortfall in the first four months of our 2015 budget. Thank you for your feedback. After listening to your suggestions and considering our situation, the Parish Council has approved the following changes:

1. *More clear preaching on the privilege and duty of financial giving, without overdoing it.* We are a bit shy about 'talking money',

so we probably do need to improve in this area. That falls mainly to me: Yay!

2. *Reintroduce a public offertory each week at all services.* This is personally disappointing, but I am sure it is the right decision, for now. We will introduce the Collection in an appropriate manner, taking care to let visitors know that we do not expect their gifts. We also have a 'best practice' system for looking after the cash on our premises. It starts next Sunday 7 June). The PC wants me to stress that Electronic Funds Transfer is still our greatly preferred method of receiving your regular gifts. Please continue doing that, if that works for you.
3. *The collection during the monthly Communion Service at the contemporary services will go entirely to one of our outside mission or aid projects.* This is in keeping with the oldest Anglican tradition, where the Communion Collection is principally "alms for the poor".
4. *Every month we will offer a very clear financial report in the News, including a pie-chart of where the money goes, our current position, and also a list of the mission and aid projects we support as a church (and the amounts given to each).*

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Some of you have said you aren't quite sure where your money goes. We will be making this clear, often.

- 5. We will explore increasing and diversifying the methods of giving, including direct debit (where money is pulled rather than pushed), credit card payment, and even texting money via the banking app on your phone.*
- 6. All of these changes will be reviewed toward the end of the year.* Feel free to keep giving us your feedback.

Again, please consider prayerfully what and how you are giving to your church. We know you are generous. We just need to harness that generosity in the direction of the St Andrew's operating budget. If this is your spiritual home, please make sure that the church's running costs are a priority in your spending. Finally, as I said in an email to you all this week, if we have not solved the shortfall by the end of June, the Wardens will be announcing major cuts. Please pray.

Blessings,

John

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace
by the confession of a true faith
to acknowledge the glory of
the eternal Trinity, and by your divine
power to worship you as One:
we humbly pray that you would
keep us steadfast in this faith and
evermore defend us from all
adversities; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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FOR THE DIARY

🕒 **Basecamp - Katoomba Men's Convention**

Sat 1st Aug

Early-bird registration closes on Sat 14th Jun.

Register online at [www.kcc.org.au/
mountaincamp](http://www.kcc.org.au/mountaincamp)

and let Matt Stedman know you're coming
matt.stedman@standrews.net.au

OTHER

🕒 **Mobile Muster for World Environment Day**

World Environment Day is on Friday 5th June. A reminder that we have a recycling collection point in the Church Hall foyer where you can dispose of your old mobile phones, batteries and toner cartridges.

www.mobilemuster.com.au/news/world-environment-day/

PLEASE PRAY

🕒 **Churchwide Prayer**

Thank God that the Life of Jesus course has been a great opportunity for many to clarify their understanding of Jesus. Pray that this final week's meeting will open their eyes more to all that Jesus is.

Please continue to pray that God will provide work for those currently seeking it and that He will sustain their confidence in the goodness of his plans for them through difficult times of trial.

🕒 **10am Prayer**

Please pray that Rosie McLaughlin will be filled with God's grace as she spends time in Hong Kong with family members and with her father who is very ill. Pray that Rosie will know God's guidance and comfort during this time.

Please pray that God's love and grace will comfort Emily Stedman after the death of her grandmother and that there will be gospel opportunities in the lives of other family members.

🕒 **5pm Prayer**

Pray for Lowen and Cliff Sutton's son who is suffering from severe depression. Pray for a

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good, willing response to treatment, for improvement and for suitable timely work him. Pray that God will continue to uphold Lowen and Cliff in His grace and mercy as they seek to honour Him.

Pray for Jane and Charles Moore as they support Jane's father Ian who is terminally ill with cancer. Pray for comfort in Ian's final days and that God's love and hope in Christ will be known by all the family.

Please pray for Monica Chai who is receiving palliative care at home; that God will strengthen and comfort Lilian and Hiang in caring for her and bless them all with his grace and love.

➤ **St Andrew's Ministries**

Pray for Cath Ahern as she leads the team who teach SRE in local public schools. Pray for clarity as Jesus is presented; that the children will understand who he is.

Also pray for Cath as she leads St Andrew's the Children's Ministry and for Emily Tong, who assists part-time. Praise God for those who help each Sunday and pray that others will become involved. Pray for the Xtreme sleepover next weekend; that the kids will enjoy the activities.

ST ANDREW'S MINISTRY UPDATE

➤ **Youth**

There are lots of exciting things happening at Youth in 2015. This term at Sunday Youth Church we have been working through a series called "The God of the Old Testament" which has been tackling big questions about the character of God. It's been great to see youth ask big questions, especially as they take up the scriptures for themselves in our Term 2 bible reading plan.

Friday night JNRs (Years 7-9, 6:00pm-7:30pm) has seen solid growth. Next week JNRs are heading off to Laser Tag for an outreach event.

We are also gearing up for Wintercamp, the biggest event of the year in the Youth calendar, where we are aiming to take 45 youth away for 3 nights in June.

All the details can be found on our website: www.standrews.net.au/revive or contact youth@standrews.net.au



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

MISSION & AID

MALCOLM & LEANNE



Praise God for the local gatherings Mal and Leanne attend.

Give thanks that their adult children are managing well back in Australia and that financial issues have been resolved despite their budgets being tight.

Pray that as Summer approaches, Mal and Leanne will cope well with the heat and be able to get enough sleep.

Pray for their language learning that they will continue to make steady progress.

Pray for Mal and Leanne as they attend an international gathering on Sundays which is held in English as well as a local meeting which is packed with 200+ people, held in the local language.

🕒 South East Asia

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

Praise God that Mal and Leanne have found housing in a central area. Please pray for graciousness as they deal with the owner over a significant issue with the apartment.

Pray for Malcolm as he starts to connect more with the college. Pray that relationships will flourish.

*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.

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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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