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WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
5TH JULY 2015

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

FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER

JOHN DICKSON

☉ Senior Minister

Dear St Andrew's,

I have exciting news, two requests, a bit of perspective, and an update on my travels.

Exciting news

First, the moment has come. This Wednesday 8 July at 3pm the NSW Government Joint Regional Planning Panel is meeting with our property committee at Ku-ring-gai Council chambers to give its determination concerning our building project on the spot. I know it has felt like treading water these last 12 months, as we've listened and responded to the local council's concerns and suggestions. But now we've arrived. At 3pm on Wednesday we will know whether the property plans of our 2020 Vision can be realised on our site.

Two requests

And so I have a couple of requests. Please pray for God's gracious blessing on this final meeting. Perhaps the following words will assist your prayers over the next few days: Almighty God, our gracious Father, all good gifts come from your hand. We commit to you our hopes for the St Andrew's church property. Bless our Development Application. Enable us to offer a centre of community for Roseville

and beyond. And so guide our plans, fundraising and, ultimately, the construction. Fill us afresh with your Spirit; open our hearts to be prayerful and generous. Grant us all that we need to convey your love and to bring you glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

My other request is that you come to the meeting itself: 3pm Wednesday, 818 Pacific Highway, Gordon. Members of our property team will present, the local council will present, and the regional panel may ask questions. The chair of our committee (Philip Bell OAM) believes it will be a nice touch if during the St Andrew's presentations he can refer to the different generations of our people who support this building project. So, if you support the project—and, from memory that's 98.5% of us!—would you consider turning up to the chambers' public gallery as a delightful piece of 'prophetic theatre'!

A bit of perspective

Just this week I met with the Senior Pastor of a thriving evangelical church in Hong Kong (where I have done some ministry in the past). He told me about the building master plan they are soon to commence. His church community is approximately six times the size of ours, but the capital expenditure they are contemplating is 30 times the size of ours! Of course, that is partly Hong Kong prices, but it

is also an indication of the scale of their vision to evangelise the lost and to care for the needy throughout the region. I was inspired and sobered. I came away with a little more perspective on our own gospel ambitions. It is true we have set ourselves a “God-sized vision”; there aren’t many Sydney Anglican churches looking to develop their property on the scale we are contemplating. But we are not unique among God’s people. We are far from crazy. The St Andrew’s community of 500+ adults could easily come up with a \$10m price tag if our hearts are inspired by the Lord to do so. It is only five Roseville houses, remember (median price: \$1,919,440)! Under God, there is no reason we can’t realise our hopes to double the capacity of our church and transform ourselves into a centre of community for Roseville and beyond—to the glory of God, the good of our community, and the salvation of many.

An update on my travels

Insignificant by comparison, I want to update you on my travels this coming week. From Saturday 4 July to Monday 13 July I am in Vancouver and Colorado Springs lecturing and preaching. I begin with five days of lecturing at Regent College, Canada, a wonderful evangelical theological school providing Summer intensives to students and pastors

from all over the world. I am teaching a course titled Promoting the Gospel in a Post-Christian Age—basically a theological, historical, and practical account of the mission of the Centre for Public Christianity (CPX). Please pray that the course will be a blessing to my students, some of whom will take the learnings back to their important ministries around the world. As an added bonus, Professor J. I. Packer, perhaps the most influential evangelical Anglican theologian of the last 30 years, is also teaching a course the week I’m there. I hope to sneak into some of his lectures for my own edification. Oh, and I’m also preaching the sermon at college chapel on the Thursday morning.

After Regent, I fly to Colorado Springs for a conference (Friday-Sunday) of Christian teachers from around the world. You may remember I spoke at a similar event in Germany two years ago and another in South Korea last year. I believe international Christian schooling is one of the most significant gospel frontiers of the moment. Of course, Christian teachers in government schools are doing vital, heroic, and significant work for the Lord (more of it, please). But the significant thing about this particular collective of Christian educators (known as the Association of Christian Schools

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International) is that many of the members schools are influencing entire communities for Christ in places where Christianity is typically shunned or under pressure. It's a US organisation but most of their thousands of schools are outside North America, across Asia/Pacific, Latin America, Ukraine and the Baltics, Europe, and Africa. Please pray that my five messages (on humbly taking Christ to a sceptical world) will have lasting impact on these key Christian educators and leaders.

Finally, I know I've been travelling a lot in this first half of the year. I want to thank you for your encouragement, prayers, and patience. Most of you know that CPX pays St Andrew's half of my financial package for half of my time. I try to minimise CPX travel and engagements that clash with our Sundays (a total of 11 this year), but I know it has an impact on our sense of continuity. I am grateful to you all for putting up with me/this, and I am thankful to our staff team for their flexibility and commitment and for the way they keep things running without a hitch. I especially want to mention our Executive Pastor Santino Dimarco, who carries an enormous load of ministry and 'ad-ministry' all year around, and also my Senior Associate Matt Stedman, who ensures that pastoral care and preaching don't miss a beat when I'm

absent (and when I'm present!). This week's trip is the last one in 2015 to clash with a Sunday (apart from leave). I'm looking forward to seeing more of you in the coming months.

God bless,
John

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, we pray that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered through your guidance that your church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

COMING UP

☛ Centenary Project Property Fundraising Concert

Sat 11th Jul | 7pm

Tim & Kylie Roberts' home
57 Middle Harbour Rd Lindfield

A night of scripture-inspired piano music
composed and performed by Stanton Lanier.

Cost: \$50, including food and wine.
Proceeds to the Property Redevelopment.

See the flyer on the display cabinet for more
details.

Limited places so book early.

To book your tickets or for more information,
please email events@standrews.net.au

☛ Meals Cook-up

Tue 14th Jul | 9:30am - 12noon

in the Church Hall

All are welcome to come and help the Tuesday
Morning Women's Bible Study Group prepare
meals that will be frozen and then provided to
those in need.

Contact:
meredith.hatcher@standrews.net.au

☛ Church-Wide Prayer Meeting

Wed 15th Jul | 7:30pm - 8:30pm

In the Church

☛ PTC - Moore College's Introduction to the Bible course

Evening course over 4 weeks at St Andrew's,
commencing Thu 16th Jul, 7:30pm - 9:30pm.

Cost: \$90

For more details contact
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PLEASE PRAY

☛ Churchwide Prayer

Jean Rixon is to be admitted to hospital this
week to prepare for heart surgery on 15th July.
Pray that God will grant her successful surgery
and renewed health and strength - that he will
grant her his peace as she trusts his sovereign
love in all things.

☛ 8:30am Prayer

Praise God for the blessing of baby Theodore
to Amber and Jonathan Faulkner-Schotter: a
new grandson for Brian and Ellie Parkins. Pray
for Amber as she cares for him and his 2 young
brothers and that he will settle calmly into the
family.

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🕒 10am Prayer

Please pray for Julie Sellars in Neringah Hospital that she will have pain managed and all care given well. Ask God to comfort her in his love and affirm to her the salvation and hope in Jesus Christ.

🕒 5pm Prayer

Pray for the Millar family as they grieve the death of Margie's father and that the comfort and hope found in Christ would also impact the wider family. Pray that Margie will be strengthened by the love of Christ in the weeks ahead.

Pray for Hiang and Lilian Chai as they grieve for the loss of their wife and mother Monica, asking God's loving presence to strengthen and encourage them in their time of grief.

🕒 St Andrew's Ministries

Give thanks for those who lead us in music in our services each week. Bless them as they spend time rehearsing so that our worship is enhanced as they minister to us in this way.

EAGLE VALE ANGLICAN CHURCH

🕒 Eagle Vale Anglican in South-western Sydney

Pray for the Parish of Eagle Vale and for the Senior Minister the Rev Craig and Mrs Sandra Hooper.

Pray for the staff: Craig, Simon and Sashi; the Wardens, Parish Council and Ministry Team, and all church members; for continuing wisdom and boldness to further fulfil Vision 2015-2017.

Praise God that further work has begun on the demountable buildings on the Church property, after an earlier delay because of lack of funds.

Thank God for the growth in the Little Lambs Playgroup and for the continuing success of the local high school SRE program.

Pray for more open doors for the gospel in the area and for more people to be saved.

Pray that each Church member will be faithful in prayer and passing on the gospel message to others, both individually and as a whole church.

*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.

Alternatively cash/cheque contributions can be made via the offertory collection during each of the services.

➤ 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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