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**WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE**  
**3RD APRIL 2016**

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around St Andrew's*

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# FROM THE ACTING RECTOR

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## **BP PETER WATSON**

### **☉ Acting Rector**

This Sunday we begin a 4 week series on the word 'Grace'.

It is one of the most meaningful words the Biblical authors use to describe God's attitude to his creation. It comes up often. So much, that sometimes we may be in danger of missing its potency and beauty as a description of God's mercy, forgiveness and kindness. The Bible's word 'grace' is especially associated with God's offer of salvation to the world.

Last weekend we celebrated the events of Good Friday and Easter. We were acknowledging God's gracious gift of sending his Son to die for our sins and then raising him up from death to demonstrate his triumph over death. This is an utterly free and undeserved offer to humankind of forgiveness and new life. It is God's grace on display; pure and undefiled.

The word has numerous aspects and in order to touch upon those variations on a theme, the focus of the sermons are:

1. Grace in the Old Testament
2. Grace in salvation
3. Grace in obedience
4. Grace in community

I reckon the most frequent use of the word 'grace' on our lips is the blessing or commendation we offer to one another at the end of many of our church services: 'The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.'

Those words contain a mountain of meaning and at some time, deserve unpacking.

But the use of the word 'grace' that especially resonates with me is when it is used by St John in the opening words of his Gospel. In his opening words, John is emphasising the divine origins and the divine character of Jesus, the Son of God.

John has already signalled Jesus' supernatural status by giving him the title, 'The Word'. Then a little lower he uses these words:

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'The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.' (John 1.14)

The words, 'truth' and 'grace' describe God himself. So, in other words, Jesus is full of the character of God.

There is the high status of this beautiful Christian word. The phrase, 'full of grace', perfectly describes Jesus. So for us to display Jesus' character we act 'graciously' towards each other.

Enjoy the series.

Your brother in Christ,  
Peter Watson

## **PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son Jesus Christ to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant that we may put away the old leaven of corruption and wickedness, and always serve you in sincerity and truth; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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# COMMUNITY WATCH

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## FOR THE DIARY

- ☛ Wed 25th May | Church Hall  
Church-Wide Prayer Meeting

## PLEASE PRAY

### ☛ Churchwide

Please pray for our new Senior Associate Minister Stuart Holman and his wife Cate as today (Sunday 3 April) will be their final day at Barrenjoey Church. Pray for them as they say goodbye and prepare to join us. Pray also for the church as they seek Stuart's replacement.

### ☛ 8:30am

Please pray for Judith Skingsley's recovery after surgery last Thursday - that she will soon be comfortable and that healing will progress well. Thank God for his faithful daily care and pray that Judith will feel peace and patience resting in his care.

### ☛ 10am

Pray for Carly and Jonathan Hall's baby son Elliot born prematurely last week - that he will gain strength steadily and soon be ready to go home. Pray for Jemima and Adi who miss Carly being at home and for Jonathan as he manages care of the girls as well as work and

home needs. Pray that God will assure Carly and sustain her in all the concerns for her at this time.

Pray for the Hayman family who today are having Alessandra baptised. Pray that God will give Rachel and Peter love and wisdom to bring up their family to know and follow Jesus.

### ☛ St Andrew's Ministries

Pray for Cath Ahern as she leads the team who teach SRE in local public schools. Pray that the children will engage well with the lessons and enjoy the activities.

Pray for the Community Project and for David Morris as he oversees this. Pray for sufficient volunteers to be available when required and pray that more in the community will feel they can ask for assistance when needed.

## OTHER

### ☛ Parking

Please be advised that tenants have moved into the house at 1 Bancroft Ave. The tenancy includes parking for a vehicle in one of the 2 spots near the church / house letterbox. The other spot is dedicated for church staff use. We therefore no longer have the flexibility to have these parking spots available for general use. Thank you for your understanding.

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# MISSION & AID

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## DALE AND RACHEL BARCLAY



### ☛ **Sunraysia South, Diocese of Bendigo**

Pray for Rev Dale and Rachel Barclay, with children Samuel, Joseph, Eden and Talitha, serving with Bush Church Aid (BCA) in the parish of Sunraysia South in the Diocese of Bendigo.

Pray for the leaders of Bible Studies, Sunday classes and the Little Ducks playgroup; that fruitful ministries will continue and that more servant minded leaders will seek to join each group.

Pray for increased and adequate giving in the parish for 2016.

Pray that the Lord will enable carrying out of parish decisions by members of the Parish Council; that these decisions will be blessed by Him.

Pray that the RENEW op-shop will show continuous positive development including more people offering as volunteers. Praise for continuing donations of saleable goods.

Pray that more members of the congregation will experience a desire to and join the mid-week Bible Studies at Red Cliffs and Mildura.

Pray for safe travel for Dale with some annual leave and other trips soon: the Clergy Conference in Swan Hill 11 - 13 April and the Victorian Regional Council meeting in Melbourne in late April.

Pray for Jacaranda Village Nursing Home; that it will be a place of blessing and care to the residents where they are able to be at peace and enjoying each others company as they are able.

Pray for Bush Church Aid in thanks and praise for their support here and across Australia, in strengthening local ministry to faithfully proclaim the gospel, and for the nurture and care of the people of God.

Pray that a new young generation will catch the vision of BCA and give support in prayer and finances. Pray that all field staff know God's presence, love and guidance in their ministries at all times.



*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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