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WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
3RD JULY 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,

What a wonderful night we had at my place last Monday evening for 40 of those who wanted to catch up on the Archbishop's 2020 Vision Project message, and to consider their own response! Buff and I immediately started thinking of all sorts of other nights we could host in our home. Watch this space.

Forgive me if I haven't made it clear enough already, but can I please stress that all pledges of financial support for the building program should be made by the end of July. Over the next few weeks there are scheduled meetings among the Wardens, the Fundraising Committee, and the Parish Council. By mid-August we will assume that everyone who is willing and able to make a pledge will have communicated their intentions to us. At that point, the Parish Council—which bears ultimate responsibility for the governance of the parish—will assess the level of support for the 2020 Vision Project and make recommendations to the Parish about next steps. The decision at that point will be *all of ours*. I can't wait!

The response to the project launch has been inspiring. Around half of the 'family units' of the church (i.e., singles or couples or families under one roof) have now pledged, doubling the number of pledges in just two weeks. Every few days, more expressions of commitment are coming into the office. I want to urge *everyone* to make your pledge as soon as possible.

For those who are not able to pledge, for whatever reason, please do not feel that you're no longer involved in these plans. I have received some lovely messages from people who have sheepishly explained that they are not in much of a position to contribute financially but have made clear that they are fully, and prayerfully, behind the project. That is wonderful. Your moral support is greatly appreciated. And the "widow's mite" is always regarded as a treasure in the Lord's eyes (Mark 12:41-43).

Changing gears a little, I want to mention a couple of business-as-usual items coming up.

Our series on the epistle of James will take us up to the end of July, but we are pausing on Sunday 17 July because I wanted to snap up the privilege of inviting a guest speaker from the UK who happens to be in Australia on holidays at the moment. David Robertson is a well known British Christian leader and the Moderator of the Free Church of Scotland.

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He rose to prominence in 2007 with a series of insightful public critiques of the atheist Richard Dawkins, published as *The Dawkins Letters: Challenging Atheist Myths*. He has since established an organisation called *Solas: Centre for Public Christianity* (yes, he asked for permission to use the title) and has continued to be one of his nation's leading Christian commentators. He recently addressed the Scottish parliament on the thorny issue of church-and-state. I have grabbed David for the 10am, 5pm, and 7pm services on 17 July, and have asked him to bring us something on *why Christianity makes sense of the world*, followed by a Q&A. Please pray for this opportunity. And please invite your friends to come listen to this clear-headed thinker, with an awesome accent!

Speaking of opportunities for our friends and neighbours, I want to give advance notice of our next outreach series, *World Religions and the Christian Faith*: Sundays 14, 21, 28 August and 4 September. We will be advertising this widely (to 17,000 homes), but the key, as always, is your willingness simply to invite friends and neighbours to hear the talks and experience our community. I will be giving the first three talks in the series, on the Origins and Varieties of Religion, Hinduism, and Buddhism, and Dr Richard Shumack,

a specialist in Islamics, will be giving the fourth message on the topic of Islam. The talks will be thoroughly *fair* to each of the Faiths, and will allow the profound differences with Christianity to emerge naturally rather than in a combative way. I have found through the years that the gospel of Christ is never clearer or more beautiful than when set amongst the major alternatives. On the Sunday following the series (that's 11 September), I have asked Stephanie Judd from the diocesan Department of Evangelism to bring us a clear evangelistic message, *Why I am a Christian*. Stephanie is the winner of the Archdall Preaching Scholarship for 2016. She was a young opera singer—like a really good one!—who pivoted to study theology and now uses her upfront gifts to proclaim Christ.

While the *2020Vision* Project is certainly the key piece of infrastructure to allow expansion, the ultimate cause of growth under God is prayer and the preaching of the gospel. That's what we'll be doing over the coming months, *as well as* doing all that we can to set in place exciting new facilities for the coming decades.

God bless,

John

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COMMUNITY WATCH

COMING UP

🕒 **Meals Ministry Cook-up**

Tue 19th Jul | 9:30am - 12noon

in the Church Hall

All are welcome to be involved.

Contact: office@standrews.net.au

FOR THE DIARY

More details to come

🕒 Wed 3rd Aug | 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Term 3 Church-wide Prayer Meeting

🕒 Sun 14 Aug - Sun 4 Sep | 10am, 5pm, 7pm

World Religions and the Christian Faith
Outreach series

PLEASE PRAY

🕒 **10am**

Praise God for Emily and Mike Tong's new daughter Aimee and that she arrived in a safe and timely way and is already settling in well at home. Thank God too that Jed is responding lovingly to his sister and pray for them all in the constancy of a newborn's needs.

🕒 **7pm**

Give thanks that Sarah McIntosh has made great connections in Boston. Pray that she will find a good church.

Pray for Tash and Tim as they head to Cambridge in late August. Pray for Tim who'll be starting his Master of Law and give thanks that Tash has secured a job as a teacher in nearby Sawston.

Praise God for the new small group led by Leigh and Meredith Hatcher. It is already near capacity so please pray that God would sustain our current Small Group leaders and raise up more.

🕒 **St Andrew's Ministries**

Pray for Cath Ahern as she coordinates the children's ministry, with assistance from Mel Bell, Sam Bainbridge and all the volunteers. Pray that they will be able to share the good news of Jesus with the children, that the activities will be fun and engaging, and draw everyone closer to God.

🕒 **Other**

Pray for all members of both houses of the Australian parliament following the election on Sunday. Pray for God's wisdom as they fulfil their duties as leaders of the nation.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

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

Pray for the many attending school holiday camps during the next couple of weeks. Pray for the leaders; that they will relate well to the campers, lead them safely in the various activities and show them God's love. Pray that the Holy Spirit will work in the lives of all who attend.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God our Father, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding; pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MISSION & AID INDIGENOUS WARLPIRI PEOPLE

📍 **Tanami Desert, Northern Territory**

Pray for World Vision as they work with the Warlpiri indigenous communities in the Northern Territory.

Pray the World Vision Early Childhood Care and Development project (ECCD) and for consistency in the provision of early childhood services in the community.

Thank God for the more than 50 learning opportunities (formal and informal education) that have been provided for parents through the ECCD. Topics have included early brain development, financial management, speech therapy, legal advice, screen-printing, breastfeeding, nutrition and information about formal study options.

Pray for the four Early Childhood Reference Groups that are part of the ECCD project. Pray for them as they seek to be an important source of support and community voice.

Pray for the new Child and Family Centre which has been recently opened at Yuendumu with the support of World Vision. Pray that God will use this centre to strengthen families and build community.

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

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE PRAYERS

CONFESSION

Most merciful God,
we humbly admit that
we need your help.
We confess that we have
 wandered from your way:
we have done wrong,
and we have failed to do
 what is right.
You alone can save us.
Have mercy on us:
wipe out our sins and teach us
to forgive others.
Bring forth in us the fruit
 of the Spirit
that we may live as
 disciples of Christ.
This we ask in the name
 of Jesus our Saviour.
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 062 240 | A/C 0090 1771

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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