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**IN PRAYER**  
**PRAISE**  
**NEWS &**  
**THE BIBLE**

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**WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE**  
**21ST JUNE 2015**

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*Believes*  
**IN NEWS**

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

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# FROM THE ASSISTANT MINISTER

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## REV JAMES SMITH

### 🕒 Assistant Minister

In the last few weeks I have met several people who were at St Andrew's for the first time. They were from a range of ages, races, suburbs and with a variety of backgrounds but they all had one thing in common: each one of them had been invited by an existing member of our church.

This common thread was also noticeable at the recent Life of Jesus course (the course we run quarterly for those investigating Christianity). The majority of enquirers attending had been personally invited and were there with the person who had invited them.

From John 1:39-46 we read that the practice of invitation has been crucial to the spread of the gospel ever since Jesus started his ministry and invited two disciples of John the Baptist to, "Come and...see". One of those was Andrew who immediately went to find his brother Simon and "brought him to Jesus". Jesus then called Philip, who invited his friend, Nathanael, using the same words as Jesus, "Come and see". And so it has continued for almost two millennia.

A recent survey by the charity Tearfund found that in the UK there are 3 million people who

would go to church if only they were invited by a friend.<sup>1</sup> I'm convinced from comparable research, anecdotal evidence and personal experience that in Australia too, God is preparing people for an invitation to come to church.

Countless people go past church buildings including St Andrew's every day. Some don't even notice the churches; others do, curious about what happens inside or recalling childhood memories of church. For some it would take a lot of courage to walk into a church on their own for the first time and perhaps a gentle invitation from someone they know would help them take that step.

The beauty of invitation is that it is so simple – even children can do it, and very often they do! You don't have to be theologically trained or wear a special uniform or have a convincing sales pitch.

Recently I met a new Christian for whom invitation was crucial in his coming to faith. One Saturday he was in his front yard mowing the lawn when someone from the local church handed him an invitation to a Sunday service. Whatever the person said he didn't hear because of the noise of the mower, but the Freddo frog stapled to the leaflet immediately caught his eye!

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When he'd finished mowing, he ate the chocolate, took the invitation to his wife and told her that he thought they should go to church. Her response was, "That's funny, because I've been thinking the same for a while but was nervous about mentioning it." They went to church that Sunday, heard the gospel, gave their lives to Christ and have been committed 'inviters' ever since.

What is the point of this story? That Freddo frogs are the key to church growth? No! The point is that God was preparing the way for that couple to be brought back into a relationship with Him. They weren't even aware of it themselves and certainly the person giving the invitation wasn't. But God doesn't do His work alone. He wants us to share in His mission. The inviter had a simple yet key part to play in that couple coming to trust Jesus.

The most recent census data shows that there is a remarkable percentage of the Australian population who call themselves Christian (>60%) but don't go to church. We should take inspiration from this and seize this opportunity: Christ is alive and active among our friends, family and community. We need to go and invite them and accept that some people will leap at our invitation and some won't. Whether they say yes or no, is not our work but God's.

Today God is asking us to play our part in His work; our part, often, is simply to invite.

Blessings,  
James

<sup>1</sup>Quoted by Michael Harvey, *Unlocking the Growth*, (Oxford: Monarch, 2012), 21.

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Graciously hear us, Lord God;  
and grant that we, to whom  
you have given the desire to pray,  
may by your mighty aid  
be defended and strengthened  
in all dangers and adversities;  
through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.

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# COMMUNITY WATCH

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## COMING UP

### 🕒 Time Out Concert

Mon 22nd Jun | 12:30pm

Meet at Roseville station for the 11am train.

Concert at the City Recital Hall with the Goldner String Quartet as they celebrate their 20th Anniversary. Music by Dvorak, Mendelssohn and Borodin - tickets: \$15

Contact Marilyn Moulton for more details  
9449 5822 or [timeout@standrews.net.au](mailto:timeout@standrews.net.au)

### 🕒 Environmental Action Group Information Evening

Thu 25th June | 7:15pm - 8:30pm

In the Church Hall - refreshments provided.

Speaker: Byron Smith (PhD candidate on climate change and Christian ethics).

See the flyer on the display cabinet for more information, or to book your place email [eag@standrews.net.au](mailto:eag@standrews.net.au)

### 🕒 Time Out Walk

Tue 30th Jun | 9am

Meet at Roseville station for the 9:10am train.

Walk from Milsons Point around Lavender Bay and Sawmiller Reserve to Waverton.

Contact Richard Tress 9416 6416 or email [timeout@standrews.net.au](mailto:timeout@standrews.net.au)

## FOR THE DIARY

*Dates for your diary - more details to come*

- 🕒 Sat 11th Jul | Evening fundraising concert at the Roberts' - pianist Stanton Lanier
- 🕒 Tue 14th Jul | Meals Ministry Cook-up
- 🕒 Wed 15th Jul | Church-Wide Prayer Meeting

## PLEASE PRAY

### 🕒 Churchwide Prayer

Please pray that God will strengthen marriage relationships in St Andrew's so that they exhibit grace, humility and loving commitment and that they would be characterised by godliness and understanding.

Continue to pray for all who are unemployed and seeking work; that God will provide suitable work and sustain their faith and trust in his loving care and sovereignty.

### 🕒 8:30am Prayer

Please pray for Thomas George who is having vascular surgery this week. Pray for uncomplicated success in the procedure, a good recovery and for Thomas' wife Alice as she cares for George during this time.

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Pray for Amber and Jonathan Faulkner-Schotter expecting the arrival of their 3rd son very soon. Pray for a safe, straightforward and timely delivery and for a healthy baby who settles well into busy family life.

## ☛ Youth Church

Please pray for the Annual Winter Camp for our youth from 26th - 29th June at Meroo. Pray for Mike as he coordinates the camp and that many will be able to attend. Pray for Matt Aroney as he speaks about the transforming work of Christ and that God will bring all present to a deeper love and commitment to Him.

## ☛ St Andrew's Ministries

Pray for the Wardens and the Parish Council as they address the matters of finance which have been of concern. Also pray that if it is God's will, Ku-ring-gai Council will soon pass the property redevelopment application.

Thank God for the Small Groups and for the blessings that these are for those who attend. Pray for the leaders and that the groups will be able to share not only the questions from the Bible but also matters relating to their personal lives.

## MISSION & AID

### DALE AND RACHEL BARCLAY

#### ☛ Sunraysia South, Diocese of Bendigo

Pray for Rev Canon Dale and Rachel Barclay, with children Samuel, Joseph, Eden and Talitha, serving with Bush Church Aid (BCA) in the parish of Sunraysia South in the Diocese of Bendigo.

Pray for Dale's ministry in Sunraysia South and for his responsibilities as Rural Dean. Give him wisdom as he leads his people and guidance in planning. Also in his membership and involvement in the Autism Spectrum Group.

Pray for those in the parish who are starting the Ridley College Certificate course in Apologetics this term. Pray that they will learn from it and apply it to their lives.

Pray for the ministry of Fay at the Jacaranda Village nursing home; that the Bible Studies she runs will be a blessing to those who attend.

Thank God for the ongoing ministry of the "Renew" op-shop and the opportunities it presents in Pastoral Care. Pray for the Foodbank program that it will engage well with the public.

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# CONTEMPORARY SERVICE PRAYERS

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## 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:

**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.

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