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WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
11TH OCTOBER 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,

Just a few quick updates and items for prayer.

First, if you haven't already, please mark Foundation Day in your diary and join in this annual celebration of our past and future: Sunday 25 October at 10am or 5pm. It is a privilege to have the former bishop of the Northern Region the Rt Rev'd Dr Paul Barnett preaching at one of the services and the current bishop of the Northern Region the Rt Rev'd Chris Edwards preaching at the other. I'm not telling you which!

Of course, an important part of the day—and a signal of the ethos of St Andrew's—is our major gift to the ministry of the church and beyond. Last year we reached over \$250,000. We would love to do the same again this year. As usual, 50% is retained for our own church mission and ministry, and 50% is given away to important causes, including (this year) to the very exciting programs announced by Archbishop Glenn Davies recently to care for the Syrian refugees being brought into our country in the next six months, over-and-above the regular Australian refugee intake. I am so proud of our government's decision in

this regard. I am equally thrilled to think of Sydney Anglicans contributing financially and practically to these desperate Muslim and Christian families soon to be our fellow Australians.

The break down of projects for this year's Foundation Day gift is as follows:

- 15%** - The Archbishop's Syrian Refugee Crisis Appeal
 - 15%** - World Vision Warlpiri early childhood project
 - 10%** - Asian Seminaries, training pastors
 - 10%** - StreetWork, local area youth-at-risk ministry
 - 50%** - St Andrew's Anglican Church Roseville
- Nb** *40% of gifts are eligible for a tax deduction.*

Secondly, we have had an excellent response to our job advertisement for the position of Senior Associate to replace the wonderful Matt Stedman. Some very high calibre ministers have applied. First round interviews are being conducted next Saturday (17 October). Please pray for Santino, Cath, the wardens, and me as we make this important decision. It would be wonderful to have the new person in place at the beginning of 2016.

Thirdly, I wanted to give you 'fair warning' that on Sunday 18 Oct and Sunday 1 Nov (with Foundation Day in between) I will be giving two talks at all services on the difficult theme

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of same sex relationships and marriage. I want to offer a clear account of the teaching of the Bible on this question and, just as importantly, provide some pastoral reflections on living and speaking about this issue in our profoundly new cultural milieu. There are no easy answers. My material will no doubt disappoint people on both sides of the debate, but we have to do our best to work out what it means to walk in truth and love.

Finally, just a reminder about the details of my long service leave. A year in the planning, our four month sabbatical in Oxford begins the last week of November (22 November will be our last Sunday). Buff, Josie and I will be staying in a little scholar's flat off the Banbury Road (about a kilometre north of the famous Eagle & Child pub where C S Lewis and Tolkien would meet to discuss theology and their writing projects). I will be doing a small amount of teaching at the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics (part of Wycliffe Hall) and some research as a Visiting Academic in the Classics Faculty on ancient techniques of memorisation (mnemonics). Josie has been accepted into a little Christian school in Oxford, and Buff and I will spend most of our time reading, walking, researching Oxford pubs, and making new friends. Josh and Sophie, our older two kids, will be staying in Roseville for most of the

time, joining us for a few weeks in late January. I will be back on deck, with bells on, thoroughly refreshed, for second term 2016 when I will be preaching eight straight weeks on the epistle of James (you'll be sick of me) and, God willing, leading us into the next exciting stage of our *2020 Vision*.

God bless,
John

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord God, without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your
Holy Spirit may in all things
direct and rule our hearts;
through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen

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COMMUNITY WATCH

COMING UP

☛ Ecumenical Service for Persecuted Christians

Tue 13th Oct | 7:00pm

At Chatswood Catholic Church,
94 Archer Street, Chatswood

A service of prayer and remembrance for the Christians of the Armenian Genocide, and for persecuted Christians of our own times.

RSVP appreciated lisa.hogarth1@dbb.org.au

☛ Matt Stedman's Induction

Thu 15th Oct | 7:30pm

At St Bede's Anglican Church
Cnr College and Church Streets Drummoyne

☛ Belonging Course

Sun 18th Oct, 1st and 8th Nov
3:00pm - 4.30pm over afternoon tea

3 week fast-track course for newcomers to get to know St Andrew's and meet others.

Contact James Smith for details or email belonging@standrews.net.au

☛ Time Out Lunch

Mon 26th Oct | 12:00pm for 12:30pm

David and Marilyn Moulton's home,
3 Dorset Drive, St Ives.

Friends, neighbours and family are welcome.

Please RSVP by 23rd October to Marilyn (9449 5822), Richard (9416 6416) or timeout@standrews.net.au

☛ Women's Christmas Night

Wed 4th Nov | 7.00pm, Church Hall

This is a great event to invite friends to.

Speaker: John Dickson | Cost: \$15

RSVP to womensevents@standrews.net.au

FINANCIAL UPDATE

It is so pleasing to report that the general offertory for the month of September 2015 was above budget. In September the parish received \$78,700 against a budget of \$77,900; a surplus of \$800. **As a result, the general offertory for the 9 months up to the end of September is only \$4,900 behind budget.**

This is very pleasing given that we are now 9 months into the parish financial year. If we are able to maintain the level of giving received in September, we will finish the year only \$2,500 behind budget. Thank you to all who have contributed to helping the parish come close to meeting its budget.

Details of methods of giving are found on the back page of the News each week.

Santino Dimarco - Parish Treasurer

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COMMUNITY WATCH

*You are warmly invited
to celebrate*

ST ANDREW'S FOUNDATION DAY SERVICES SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER

➔ **10:00am service**
followed by a BBQ lunch

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followed by a BBQ dinner

*A time to give thanks
for God's blessings
in and through
St Andrew's Roseville*

PLEASE PRAY

➔ Churchwide

Pray for Bishops Chris Edwards Paul Barnett and as they prepare to preach on St Andrew's Foundation Day on 25th October. Pray that this day will be a celebration of thanks to God for his blessings to us as a church and an encouragement to us all to share in the life of St Andrew's as God has gifted us.

Please pray for the Bishop of Western Sydney, Ivan Lee who is seriously ill with a pancreatic tumour and facing extensive surgery soon. Pray for his full recovery and for peace in trusting God for him and his wife, Virginia and 3 daughters.

Please pray for those students preparing for the HSC exams beginning next Monday: Luke Bevitt, Allison Campbell, Sophie Dickson, Heloise Duce, Megan Jones, Jacob McCorry and Zoe Underwood. Pray that God will enable and sustain them through this time and give them a calm trust in his loving presence and plans for their lives.

➔ 10am

Praise God that Lynette Kamath's daughter Joanna has safely delivered healthy twin boys Benjamin and Luc. Pray for them to flourish and that Joanna will not get too exhausted

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caring for them. Thank God that Lynette is able to be there to share in this time.

🕒 5pm

Please pray for Brian and Anne Morton's daughter Nikki who is in Kabul working as a paediatrician with Médecins sans Frontières. Following the bombing last week of the MSF hospital in Kunduz, about 150km away, pray for Nikki and the other MSF staff as they deal with the emotions of losing colleagues in the bombing and the ongoing safety concerns around them.

🕒 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.

🕒 Other

Pray for the many teachers in our congregation who have various roles in schools throughout Sydney; pray that they may be godly examples for the students at their school and that they will guide and lead them well.

MISSION & AID

MAL & LEANNE

🕒 South East Asia

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

Thank God for a very encouraging meeting that Mal and Leanne had with their staff supporter recently.

Pray for Mal and Leanne as they are frustrated by their rate of progress with language learning and quite tired from their efforts. Pray for patience and perseverance.

Pray for Mal as he continues to work on his thesis; that God would bless him with time to focus on writing and a continued good relationship with his supervisor.

Thank God for the baptism of 6 people from their gathering. Pray especially for one of the men who was baptised as he could lose his job because of his faith.

*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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