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WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE  
12TH FEBRUARY 2017

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IN NEWS

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

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# FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER

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## REV JOHN DICKSON

### ☛ Senior Minister

Dear St Andrew's,

It has been a week of highs and lows.

Members of the 830am and 5pm congregations will have received my email with the sad news that Denzil Byrne died suddenly last Tuesday. Denzil and Meg have been members of our 830am congregation for many years. Their daughter and son-in-law, Amanda and Hans Thomsen (and their girls), are members of our 5pm congregation, and frequently serve us supper. Please pray for them. Last week's sermon was about resting in Christ; Denzil now knows that rest for eternity.

It is very hard to change topics, but I also have some wonderful news.

Over the last two months, more than 40 families across all four congregations of our church have rallied together behind-the-scenes to save the Focus Pastor position, currently held by James Smith. As you know, in 2016 our total "income" was \$171,000 below budget causing us to dip into the church's limited reserves. It was a terrible way to the end of the year, especially as we therefore had to ask James to look for a position elsewhere in the diocese.

But this week the wardens, Santino, and I received confirmation that these generous families have guaranteed the funds to secure the Focus Pastor position—and they have done so over-and-above what they already give to the ministry and the building project.

James and Karen Smith had already started looking for other jobs, and had attended several interviews. But I am very pleased to say that they have agreed to stop looking elsewhere and continue with us for 2017. I am so thankful for their grace throughout these painful months.

Astonishingly, these benefactors have already front-loaded about half the money for the position. And they assure us that if there is no increase in general giving, they will provide the balance by year's end. Obviously, however, I want to see these families relieved of this burden of love—most already give generously to the ministry and the building project. I pray that a spirit of generosity will fall on the whole church as a result of their example, as we realise that every one of us shares the privilege and responsibility to support the ongoing ministry of St Andrew's; your gifts are the church's *only* income. Imagine if we can say to these families in the second half of the year that we don't need them to carry the load

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alone, because many others in the church have also increased their giving.

The wardens, Senior Leadership, and I will be quietly praying our hearts out, but we will not be urging you this year to increase your regular giving. You are aware of the issue; it's over to you. Our financial focus for 2017 has to be on the building project—this is our strategic gift to future generations of our region. There is more than enough money among the 300+ households of this church to expand our buildings *and* our ministry team. But it is entirely up to you whether we do so. This is the year we either push through to confirm our 2020 Vision Project, or else consider an entirely new approach for St Andrew's.

The large gifts that arrived in the church bank accounts this week remind me of the dramatic and practical impact of generosity. Of course, God's plans and glory will march on throughout the world, with or without us, whether here at St Andrew's or down the road somewhere else. The practical reality is, however, that money shapes *our participation* in God's purposes. Whether it's the building project or a staff position, things either do happen or don't happen as a result of Christian generosity. And right now I am praising God that we *do* get to keep James and Karen

(and Keziah) for at least another year of pursuing God's glory together!

Every blessing,  
John

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, creator of all things and giver of every good and perfect gift, hear with favour the prayers of your people, that we who are justly punished for our offences may mercifully be delivered by your goodness, for the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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# COMMUNITY WATCH

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## COMING UP

### ☛ **Suz Gorham's Deacon Ordination**

Sat 18 Feb | 10am to 11:30am

St Andrew's Cathedral, Cnr of George and  
Bathurst Streets, Sydney

### ☛ **ReFrame Course**

Commencing Mon 20th Feb | 7:30pm - 9:30pm

At Tony and Anne Golsby-Smith's home,  
18 Chelmsford Ave, Lindfield 2070

This 8 week course (from Regent College,  
Vancouver) will be run through St Andrew's,  
once per month on Monday evenings. The  
course blends world-class teaching with real-  
life examples of how to live out the gospel,  
including case studies of how to apply your  
faith in professional and personal life.

Course information at  
[www.reframecourse.com](http://www.reframecourse.com)

Contact [stuart.holman@standrews.net.au](mailto:stuart.holman@standrews.net.au)

### ☛ **Safe Ministry Training**

Sun 26th Feb | 1pm - 3pm

In the Kelman Room

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### ☛ **Term 1 Church-Wide Prayer Meeting & Shrove Tuesday Pancakes**

Tues 28th Feb | 7:00pm - 8:30pm

In the Church Hall

Let's feast on pancakes the day before the  
commencement of Lent and then stay on to  
pray together as a church.

## FOR THE DIARY

### ☛ Sat 25th Mar | Save the date!

**2020 Vision Project Gala Dinner & Auction**

Dress code: Bow ties & boas

## OTHER

### ☛ **Small Groups**

If you are interested in joining a small group in  
2017, please send an email to  
[smallgroups@standrews.net.au](mailto:smallgroups@standrews.net.au)

### ☛ **Free bookshelves**

There are a few large bookshelves (reasonable  
condition) available from the Office. Please get  
in touch if you are interested in having them.  
Contact [office@standrews.net.au](mailto:office@standrews.net.au)

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## PLEASE PRAY

### 🕒 Churchwide

As the role of Women's and Pastoral Care worker (part time) is advertised, please pray that God will raise up the right person to join our pastoral team in 2017.

Please pray for Peter Watson after undergoing surgery this week. Praise God that the procedure was successful and pray that his recovery will be swift and full and that he will continue to depend upon Christ in all things

### 🕒 8:30am

Pray for Meg Byrne and her family on the sudden passing of Denzil during the week. Pray for God's comfort and peace to surround and support the family at this time of shock and grief. The funeral service for Denzil is being held this coming Wednesday 15 February at 2pm in the church.

Pray for Brenda Hurley undergoing shoulder surgery on Monday. Pray for a good outcome and a smooth recovery.

### 🕒 10am

Praise God that Amity Roger's doctors are pleased with recent test results. Thank God that there has been a reduction in the size of the tumour. While this is positively good news, it does not necessarily indicate long-term outcomes so please to continue to pray that Amity will be fully healed. Also praise God that Amity was able to begin school (Kindergarten) last week, proud to be attending school with her big brother Atticus. Pray also for Mary Ellen who is in the final stages of pregnancy and for Jackson with heavy workloads at the moment.

### 🕒 5pm

Pray for Amanda and Hans Thomsen (and their children Lucy and Millie), on the sudden passing of Amanda's father Denzil during the week. Pray for comfort and strength during this sad time and pray for the family during the preparations for the funeral this week.

### 🕒 7pm

Give thanks for the 7pm Launch Dinner this past week and for the enthusiasm to grow and serve as disciples of Christ

Pray that those who have just joined us at 7pm (from REVIVE Youth or elsewhere) would experience a great welcome and sense of belonging in God's family at St Andrew's.

*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.

Praise God for the refreshment and relaxation of the recent summer holidays.

Pray for our Playgroup, and Self Defence Classes that resumed for 2017 this past week; that they will be as effective this year as they were last year, in connecting with people and bringing the gospel to them.

Pray also for the Kids Club and Youth Group as they recommenced this week; that all past members will return to the groups, along with new people, and that the Lord uses these groups to grow His kingdom.

Pray for Bible Study groups this year; that many new people will join groups and that the groups will be effective in further building people up in Christ.

Pray for those who teach SRE in the local Primary and High Schools; that they will be able to display God's love to the students.

Pray open doors and hearts for the door-to-door visiting each fortnight on a Sunday afternoon. This begins again for the year on Sunday 12 February.

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today's contemporary services*

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# CONTEMPORARY SERVICE PRAYERS

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## 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:

**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**  
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