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WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
19TH JULY 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,

Our beloved Jean Rixon is gone. I say it starkly because niceties seem misplaced. 'Death' is an enemy—the final enemy, Paul tells us (1 Cor 15:26). It is the reverberation of divine judgment on the world. It tears our loved ones away. It leaves a gaping hole in friendships, families, and whole communities. I despise death this week; I have nothing good to say about it.

Only life can be celebrated. And Jean's life of action, intellect, and service calls for special celebration. Born in 1927 at Gulargambone, NSW, Jean grew up in the Depression years. Not that that would hold her back (what could?). Musician, skier, bushwalker, squash and tennis player, pharmacist, small business owner, poet, friend to hundreds, world traveller, and occasional (guilt-free) epicurean: Jean was all of these and more.

She moved into Roseville in 1948 and has been one of the most active members of our church family ever since, right up until last Wednesday. She taught Sunday School, sat on Parish Council, served on the Mission Committee, and for the last 20 years has been our Pastoral Worker, visiting the elderly in nursing homes, hostels, hospital and others frail but still at home.

Jean was as comfortable in an 8:30am Book of Common Prayer service as she was at a 7pm service with teenagers and full band. She had seen so much in her Christian life, she knew how to love everything that bore a reflection of Jesus Christ. Her love of the Lord allowed her to love everyone in His name. And she did it all without any air of 'holiness'. Her heavenly-mindedness made her of immense earthly good.

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I shared a glass of wine with her at her home last month—"A nice little red". She was sick of feeling sick, and she was adamant that the Lord ought to take her or make her better. What's the use of not being useful?, she said. When the opportunity for heart surgery came along, she grabbed it. This was her moment: either a few more years of active service or a ticket home. She stared down death like a follower of Jesus Christ. There was nothing 'stoic' in her approach. It was pure Christian logic. Her Lord had conquered that old Enemy—so that settled it. There was nothing to fear, no sadness, and certainly no pious denial. There was just the fact of Jesus' death and resurrection, for her.

With so many of you, I loved this woman of God. I admired her, more every day. I hate that she is gone. I hate death. With the apostle Paul, I mock it:

"Death has been swallowed up in victory.
Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?
The sting of death is sin,
and the power of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God!
He gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ."
(1 Cor 15:54-57)

Vale, Jean Rixon.

John



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COMMUNITY WATCH

JEAN RIXON FUNERAL & OTHER ARRANGEMENTS

- The funeral for Jean will be on Friday 24th July, 11am here at St Andrew's followed by a luncheon in the Hall.
- We are expecting a large number to farewell Jean and so would appreciate assistance with the catering for the luncheon. If you are able to assist please send an email to **office@standrews.net.au** letting us know what you can bring to share.
- We are looking for volunteers to assist Jean's close relative Kathy in packing up Jean's house. If you think you can help please email **office@standrews.net.au** stating which day(s) of the week you can help. We will then coordinate times and let you know the arrangements.

COMING UP

➤ Time Out - Great North Walk

Fri 31st Jul

Meet at the Church at 9.00am if you require transport, otherwise at Magdala Park in North Ryde by 9.30am.

Friends, relatives, neighbours and newcomers are very welcome.

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

PLEASE PRAY

➤ Churchwide Prayer

Praise God for the wonderful life and ministry of Jean Rixon. Please pray for her close relative Kathy Hutchings who had travelled from Cairns to support Jean for her surgery. Pray that Kathy and other family and friends will know God's comfort in this time and rejoice that Jean is now eternally with Christ. Pray that the funeral on Friday at 11am will be a great time of thanksgiving for the life Jean lead and a powerful witness to God's grace.

➤ 10am Prayer

Thank God that Choon-Hwa Lim's cataract surgery went well last week and pray for a

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complete recovery before she has her second eye operated on in a few weeks.

Please pray for Julie Sellar's husband Philip and their family and friends as they grieve after Julie's death last week. Pray that her funeral on Monday will honour her life and that her family and friends will find true comfort in Julie's trust in Christ.

Pray that God will guide medical specialists to a clear diagnosis for Alan Jessup's father who is very ill in hospital. Pray for the success of appropriate treatment and for the concerns of the family at this time.

Please pray for Susan Leong who is currently in Hong Kong where her step-father has recently had an operation. Her step-father is in intensive care with pneumonia and other complications which are proving to be very stressful for Susan as she looks to care for him.

🕒 5pm Prayer

Thank God that Sue Byrne's eye surgery was successful and pray for her period of recovery which involves a constant face-down position. Pray that her full sight will be restored and that God's blessing will be on the family during this time.

Pray for Cliff Sutton's recovery following cataract surgery last week and for God's

protection of Cliff and Lowen's son who has significant mental issues.

Pray for May Choy's father who is terminally ill in Hong Kong and for the family at this difficult time especially as May has recently broken her arm.

🕒 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.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver
of all good things,
graft in our hearts
the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and so by your mercy keep us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

MISSION & AID

INDIGENOUS WARLPIRI PEOPLE



🕊️ **Tanami Desert, Northern Territory**

Pray for World Vision as they work with the Warlpiri indigenous communities in the Northern Territory.

Thank God for the new staff who have begun recently in the roles of Project Facilitator and Community Facilitators; each strong Christian women.

Thank God for the recent Community Mentoring training, in partnership with the Australian Breastfeeding Association and the One Goal organisation.

Pray for the children's activities planned by the reference groups to take place over Yuendumu Sports Weekend; that they will be successful in highlighting the importance and value of children.

Pray that God will strengthen the relationships between World Vision and the communities they are involved with.

Pray for World Vision's Christian witness as they work with communities towards positive early childhood outcomes.

Pray for God's blessing on an important meeting with the Lajamanu churches in late July which will explore establishing a 'Channels of Hope' pilot program.

Pray for those from St Andrew's Roseville, Northside Baptist and Prolegis Law Firm who are travelling to Alice Springs and Warlpiri country from 19-26 July to meet with the World Vision Australia Programs team. Please pray for safety, and a deep engagement with indigenous people and the context in which they live.

*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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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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