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**WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE**  
**2ND AUGUST 2015**

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**IN NEWS**

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

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# FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER

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## REV JOHN DICKSON

### ☛ Senior Minister

Dear St Andrew's,

Let me to reiterate what I said last week in church as I announced the departure of Matt Stedman, soon to be Rector of St Bede's Drummoyne. Matt and Emily have been at the centre of most aspects of our church life for almost six years. During that time they have embodied a God-ward life, a passion for the gospel, and a devotion to this church family. I count them as friends for life. I will miss them terribly.

As Matt said in his email to you this week, his last Sunday with us will be 20 September. Please mark it in your diary. I have asked him to bring us a real 'message from the Lord'—a parting blessing and challenge. We intend to send them off that day with honour, joy, prayer, and a little sadness. Details to come.

Many people have contacted me to ask, "How are you feeling about losing Matt and Em—are you okay?" This is testimony both to the Stedmans' impact on our church and to the way I have personally relied on Matt for much of our ministry. So, yes, this is a big deal. And we want to make our next move the right one.

We've been having 'exit interviews' with Matt to review and reminisce, and to think about how to arrange things for the future. This has been helpful. He is giving Santino, the wardens, and me some good things to think about. We are pleased that he thinks the core job description of the Senior Associate is about right: to oversee the pastoral care of the parish and wider community, and to act as the No.2 preacher—in frequency not quality! Depending on the particular gifts and wiring of the candidate, other 'portfolios' can be added. Matt, for instance, has managed all the small groups, written all the Bible studies, and much more.

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Once Santino, the wardens, and I have reflected further in the next few weeks, we will begin searching for the next Senior Associate. We will use our personal networks, and we would love you to do the same. It is pretty much 'open season'. We can approach anyone in the diocese (and even outside the diocese), put them through an intensive interview process and, with the Bishop's and Archbishop's blessing, I can appoint someone to the role. We will also advertise the position nationally and (probably) in the UK, where there are many evangelical Anglican clergy.

Our approach to Matt's replacement is simple. The position is so important we will start looking straight away, but because it is so important we will wait as long as it takes to find the right person.

Please start praying that the Lord will bring us the minister of the gospel we need to continue pursuing our vision to be a centre of community for Roseville and beyond.

Every blessing,

John

## **PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

Grant us, Lord, we pray,  
the spirit to think and do  
always such things as are right,  
that we who cannot do anything  
that is good without you,  
may in your strength  
be able to live according to  
your will; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.

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# COMMUNITY WATCH

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## COMING UP

### ☛ **Moore College Sunday**

Sun 2nd Aug

Please pray for the work and ministry of Moore College.

Info cards and newsletters are available on the display cabinet.

See [www.mcs.moore.edu.au](http://www.mcs.moore.edu.au) for more details.

### ☛ **Visit from Andrew & Stephanie Browning**

Sun 9th Aug | 10am service

BBQ lunch to follow the service

### ☛ **'A Doubter's Guide to the Bible' Presentation**

Tue 11th Aug | 7pm

Peter Duly Concert Hall Abbotsleigh Senior School, 1666 Pacific Highway, Wahroonga

Cost \$15 - proceeds to The Centre for Public Christianity

A special presentation by John Dickson for believers and sceptics, including question time.

RSVP by Tue 4th Aug at

[www.tinyurl.com/doubtersguide](http://www.tinyurl.com/doubtersguide)

## OUTREACH SERIES: GOD SCIENCE, THINK & BASICS

An opportunity to invite family, friends and colleagues to these events.

### ☛ **God Science**

Sun 16th & 23rd Aug | 10am, 5pm, 7pm

A two week series on belief in a scientific age. Speaker: Dr David Whalley.

### ☛ **Think: The Digital Playground**

Thu 20th Aug | 7:30pm - 9:30pm

In the Church Hall

Dr Briony Scott will address the issue of growing up in a digital age. Q&A to follow and supper will be served.

To assist with catering please RSVP to [events@standrews.net.au](mailto:events@standrews.net.au)

### ☛ **Basics - The Heart of Christianity**

Sun 30th Aug, 6th Sep, 13th Sep |

All services

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## OTHER

### 🕒 **DVD of Jean Rixon's funeral**

Please contact the office this week if you or others you know would like a DVD copy of Jean's funeral.

[office@standrews.net.au](mailto:office@standrews.net.au)

## PLEASE PRAY

### 🕒 **Churchwide Prayer**

Pray for James Smith who is teaching the PTC course to local pastors in Zimbabwe. Pray for good health and energy for the long days, and God's strength and wisdom as he teaches. Pray for a safe return home and that this knowledge will be a blessing to Zimbabwean Christians.

Pray for the upcoming outreach series commencing on 16th August. Pray for Dr David Whalley as he prepares his material to speak at the 'God Science' events. Pray that God will be preparing the hearts and minds of those attending who don't yet know him.

Pray for Dr Briony Scott as she prepares to be the speaker at our 'Think' evening on Thursday 20th August, looking at of growing up in a digital age.

Pray that all of the outreach events will be great opportunities for many from the local community to connect with St Andrew's.

Pray for Santino's sister Pauline who is travelling to Melbourne for brain surgery on Wednesday to remove a tumour. Pray for God's presence to comfort and strengthen the family, that the surgery will be uncomplicated and successful, and the tumour benign.

### 🕒 **8:30am Prayer**

Pray that God will heal Naida Holliday as she recovers from the pain of broken ribs after a car accident last week. Thank God for his protection from more serious injury.

### 🕒 **10am Prayer**

Pray for a successful second cataract operation for Choon Hwa Lim on Monday 3rd August and for a full recovery.

### 🕒 **7pm Prayer**

Thank God for the Winter Dinners on this weekend for the 7pm congregation. Pray for continued growth as a community and for more connections to develop from this event.

### 🕒 **St Andrew's Ministries**

Pray for all those who attend Playgroup each week, and for Cath Ahern and her team of helpers. Pray for the parents and children to see Jesus' love through the activities and through the care given by all involved.

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

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# MISSION & AID

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## 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 recent opportunity for a small group from St Andrew's Roseville, Northside Baptist and Prolegis Law Firm to travel to Alice Springs and Warlpiri country. Pray for the connections that were made and for growth in understanding of indigenous culture and issues.

Thank God for the Early Childhood Reference Groups. These enable local, Warlpiri, recognised decision-making in each of the communities and continues to inform and work with established early childhood services. Pray for the ongoing training in these groups.

Pray for the early childhood activities including playgroups, bush trips, picture book making, swimming trips, toy making and music workshops. Pray that these will be significant opportunities to connect with families in the community and to share God's love.

Pray for a community-based process to create Community Child Safety Plans in the local area.

Pray for growth in the number of Warlpiri staff employed in the World Vision project itself. Pray that these will improve cultural relevance as well as building Warlpiri leadership and voice in the project.

Pray for new spaces and opportunities to encourage men's and children's voices to be heard and informed about early childhood care and development.

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

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# CONTEMPORARY SERVICE PRAYERS

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## 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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