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THE BIBLE

WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
27TH MARCH 2016

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IN NEWS

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

FROM THE THE ACTING RECTOR

BISHOP PETER WATSON

🕒 Acting Rector

'He is not here; he has risen.'

The astonishing claim of the Christian faith is that Jesus Christ is alive; death did not defeat him.

If that is true then everything else the Gospels tell us about Jesus is true.

There is a sense, in which everything in the Bible hangs on that assertion; even the assumption that there is a Great and Caring God out there.

Many argue that just being alive in this wondrous universe and being a living, thinking being points to a mind of genius behind everything that is. That's how St Paul reasons in the opening chapter of his letter to the Romans.

I am persuaded by that line of thought. But it becomes a compelling realisation once we find the New Testament witness to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ to be credible and convincing.

That's something of why we gather today; to celebrate and proclaim the living Christ.

St Paul in his writings, rarely rehearses the facts of Jesus ministry. He assumes that his

readers are aware of the Gospels, or at least the accounts of Jesus we read in them, with the exception of the resurrection appearances of Jesus. In his 15th chapter of his letter to the Corinthian Church, Paul quotes some of them. In fact, he adds a new and significant one: that the resurrected Christ appeared to more than 500 people at one time.

It is a recognition of the central place of the resurrection of Christ in the Christian faith. I recall hearing the late and respected Rev. John Stott of the UK and once a frequent visitor to Sydney, say that the Resurrection is the keystone that holds the arch of Christian truth in place. It's a visual that has stuck with me.

Of the various personal testimonies recounting meeting up with Jesus after his crucifixion, the one I find utterly compelling is that of Mary Magdalene. Without in any way diminishing the importance of the others, Mary's touches me deeply. It appeals to both mind and heart.

At one level it reflects the unexpected joy of a reunion with a dear friend thought to be lost and gone forever. At another level it ticks the boxes of a testimony that rings true.

If the first century Christians were in the business of inventing a lie, Mary was the wrong person to put up front. Why? She was a woman and in the 1st century the testimony of a woman was discounted.

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But that is where she is. She is up there with Peter and John on that first Easter Sunday. Those 2 leaders of the Early Church only discovered the empty tomb, then they went away. Mary stayed on in the garden wondering as to the whereabouts of the missing body. Then she met the risen Jesus. What a moment that was! Not recognising him at first, he used her name, 'Mary!' Nobody had ever spoken her name like that.

So the assertion is that, 'He is Risen,' began with her. The New Testament is amazing at so many levels, especially in its unapologetic honouring of women and 2 women in particular: Mary Jesus' mother who had the joy of his birth and Mary Magdalene, to whom God gave the joy of witnessing his resurrection life.

If you are visiting with us today, we are glad to share with you the joy of Easter.

Your brother in Christ,
Peter Watson.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, you have conquered death through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant us by your grace to set our mind on things above, so that by your continual help our whole life may be transformed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in everlasting glory.
Amen.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

THIS WEEK

🕒 **Environmental Action Group Information Evening**

Thu 31st Mar | 7:15pm - 8:30pm

In the Kelman Room

Speaker: Bruce Forwood - 'Making Our Homes
and Buildings Environmentally Friendly'

Flyers on the display cabinet at the rear of the
church. Contact eag@standrews.net.au

COMING UP

🕒 **Belonging Course**

Sun 3 Apr | 3:00pm - 4.30pm
over afternoon tea in the Kelman Room.

A great "fast-track" way to meet other
newcomers and the staff team and to find
out what St Andrew's is about.

Contact james.smith@standrews.net.au

FOR THE DIARY

- 🕒 Wed 25th May |
Church-Wide Prayer Meeting

PLEASE PRAY

🕒 **8:30am**

Please pray for Judith Skingsley having
surgery next Thursday 31st March. Pray for
successful outcomes and a straightforward
recovery and that Judith will experience the
peace of God as she trusts his daily presence
and care.

🕒 **10am**

Praise God that Carly and Jonathan Hall have
been blessed with a healthy son born last
Tuesday. Pray for him to make steady progress
after this premature arrival and be able to
come home soon and that God will strengthen
and sustain Carly travelling from home to care
for him at this stage. Pray that Jemima and Adi
will cope well with some upheaval and that
God would pour his grace on the whole family.

Pray for Nick Barbarino's mother who, after a
recent fall has been admitted to hospital. Pray
for good medical care and wisdom and for
God's guidance and grace to prevail in her
future circumstances. Pray for Nick and
Narelle in their concerns for her and in the
added responsibilities of this time.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

☛ St Andrew's Ministries

Pray for Cath Ahern as she coordinates the children's ministry, and for Emily Tong, Mel Bell and Sam Bainbridge who assist her; that they will be able to share the good news of Jesus with the children and that the activities will be fun and engaging.

Pray for the ESL classes held on Thursday mornings. Please pray for Jane Clifford and those who assist her. Pray that the classes will help those who attend form new friendships as well as develop their English skills.

☛ Other

Pray for our Archbishop Glenn Davies and our regional Bishop Chris Edwards in all the responsibilities of their office. Give them wisdom in decision making and guiding of those in their care.

APPOINTMENTS FROM THE 2016 AGM

The AGM was held on Monday evening and involved the appointment of Wardens, Parish Councillors and Parish Nominators. The following parishioners were appointment to these positions:

Wardens: Philip Bell (Rector's appointment), Andrew Killen and Craig Taylor

Parish Councillors: Andrew Berriman and Angie Black (Rector's appointments), Liz Clark, Tori Grimes, Andrew Loel, Kylie Roberts, Andrew Wiseman and Alban Wong

Parish Nominators: Cath Ahern, John Campbell, Bill Hurditch, Andrew Marks, and Rick Seton

Please uphold these people in your prayers as they fulfil the responsibilities that come with these roles.

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

MISSION & AID

MALCOLM & LEANNE

📍 South East Asia



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

Praise God that Malcolm has survived his thesis defence and is on track to graduate as a Doctor of Ministries in absentia in May.

Pray for the trainees who have been employed in Malcolm and Leanne's gathering, (similar to MTS workers here in Sydney). Pray for them

as they learn and grown in their beliefs and put into practice what they have learned.

Pray that people there will think more strategically about how they choose and train full-time workers.

Pray for wisdom for Malcolm and Leanne as they approach others to be involved in this work.

Thank God for the clearer air as the winter has arrived. Less cloud cover has meant a bit less pollution.

Thank God that Malcolm and Leanne have made it through another phase of language learning. Pray for their continuing development as they aim to understand more about the people around them and their culture, through their language study.

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

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE PRAYERS

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily glorify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. 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.

(* this BSB may be displayed as Indue Limited which is
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