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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,

Here is my promised update at the midway point between our *2020 Vision Project* Launch Dinner on 20 June and the important Parish Meeting scheduled for 29 August at which we will review our position and make a decision about this giant step in our church's history. Remember, only *you*—not the Parish Council, Wardens, or I—can make this thing happen.

In the month since the Archbishop launched our building fund, we have raised over \$3m, ***lifting the total number of donations and pledges for the 2020 Vision Project to \$4.9m.***

This is a wonderful result. The Parish Council, Wardens, Fundraising Team, and Staff want to thank you—and give thanks to God—for this spirit of generosity evident in St Andrew's.

But we are under no illusions. While this is a stunning result in such a brief timeframe, it is well short of the official project cost of \$10.8m: to be precise, it is 44% of the total. This is not a clear GO, but it certainly isn't a STOP. It is a terrific beginning!

There are two things to keep in mind about this number, and two things that follow from it.

First, the \$4.9m is made up of approximately \$2m in cash given and \$2.8m in monies pledged over the next five years. We probably need 50% of the project cost *in the bank* before we will be able to press GO.

Secondly, the \$4.9m comes from 154 'households' (whether a family, a couple, or a single). Although our regular membership is well close to 350 households, we recognise that the circumstances of many, perhaps as many as 100, may make it difficult to commit to a project like this. We understand that completely. If that's you, we only crave your prayers and goodwill. Still, we believe there are a good number of households in our church family who are still pondering whether, or how much, to contribute.

Two things follow from this.

First, if you are willing and able to donate and/or pledge to the *2020 Vision Project*, would you please do so soon. The Wardens and Parish Council have met in the last week, and will do so again in three weeks. The numbers will then be reassessed so that a formal recommendation can be tabled for discussion at the all-important Parish Meeting on 29 August. It is vital that we have a clear idea of the *breadth* (as well as the depth) of support in the parish for the *2020 Vision Project*. Thanks so much.

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Secondly, even if you have already pledged, may I ask you to consider *lifting* your amount and letting the Executive Pastor know (santino.dimarco@standrews.net.au). Many have been extraordinarily generous—in absolute and relative terms—but perhaps there are creative ways to expand your generosity even more.

I am not asking you to consider something which Buff and I have not already confronted as we learned the \$4.9m figure. This number simultaneously *excited* us that the project really is doable and it *gave us pause* knowing that without increased participation the project will not go ahead.

So, let me be personal. Like many others at the launch dinner four weeks ago, Buff and I made a five-year pledge which we judged to be the maximum we could afford in our situation. But this week we decided to increase our pledge by a further 40%. How? For the next five years we are going to redirect money to the *2020Vision* Project which we had earmarked for our favourite aid agencies. The logic is straightforward. We found ourselves believing the argument of the *2020Vision* itself. If we pull this project off and God blesses us as we hope, St Andrew's Roseville will soon be blessing the needy around the world on a grand scale, decade in and decade out. With

expanded infrastructure and continued growth, our church will eventually be giving over \$1m each year to outside mission and aid. In just ten years, then, we will have given away more than we spent on the building project. So, God willing, we are establishing a major evangelistic and charitable platform for the next 50 to 100 years, just as the St Andrew's of 1935 did for the generations that followed them. In good conscience—and just for five years—Buff and I are adding to our existing St Andrew's pledge about half of what we were intending to give to external causes. That's our way of finding more money to give to the *2020Vision* Project. I hope and pray that you will find your own way—perhaps you can increase your amount without much ado, maybe you can redirect money from elsewhere, some may even think to sell shares, cars, a holiday house, or your ancient coin collection! Why not? So long as it flows from grace, a bit of 'giving pain' is commendable (2 Corinthians 8:1-5).

In short:

1. We have made a brilliant start with \$4.9m in cash and pledges. Thank you.
2. I am asking those who have not yet donated or pledged to please do so soon. (By the way, I don't know who you are, so

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there's no need for awkward looks on Sunday!).

3. I am asking those who have already pledged to consider raising your pledge, somehow, and letting Santino know soon.
4. Please pray for a spirit of generosity to (continue to) fall on the whole church, and pray especially for the meeting of the Parish Council on Mon 15 August.
5. Please put 29 August in your diary for the Parish Meeting at which we will discuss our situation and decide the next step.
6. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact me directly (john.dickson@standrews.net.au) or our Executive Pastor/Treasurer Santino Dimarco (santino.dimarco@standrews.net.au) or any of the Wardens (Craig Taylor craig@fifthestate.com.au; Philip Bell philipbell6@gmail.com; Andrew Killen ajkillen@tpg.com.au).

Thank you.
God bless,
John

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Grant us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we who cannot do anything that is good without you, may in your strength be able to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

COMING UP

☛ **Church-Wide Prayer Meeting**

Wed 3rd Aug | 7:30pm - 8:30pm

In the Church Hall

Please do your best to make this a priority as we join together as a whole church to praise God, thank him for his blessings and bring to him our heart-felt concerns for our local community, our nation and the world.

☛ **Bikes For Life | Environmental Action Group**

Sun 6th Aug

The Environmental Action Group will collect unwanted bikes from your home and deliver them to Bikes 4 Life. You will help others in need and benefit our environment!

If you're able to donate a bike or be involved please contact the EAG by Sun 31st July eag@standrews.net.au or 02 9412 2553

See the flyer for more details.

OUTREACH SERIES: WORLD RELIGIONS & THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

A short series for sceptics and believers.

Speakers: Dr John Dickson (weeks 1-3)
and Dr Richard Shumack (week 4)

At the 10am, 5pm and 7pm services

- ☛ Week 1 Sun 14th Aug
Varieties and Origins of Religion
- ☛ Week 2 Sun 21st Aug
Hinduism: the Quest for Oneness
- ☛ Week 3 Sun 28th Aug
Buddhism: the End of Pain
- ☛ Week 4 Sun 4th Sep
Islam: the straight path

PLEASE PRAY

☛ **Churchwide**

Please pray for those suffering from depression and anxiety issues and for the family members supporting them. Pray that their treatment is helpful in restoring them and that God will give them patience, hope and assurance of his loving care.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

🕒 8:30am

Pray for Mandy Seton (8.30am congregation) and Amy Marks (7pm congregation) following the death of Brian their father/grandfather last week. Pray that they and the family will be comforted by God's presence and his gracious love towards them and know afresh their hope in Christ's resurrection.

🕒 5pm

Pray that we will grow in our readiness to welcome others into a vibrant 5pm church community.

🕒 7pm

Pray that the upcoming 'Big Day In' is a time of unification and zeal for seeing many come to know Christ.

🕒 St Andrew's Ministries

Praise God for the success of the Youth Winter Camp held last weekend. Thank God that everyone enjoyed their time away and pray that the bible teaching will continue to resonate and change hearts over the coming months.

MISSION & AID ASIA PROJECTS

🕒 Training Asian Pastors

As Christianity grows throughout Asia, local pastors are looking for assistance in both their ministry training and the practical care of their families, which often find themselves in complex and stressful situations.

Pray for the work of organisations who train pastors to share the gospel in Asia.

Recently some events have made Sunday meetings difficult in some regions. Pray that that the obstacles that have been experienced in these regions will cease and therefore not hinder the future opportunities for the groups to meet.

Praise God that four pastors who were recently experiencing difficulties have now been able to return home.

Pray that God will help the mission organisation through whom we channel our support to use resources wisely so that the gospel can continue to reach people.

*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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