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WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
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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,

I have a simple, single thought this week, as we look forward to the outreach series starting 14 August (*World Religions and the Christian Faith*).

One popular myth about church growth says that true, effective evangelism goes 'out' to the community, instead of waiting for the community to come onto church grounds. It is often said in a noble, pioneering tone, "We must go to where the people are at, not expect them to venture into foreign territory." The former is lauded as 'out-reach', the latter pejoratively called 'in-drag'.

I used to say that sort of thing. But 25 years in fulltime ministry has slowly convinced me it's mostly false.

Of course, viewed one way, *all* of life is 'mission', wherever you find yourself. Whether it's your volunteering in retirement, your long hours in the city office, or the way you get involved in the kids' school and sporting events, these are all just as sacred as my Monday locked in the study preparing the weekly sermon. Your calling is just as spiritual as mine. You will contribute to God's glory just as I do.

But there's another way to look at this. The simple reality is that most people who become Christians, whether as youth or as adults, do so in the broad context of what you might call 'formal church events'. Please don't mishear me. Of course, your office friendships, neighbourly love, and random conversations on the train *all* promote the gospel in unexpected, and often unseen, ways. But it is when your friend or colleague or stranger is invited to a church event or activity that most spiritual breakthroughs come about. The humble church service, Think seminars, Life of Jesus courses, ESL, Small Group, church dinners, Christian camps: these are the things which tend to provide the catalyst, humanly speaking, for most Christian conversions. "Why do the evangelical churches grow?," asks

Baylor University sociologist Rodney Stark, who has studied religious conversion as a secular scholar for 40 years. "Because they invite their neighbours to church. It really does come down to that a lot of the time."

This is why the "centre of community" idea at the heart of our *2020 Vision* is not 'in-drag' but the key to 'out-reach'. This is why inviting people to the upcoming series on *World Religions and the Christian Faith* might be the easiest and most significant thing we do this year to help our friends and neighbours know the gospel of Christ.

God bless,
John

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COMMUNITY WATCH

THIS WEEK

🕒 Church-Wide Prayer Meeting

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

In the Church Hall

Joining 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

Sat 6th Aug

The Environmental Action Group will collect unwanted bikes from your home and deliver them to Bikes 4 Life.

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.

COMING UP

🕒 Iain Provan Lecture Series

Fri 12th - Sat 13th & Fri 19th - Sat 20th Aug

Iain Provan from Regent College, Vancouver speaking on 'Seriously dangerous religion for a post-Christian era' + Q&A & discussions.

At Scots Presbyterian Church, 44 Margaret St Sydney.

Booking and information at

www.gospelconversations.com/news-events

🕒 World Religions & The Christian Faith Outreach Series at St Andrew's

Sun 14th Aug - Sun 4th Sep

At the 10am, 5pm and 7pm services.

A short series for sceptics and believers.

🕒 2020 Vision Project Parish Meeting

Mon 29th Aug | 7pm

In the Church

Following the 15 August Parish Council meeting, the 2020 Vision Project pledge numbers will be reassessed so that a formal recommendation can be tabled for discussion at this 29 August Parish Meeting.

Please set this date aside as we'd like as many Church members as possible at the meeting where we will review our position and make a decision about this giant step in our church's history.

The evening will include presentations and a time of Q&A.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

PLEASE PRAY

🕒 Churchwide

Please uphold the West family whose daughter attends St Andrew's Youth as they mourn in Christian hope the loss of their 11 year old son and brother last week. Pray for God's comfort and strength in this most difficult time.

Please pray for all the young people associated with St Andrew's who will be facing Trial HSC exams in the next few weeks. Pray that God will help them prepare well and in the anxieties of this time that he will give them his peace and help them trust in his sovereign care for their lives.

Pray for the following infants getting baptised at St Andrew's today: Sophie and Annabel Watson, George Morris and Harvey Wokes. Pray that they will be brought up and grow in the Christian faith, come to profess it for themselves and live as Christ's faithful servants all their days.

Please pray for Al and Susie James as Al is ordained as a presbyter this Wednesday evening at St Barnabas East Roseville. Al is the son of Felicity James and the son-in-law of David and Helen Vernon. Pray especially for Al as he makes these solemn promises before God.

Praise God that past rector at St Andrew's Mark Calder and his wife Susan are very glad grandparents to Mackenzie Laura, born to Emily and Antony last week.

🕒 8:30am

Please pray for successful open heart surgery for Alice George's husband Thomas this Tuesday. Pray for a straightforward and strong recovery and that the whole family will see God's faithfulness and mercy through this anxious time.

Please pray for Brian and Elly Parkin's grandson Robert who is very sick in hospital with a viral illness. Pray for accurate diagnosis and treatment, for his full recovery and for his parents Amber and Jonathan during this difficult time.

🕒 10am

Please pray for Alanna Horadam in her grief following her father's recent death. Pray that she will be comforted by God's love and know peace in Christ.

🕒 7pm

Pray for Amy Marks who is expecting a baby very soon. Pray for good health for Amy and the baby.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

☉ St Andrew's Ministries

Pray for those in Nursing Homes and Hostels who are no longer able to worship with us. Beverley Glissan, Margaret Green, Margaret Rook, Adrienne Searle, and Frank Wyndham. Pray for Judy Hodges, Marion Stanbridge and Peter Watson who lead the team and for others at St Andrew's who assist them.

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

Pray for our Small Group leaders as they nurture, encourage, and pastor the members of their groups. Ask that God would continually equip them with his Holy Spirit and with his wisdom for their roles. Pray also that God would be developing and raising up new leaders for more groups.

☉ Other

Pray that Anglicare can invest in training more case managers to provide long-term, personalised outcomes for families and children who need help. Pray that Anglicare will have the resources to give life-changing Christian care and compassion to vulnerable people.

WORLD RELIGIONS AND THE CHRISTIAN FAITH A SHORT SERIES FOR SCEPTICS AND BELIEVERS



While Christianity remains the world's largest religion, it is by no means the only important religious movement. Perhaps surprisingly, Hinduism is Australia's fastest growing religion and Buddhism is the country's second largest religion. Of course, Islam stands as a colossus on the world stage, profoundly influential, often misunderstood.

What do the great Faiths have in common?

What is distinct about them?

And how does Christianity compare?

Join us at St Andrew's over four Sundays (at the 10am, 5pm, or 7pm service) as we seek to understand the world religions and Christianity's place among them.

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

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

MISSION & AID

JENNY FALLON



📍 SIM (Serving In Mission) Australia

Jenny Fallon is the Pastoral Care and Development Coordinator for SIM in Australia.

Thank God that Jenny and her husband Dale are both well and settling into Blantyre, Malawi. They are spending 6 months in Southern Africa visiting SIM colleagues in various locations.

Pray that Jenny and Dale will be good listeners and encouragers of the team in Malawi.

Pray for a good orientation and an introduction to the Chichewa language. Pray for continued adaptation to their new context as they get to know new people.

Thank God for good visits with SIM Australia missionaries in South Africa during June and that Jenny has been able to gain a better understanding of their contexts and challenges.

Thank God For excellent medical care and help from SIM colleagues when Dale experienced a health 'incident' requiring a couple of nights' hospitalisation in Johannesburg.

Thank God for a special weekend staying with former colleagues of Jenny's from her time in Burkina Faso some years ago. Jenny and Dale stayed with Marcus, Jen and Silas Baeder in their Cape Town home.

Pray for Malawians who are struggling with a lack of food and water after the last poor rainy season. Rains are not expected again till November.

Pray for Jenny as she begins the the Personnel Coordinator role; that she will have a quick grasp of what's needed.

Pray for Dale as he starts a monthly men's breakfast to encourage the missionary men.

Pray for the SIM Malawi Spiritual Life Conference (SLC) on this week. Pray for all involved; that they will be enriched by the teaching and fellowship.

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

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE PRAYER

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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