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PRAISE
NEWS &
THE BIBLE

WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
5TH FEBRUARY 2017

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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,

Welcome back – if you've been away! We've had a terrific start to the year already, with record numbers joining us for our special series *A Spectator's Guide to Jesus*, which continues through to Easter. May we continue to bring friends and neighbours as we start the year with a fresh look at the foundation of the Faith, the life, teaching, deeds, death, and resurrection of Jesus, that is, the gospel.

I am writing these words on the anniversary of the first church service in Australia, on 3 February 1788. After eight days of unloading the eleven ships of the First Fleet, the entire colony of nearly 1000 convicts, troops, and officials met under a giant tree (where Bligh and Hunter Streets now cross) for a Book of Common Prayer service of Morning Prayer, with a sermon on Psalm 116:12, "What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me?"

After eight months in a leaky boat I'm not sure how many of the convicts were feeling especially thankful for all of God's 'benefits'. Still, it was a great text with which to begin Australia's Christian history. The psalm expresses a truth that is the Bible's unique and essential contribution to the history of ideas. It is why despite how contested Christianity has

been in this country—from the beginning—the Faith continues to draw people from all walks of life, from criminals to dignitaries, to the message of the Bible.

The truth of the psalm is simple: *Christianity is not about morality in pursuit of divine reward, but gratitude in response to God's grace.*

Genuine Christians don't ask, "What can I do to gain God's favour and benefit?" They ask, "How can I show my gratitude for all that God has *already* done for me?" What the psalmist knew from Israel's history and from every day experience, Christians know even more deeply because of all that God has done for them in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

As we start another year, I pray that this fundamental truth about God's grace will permeate our lives.

As we sign up for Bible studies, seek to serve our neighbours at work and play, attend church regularly (pretty please!), contribute generously to the ministry and building project, give an answer for our faith at every opportunity, and devote ourselves to prayer and a life of love, may we *all* act not out of mere duty or the expectation of others but out of thankfulness for all the benefits, creational and redemptive, which the Lord has bestowed on our nation, our church, and our individual lives!

God bless,
John

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COMMUNITY WATCH

THIS WEEK

☛ Meals Ministry Cook-up & Kids' Ministry Craft Prep

Tue 7th Feb Feb – 9:30am - 12noon
in the Church Hall

All are welcome to be involved.

Contact: office@standrews.net.au

FOR THE DIARY

- ☛ Sat 25th Mar | Save the date!
2020 Vision Project Gala Dinner & Auction
Dress code: Bow ties & boas

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Due to the busyness of this year's Term 1, especially with the upcoming Gala Dinner, it has been thought best to not hold the Women's Dinner this year (usually held at Roseville Golf Club). Don't panic...it will return in 2018!

REGULAR MINISTRIES RECOMMENCING

☛ Small Groups

Recommencing in early February

If you are interested in joining a small group in 2017, please send an email to smallgroups@standrews.net.au

☛ Fit For Good

Pilates classes at the Church Hall recommenced on Monday 30 Jan

Monday 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Friday 11:15am - 12:15pm

Cost: \$120 for 10 classes

Running Group on Sundays, recommencing 6:30am Sunday 5th Feb

Meet at the church.

Cost: \$100 a year (+\$45 for running singlet)

Contact fitforgood@standrews.net.au

☛ Playgroup

Weekly on Thursday in school terms, 10am - 12pm, recommenced on Thursday 2 Feb

For children aged 0-3 years and their parents and carers.

In the Lower Hall | Cost: \$3 per week

Contact playgroup@standrews.net.au

☛ Xtreme

Fridays in school terms, 3:15pm to 5:15pm, recommenced on Friday 3rd Feb.

For children in Years 5 and 6 at school. Xtreme is primarily a games-based group but includes scientific investigation and discussion of the Christian faith.

Contact xtreme@standrews.net.au

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☛ Youth

JNRs (Years 7-9) meet on Fridays in school terms, 6:00pm to 8:00pm, recommenced on Friday 3rd Feb. It's a space for crazy fun, food and inviting friends as we follow in the footsteps of a radical saviour.

SNRs (Years 10-12) meet fortnightly on Fridays during school terms. We usually meet in homes and it's exciting to see the group growing.

YOUTH CHURCH (Years 7-12) is on every Sunday of school term at 5pm in the Youth Hall, recommencing on Sunday 5th Feb. This term we are looking at "Real Relationships".

Contact stayrevive@standrews.net.au

☛ English as a Second Language (ESL)

Weekly classes in school terms, recommencing Thursday 9th Feb 10am - 12pm

In the Kelman Room | Cost: \$3 per week

Small groups for beginners to advanced adult students to learn English conversation.

Pre-school aged children can be looked after in the Playgroup during the classes.

Contact esl@standrews.net.au

MISSION & AID

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

INDIGENOUS WARLPIRI PEOPLE

☛ Tanami Desert, Northern Territory

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

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

Pray for the goals of the World Vision project, that progress will continue to be made in 2017;

- ☛ Safe communities for children so they have the best chance to develop and are ready for future opportunities and learning.
- ☛ Early childhood services that provide culturally sensitive early learning opportunities for children.
- ☛ A well-trained local early childhood workforce to help deliver these services.
- ☛ That communities will lead their early childhood agenda and advocate for locally relevant family and childhood services.

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you to all who generously contributed towards the work of St Andrew's in 2016. As was forecast towards the end of last year, the Parish didn't achieve budget in either our General Offertory receipts nor our Foundation Day target.

A summary of the UNAUDITED results can be found below. These numbers exclude the wonderfully generous support many have given towards the *2020 Vision* Project.

	\$'000 Actual	\$'000 Budget	\$'000 Diff
RECEIPTS			
General Offertory	955	1,047	(92) shortfall
Foundation Day	161	230	(69) shortfall
Deductible donations	37	65	(28) shortfall
Other	65	47	18 favourable
Total receipts	1,218	1,389	
PAYMENTS			
Ministry staffing costs	652	691	39 favourable
Other staffing costs	97	98	1 favourable
Other expenses	220	232	12 favourable
Mission and Aid	308	367	59 favourable
Total payments	1,277	1,388	
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The table above shows that combined, we received \$171,000 less than budgeted mostly due to shortfalls in General Offertory and Foundation Day receipts. The impact of this was lessened by savings in ministry staffing costs and a reduced amount given to Mission and Aid.

So, the net result of the above is that in 2016, we were required to use \$59,000 of our reserves to fund our ministry. As has been foreshadowed, the proposed 2017 budget has reduced ministry staffing and Mission and Aid support so as to prevent a further decline in reserves.

More details regarding the 2017 Budget will be provided in the lead up to the Annual General Meeting, to be held on Monday 27 March 2017.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

PLEASE PRAY

🕒 Churchwide

Praise God that this year has started with many new people attending St Andrew's. Pray that as we now return to the normal schedule of services our newcomers will find Christian fellowship and friendship in a congregation and a Small Group.

Please pray about the rising antagonism toward school scripture, led by a very committed anti-SRE lobby group. Pray that we will learn what we can from the valid criticisms and stand firm in the face of misleading commentary. Pray that we will long enjoy this wonderful privilege to teach hundreds of thousands of NSW students about the beauty of the Faith that shaped this nation.

🕒 8:30am

Pray for Naida Holliday who has been a member of St Andrews all her long life. She is now a resident in Princess Julianna Village, North Turrumurra. Pray for Naida and her family as she receives care for memory loss and diminishing physical capacity.

🕒 10am

Pray for Nick Barbarino as his continuing back and leg pain issues. Pray that he will be healed and return to work quickly

🕒 7pm

Give thanks that many served in very fruitful ministries over the holidays: Beach Missions, Summerfest, Crusader camps, CMS Summer School, and the Pop-up Cafe. Praise God that He is bringing many to know Him through these endeavours. Pray that such service and fruit continues through this year.

🕒 St Andrew's Ministries

Pray for REVIVE Youth as it launches this weekend. Pray that as we focus on outreach this year that many would not only hear the good news of Jesus but experience a transformed community of young people.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Heavenly Father, keep your household the Church continually in your true religion; that those who lean only on the hope of your heavenly grace may always be defended by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE PRAYERS

CONFESSION

Merciful God, our maker
and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed:
we have not loved you
with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours
as ourselves;
we are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and
obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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:

St Andrew’s Anglican Church Roseville
BSB 032 086 | A/C 387 248

*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, please contact
our Executive Pastor, Santino Dimarco.

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