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

FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER

REV JOHN DICKSON

☛ Senior Minister

Dear St Andrew's,

Before I get to the substance of this News Note, let me urge you to invite friends and family to next Sunday's service (17 July at 10am, 5pm, or 7pm) to hear Scottish preacher and public advocate for the Christian faith, David Robertson. He will offer a 35min sermon, *Why Christianity Makes Sense*, then he and I together will field questions. It's a great chance for our loved ones to glimpse the truth and beauty of Christ. Hopefully, every week at St Andrew's provides such opportunities, but this coming week will be special.

Changing topics, I want to give some broad answers to a few excellent questions that have been put to me (by several) about the *2020 Vision* Project. I'm loving the engagement, by the way (especially the pledges that continue to come into the office).

Firstly, some have asked: What happens if, after all the pledges have come in, we fall short and don't have enough commitment to go ahead with the project as planned? The answer is simple: although monies already given to the building fund obviously cannot be

returned, any unfulfilled part of your pledge can be revised or retracted without embarrassment. (That said, whatever happens, it is clear that significant money has to be spent on our current property). The crucial importance of pledges right now is to give the Parish Council the confidence that there is sufficient material commitment in the church for the proposed project to go forward. That's the venture to which I intend to give my all.

Secondly, some have asked what exactly is the 'magic number' in pledges—the tipping point—for us to press GO. The Parish Council will make a recommendation on this in the next few weeks, but there are too many variables in play for me to be able to give you a clear answer at this point. For example, in the coming weeks we may receive a high amount in actual donations but an insufficient amount in 5-year pledges. On the other hand, we may receive a lower amount in donations but a sufficient amount in 5-year pledges. The other variable is the possibility that certain individuals may be willing to offer the church sizeable no-interest loans. That would change any cash-pledge-borrowing formula we are currently contemplating. One thing on which we are all agreed is that we don't want the church to go into significant bank debt for any extended period. In short, there are too many

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'levers' in play right now to declare what the GO number should be! All I know is that your generous pledges are the key.

Finally, people have asked if there is a property Plan B, in case we don't gain sufficient support for the proposed project. You may remember that at the early stages of planning we also looked into the alternative of merely replacing our community hall, constructing it on the same level as the existing church, and building some (required) underground parking. The estimated cost was extraordinary. We would spend almost half of the currently proposed amount for only a quarter of the facilities. Plan C would be a simple refurbishment and update of the property. That would still require your generosity, but it is the easy option. Plan C, however, and maybe Plan B, would require us to revisit our *2020 Vision* itself. Instead of hoping to become a *centre of community for Roseville and beyond*, we would need to get comfortable with aiming only at becoming a better version of a local village church. That would still be a noble thing to do, but it would significantly change our plans and our prayers.

Thank you to all those who have raised these questions. I hope these responses clarify.

Parish Council will review our situation at a meeting of Monday 18 July. A clear update will be given at all services on Sunday 24 July. And

a parish-wide meeting will be called for late-August, at which the Parish Council will make a recommendation back to the Parish for their consideration.

All of this is in the Lord's hands. And all of you will get a say in the next steps. I am feeling very relaxed—and more than a little excited!

The parishioners of the 1930s and 1950s provided the facilities that generations of St Andrew's folk have been able to utilise for ministry. It is now our opportunity to provide new and updated facilities, not just for our generation, but for the generations of St Andrew's parishioners to come. It is our gift to them. We are keen to provide this support for future generations, but we do not want to saddle them with a debt that may curtail future ministry. This is our chance to establish a base for broad community ministry for Roseville and beyond. Please be praying.

Every blessing,

John

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COMMUNITY WATCH

COMING UP

☛ **Guest preacher - David Robertson**

Next Sunday 17th Jul
at the 10am, 5pm & 7pm services

Invite friends and family to hear Scottish preacher and public advocate for the Christian faith, David Robertson speak on *Why Christianity Makes Sense*, followed by Q&A.

☛ **Meals Ministry Cook-up & Craft Prep**

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
Outreach series:
World Religions and the Christian Faith

PLEASE PRAY

☛ **Churchwide**

Thank God that many are enjoying holidays and pray for safety in travelling, rest and refreshment for students and families, and good opportunities for special times shared.

☛ **5pm**

Pray for Barry Hutchison as his mum Gwen's memorial service is held at St Andrew's on Thursday. Pray that Barry and other family and friends will know God's comfort in this time and that the service will be a great time of thanksgiving for Gwen's life and her trust in Jesus.

☛ **St Andrew's Ministries**

Pray for the upcoming annual Youth Winter Camp. Praise God for the biggest numbers we've seen, including several friends of our youth. Pray for safety, for deepening of relationships and for Mike Turner (Youth Minister at Ashbury) as he speaks on 1 Peter.

☛ **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.

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

MISSION & AID

EAGLE VALE ANGLICAN CHURCH



🕊 Eagle Vale Anglican in South-western Sydney

Pray for the Parish of Eagle Vale and for the Senior Minister Rev Craig and Mrs Sandra Hooper.

Pray for the Lord to keep raising up gospel workers for this part of His harvest field.

Pray for the ongoing impact of the gospel amongst the 16 kids that are coming each week to the Kids Club on Friday afternoons, the majority of them are from non-Christian homes. Thank God for positive beginning for the club at the start Term 2.

Pray for non-Christians who are connecting with Eagle Vale Church through the Alive Kids Club, the Playgroup, and the Self Defence and Fitness class. Several of them are meeting for Bible Study before the Playgroup and after the

Fitness Class. Pray that they will come to know Jesus through this.

Pray for the group of 13 adults and 4 kids from Eagle Vale who are currently in Cloncurry, Qld (near Mt Isa) for a 10 day mission trip. They are working with the Anglican Church there in partnership with Rod and Christene Oldfield, who are BCA workers at the church. Pray that the trip will bear much fruit for God's kingdom.

Pray for Kye Hooper, a Yr 13 Anglican Youthworks student who is currently on mission in Fiji. Pray for all involved in the trip; that it will bring great glory to God as the gospel goes out, and people are saved, built up and equipped by it.

Pray for the Eagle Vale Church; that together as believers, they will be salt and light in their community, for God's glory.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all
good things, graft in our hearts
the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and so by your mercy keep us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE PRAYERS

CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have strayed from your ways
like lost sheep,
We have left undone
what we ought to have done,
and we have done
what we ought not to have done.
We have followed our own ways
and the desires of our own hearts.
We have broken your holy laws.
Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us;
restore those who turn to you,
according to your promises
declared to us in Jesus Christ
our Lord.
And grant, merciful Father,
for his sake,
that we may live a godly
and obedient life,
to the glory of your holy name.
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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THE ST ANDREW'S CHURCH PRAYER

(Congregation reads *italicised text*)

*Dear Lord, our Creator and our Redeemer,
please enable our church to become
all that You want us to be.*

☛ *Above all, teach us to worship you.*

In large and small gatherings, in heartfelt prayer, in knowing and obeying Your Word, and through our music, help us to put our hope in Your coming kingdom and to live for Your glory now and always.

☛ *Merciful God, inspire us to love one another in practical ways.*

May we value each other's company and friendship, and, mindful of Christ's sacrifice, teach us to care deeply for those in need in our church family and the wider community, so that no one around us would suffer unassisted.

☛ *Enable us, Lord, to promote the gospel of Jesus Christ in our words and actions.*

Give us more people gifted for the task of evangelism, and enable all of us to share our faith whenever opportunity allows.

☛ *Sovereign Lord, add to our number many who come to know Your grace.*

May our buildings and ministry teams expand to welcome them, so that you are honoured throughout our community.

☛ *Gracious God, thankful for your blessings make us a deeply generous church.*

Help us to meet and expand our annual budget and to increase our giving to overseas mission and aid.

☛ *Lord of the world, may we be international in our concern.*

Enable us always to support and pray for Your people throughout the world, and may our church over time be blessed with the rich diversity of nationalities in our region.

☛ *Our great God, fashion us to become 'a light on a stand'.*

Help us to offer a centre of community for Roseville and beyond. Give us grace to serve with local churches and to share the good things of St Andrew's with everyone.

Above all, may we offer to others an example of lives lived in the power of Your Holy Spirit, after the pattern of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in honour of you, our Creator and our Redeemer. 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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