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WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
19TH JUNE 2016

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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,

This might be the most important News I've written. I won't amplify the language. The drama of the moment commends itself.

This Monday evening, and in the weeks that follow, we will be pledging our financial support for the *2020Vision* Project. It is our church's biggest turning point since our forebears in 1935 knocked down the original church and gifted us the current building. After much soul-searching, discussion, and prayer, those several dozen regular parishioners—a tenth the size of today's St Andrew's—chose not to let the uncertainties of the Great Depression thwart their great decision. They wanted to construct something that would better serve their needs, help them to grow, and lay down a platform for Christian ministry in the region for the next 80 years. Imagine being a fly on the wall for some of those kitchen table conversations as people worked out how much they could afford to give to the project.

Now it's our turn.

The *2020Vision* Project is not magically going to happen. There is no money coming from Anglican HQ. The decision is entirely ours.

When in 2014 the costings and plans were all laid out to the largest Extraordinary Parish Meeting in our history, the 200-strong crowd voted 97% 'YES' to moving to the point at which we now find ourselves. This Monday evening we have another group of 200 for dinner—as we celebrate the possibilities of the project, launch the fundraising proper, and listen to the encouragement of the Archbishop. The amount you pledge on the night (and in the weeks that follow) will be the *effective decision* whether or not we will emulate the vision of the 1935 congregation and build something for the next eight decades.

I want you to know that Buff and I have had our own kitchen table conversation and have decided to give this project our all. Financially, we have prayerfully agreed to give our absolute limit over the next four years. And we will take great joy writing down our pledge on Monday evening.

I also want you to know that after discussions with the church wardens and with my colleagues at the Centre for Public Christianity (which pays half my salary), I am making some changes to my work patterns for 2017-18 that will allow me to give more focused attention to our project. I have informed Sydney University that I won't be able to teach my Historical Jesus course over the next two years, and I am

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significantly cutting back on overseas preaching and travel (both parts of my current CPX role). This will not only allow me to focus more on the core CPX work of media-engagement, it will also allow me to be more present week by week at St Andrew's. And by handing over a few of my current 'rectorial' tasks to Stuart Holman, I will also be able to focus on more regular preaching, meeting one-to-one with those who have concerns or need encouragement, and, Lord willing, more effectively leading us through the exciting years ahead.

I know from direct conversations with others that many individuals in the church are willing to give the *2020Vision* their all. So is our wonderful staff team.

I am asking *all of us* to do the same, now!

When I landed back from the UK in April, I had the joy of being present for the final ruling of the NSW Government Regional Planning Panel, after more than a year of council assessment and deliberations. The Chairwoman's concluding statement on behalf of the panel was a wonderful endorsement of our plan, as she highlighted "the social and spiritual benefit to the community" which our proposed facilities will ensure. It was a lovely 'yes' to our project. Those of us who were there

felt proud and excited about our ambitions for God's glory in Roseville and beyond.

The St Andrew's of 2014 said an overwhelming yes to this project. The Parish Council, Wardens, and staff team are saying a unanimous yes. But the 'yes' that really counts is *yours* on Monday evening and in the weeks that follow, as you tell us what you can pledge to the *2020Vision* Project.

We've talked about this for years. Now we need to act—with a sense of adventure, in a spirit of generosity, motivated to bring glory to God.

Every blessing,

John

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COMMUNITY WATCH

COMING UP

☛ Time Out Concert

Thu 30th Jun | 12:30pm
Meet at Roseville station in time to catch the 11am train.

At the City Recital Hall.

Featuring Beethoven cello and piano sonatas.
Tickets are \$15 and it is advisable to book.

Contact timeout@standrews.net.au
or Marilyn Moulton (8924 5934) if you would like to come.

☛ Langham Partnership Dinner

Mon 4th July | 6:30pm

At The Freedom Hub | 283 Young St, Waterloo
Cost: \$40 per person.

Dr Riad Kassis and his family live in the middle of the Syrian Crisis. Dr Kassis is the International Director of Langham Scholars, the Director of the International Council of Evangelical Theological Education, and a member of the IFES International Board.

This dinner event will explore how Australian Christians can support and encourage their brothers and sisters living in the Muslim World.

Bookings essential at www.langham.org
or 02 4751 9036

PLEASE PRAY

☛ Churchwide

Please pray for expectant mothers and their husbands preparing for new babies in the weeks ahead: Emily and Mike Tong, Nadia and Brad Pickford, Amy and Andy Marks, and Kel and Mike Hastie. Pray for God's protection during the final weeks of pregnancy and his blessing of uncomplicated delivery of strong, healthy babies.

Praise God that more people have signed up for the Belonging Course than ever before! Pray that it will be a joyful time of fellowship as newcomers share lunch with each other and staff members. Pray that they will begin to feel a part of the great things that God is and will be doing through St Andrew's.

☛ 7pm

Pray for university students who currently doing end of semester exams. Especially for those in first year, going through their first major season of assessments.

☛ St Andrew's Ministries

Psalm 100:2 says, "Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs." Thank God for the faithful and talented service of our musicians and singers.

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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 our local Federal MP, Paul Fletcher, and local State MP, Jonathan O'Dea, as they represent us in parliament. Give them wisdom and energy as they work on many issues and with many people, particularly during this election period.

If you would like to communicate prayer points to the Ministry Team, please email prayer@standrews.net.au

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, the protector of all who put their trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is Holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy, so that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal; grant this, Heavenly Father for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MISSION & AID

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

Pray for Chaplain Andre Whitton at Red Cliffs Secondary College as he guides and supports students and staff.

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.

*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.

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