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*Believe*  
**IN PRAYER**  
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**NEWS &**  
**THE BIBLE**

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**WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE**  
**4TH DECEMBER 2016**

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*Believes*  
**IN NEWS**

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

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# FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER

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**JOHN DICKSON**

**☛ Senior Minister**

Dear St Andrew's,

It's great to be back with you all. Thank you very much for your prayers during my CPX travels these last 6 weeks. The preaching and conferences were important and well received. And the documentary (*For the Love of God: How the Church is Better and Worse Than you Ever Imagined*) is coming together beautifully. The crew and my co-presenter Simon Smart are already back out on the field for another three weeks of filming throughout the US. I'm sure they would appreciate your prayers, as they confront themes like slavery, civil rights, witch trials, origins of the UN Declaration of Human Rights, and other important topics.

Changing gears, with mixed emotions I can announce our Foundation Day result. This year we raised \$160,000 for our important ministry partners—World Vision work among the Indigenous, support for Syrian Refugees, Asian seminaries, and local ministries. Thank you, and praise God! This is a lot of money, and it will do enormous good around the world.

The result is \$45,000 below last year's Foundation Day gifts, and it is \$70,000 below what we had expected and budgeted. Added to

the shortfall in our general offertory (i.e., the weekly collection in church and direct online payments), it looks like we will end the year \$178,000, or 14%, behind our annual budget of \$1.3m.

And, yet, just when I start to feel disappointed with all of this, I remember that this year we have also raised (cash in the bank) \$1,137,238 for the building project, and this from just 160 of the 350 or so households of the church. In other words, in 2016 St Andrew's Roseville received gifts totalling \$2.2m, a 43% increase on the total receipts of 2015. Thought of in these terms, I can't help giving praise to God and heartfelt thanks to those of you who have contributed.

Still, we can't hide from the fact that we have a serious budget problem. I want you to know that the Wardens, Santino, and I have already begun to prepare a 2017 budget (for approval at the March AGM) which, although only at draft stage, cuts costs and Mission & Aid support by at least \$150,000. Hopefully, trimming in this substantial way will remove any feeling—real or imagined—that we are burdening you financially, freeing us all, God willing, to give generously and sacrificially to the building project.

You probably feel like I do: on the one hand, deeply encouraged by the generosity of many

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in this church, and, on the other, quite disappointed that we have not *all* come together to achieve the goals we set ourselves. If you have insights or perspectives on all this, please feel free to send your feedback to **wardens@standrews.net.au** or directly to **john.dickson@standrews.net.au**

Above all, please pray that we will all give ourselves fully to the Lord's work, that the leadership of the church will be godly and wise, and that God will be glorified in our midst.

Every blessing,

John

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Blessed Lord, you have caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning; grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, encouraged and supported by your holy Word, we may embrace and always hold fast the joyful hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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# COMMUNITY WATCH

## THIS WEEK



### **CAROLS ON CLANVILLE SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER (ROSEVILLE PARK, CLANVILLE ROAD)**

🕒 **5:30pm** Kiddy farm,  
camel rides, face painting.

Kids come dressed to join in our nativity play.

🕒 **7:45pm** Carols  
(concluding approx. 9:00pm)

Programs and “fairy-light” candles  
will be available. Bring a picnic, a rug,  
your voice and good cheer.

We have it on good authority that Santa  
intends to make an appearance.

## CAROLS ON CLANVILLE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need many helpers to assist with this year's  
community Carols event on Saturday 10th  
December.

Please visit [bit.ly/carolsvolunteer](https://bit.ly/carolsvolunteer) to sign on  
to help in these areas: set-up, kids activities  
(including craft, face painting, nativity scene  
helpers), welcoming, candle distribution, and  
pack-up. *The areas where the most volunteers  
are still needed are set-up, face painting and  
nativity scene helpers.*

Please join in to serve the community and have  
some fun at the same time!

## COMING UP

### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST ANDREW'S**

🕒 **Sunday 18th December**

**7:15pm** Traditional Lessons and Carols  
(NB: no 8.30am or 7pm service on the day)

🕒 **Saturday 24th Christmas Eve**

**5:00pm** Kiddy farm, BBQ,  
followed by **6:00pm** Family service  
**11:00pm** Contemporary communion service

🕒 **Sunday 25th Christmas Day**

**8:30am** Traditional Christmas service  
**10:00am** Contemporary Christmas service

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# COMMUNITY WATCH

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## SUMMER SERVICES

- ☛ Sun 1 Jan | 9:30am - 1 service only
- ☛ 8 Jan - 29th Jan | 9:30am & 6:30pm

## PLEASE PRAY

### ☛ Churchwide

Pray that flyer for Carols at Clanville on Saturday 10th December and the Christmas services at St Andrew's will be warmly received in our local area. Pray that many will come to these celebrations of the birth of Jesus.

As many small groups breakup next week for the Summer holidays, pray that this be a time to reflect on our growth as disciples of Christ through the ups and downs of the last year. Also thank God for his faithful commitment to transform us into the likeness of his Son.

### ☛ 10am

Pray for the Rogers family as they enjoy time together in Africa. Praise God that Amity is currently feeling well and pray for God's healing.

### ☛ 5pm

Pray for Brian and Anne Morton's daughter Nikki, who is working as a paediatrician in Taiz, Yemen. All doctors except Nikki have

been evacuated from the hospital. Please pray for her continued safety. Pray also for the Morton's son-in-law Richard (married to their daughter Kate) who has just been admitted to hospital may need bowel surgery. Pray for good healing and recovery for Richard.

### ☛ 7pm

Give thanks for the recent youth leaders retreat as we celebrated, prayed and planned. Praise God for the growth of REVIVE and pray that as we focus on outreach next year that we would see young people come to know Jesus. Also pray for wisdom as Mike Hastie and Rachael Perry seek to grow the 2017 leadership team.

Give thanks for our two MTS apprentices Rachael Perry and Sam Bainbridge as well as Kids Ministry worker Mel Bell who have worked hard this year. Pray that we will continue to raise up, train and send ministry workers into the world.

### ☛ Other

Pray for Roseville Public School Principal Sean Moran, Roseville College Principal Megan Krimmer and Suz Gorham in her role as Chaplain at Roseville College. Pray for them and their students in this busy end of year time and pray that they will be energised and refreshed by the holiday break.

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

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# MISSION & AID

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## JENNY FALLON



### ☛ SIM (Serving In Mission) Australia

Jenny Fallon is the Pastoral Care and Development Coordinator for SIM in Australia. Jenny and her husband Dale are finishing up a 6 month period in Southern Africa, based in Malawi, where they have been visiting SIM colleagues in various locations.

Praise God for the way he is growing his church in Malawi and pray for continuing unity, wise leadership and commitment to the making of disciples.

Pray that the denominations will work together to bring the gospel to unreached areas of the country.

Pray for wisdom for the largely rural Africa Evangelical Churches (AEC) as it works out its

calling in relation to significant physical and social hardship.

SIM Malawi's Youth Coordinator, Pete Ong, recently organised a seminar for AEC Pastors and their wives. Praise God for the new awareness of the needs of girls in the church. Pray that the action plans started at the seminar will be acted upon and genuinely be honouring and helpful to girls.

Pray for favour with Malawian authorities in relation to SIM's status in the country and obtaining permits to continue working there – great expenses are at stake.

Pray for the Smiths as they seek to build relationships with the M'slm Yao people and show God's love through teaching sustainable farming and the Bible.

Pray for SIM Malawi's urgent need of a long-term Administrator and Personnel Coordinator, as well as workers for other strategic roles, such as reaching out to the Indian and Chinese diaspora in Malawi.

Pray for Jenny and Dale's quick readjustment to Australia and for the Lord's clear direction for the year ahead. They will have a few weeks holiday before Jenny returns to work at SIM Australia mid-January.

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

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# CONTEMPORARY SERVICE PRAYERS

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## 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 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.

If you would like to support the Property  
Redevelopment but **do not** require a tax deduction,  
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