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NEWS &
THE BIBLE

WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
5TH MARCH 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,

Last week I was asked a clarifying question by a very thoughtful person checking out our church (for the second time): "In a nutshell, what are the hopes of St Andrew's?"

How would you answer that question? I'd love to think each of us could give it a good go. Let me tell you what I said.

I naturally repeated our tagline, "to be a *centre of community* for Roseville and beyond" and I pointed out that a full account of our vision was on our website. But I decided to describe our godly ambition more in terms of a *problem* and a *solution*.

The problem with the modern church isn't that it's not praying or preaching or living for Christ. For the most part, it is. The problem is that there are now so few meaningful 'touch-points' between genuine Christians and the wider population, between the church and society. This means that many people in our area have little idea about the content of Christianity and the joy of Christian life. They are left with what they get from the media (which is often inaccurate and unfair). The result is many think Christ is an archaic

and irrelevant feature of contemporary life. Why would they bother to engage a Christian in conversation? Why would they think about attending a local church?

If this broad analysis is right, the solution is simple and obvious. Of course we must continue to pray, live, and preach the gospel. But we must also *create multiple touch-points* between genuine Christians and the wider population, between the church and society, so that people can witness firsthand the relevance of Christ to all of life. Jesus isn't just the Lord of church services. He's the Lord of everything. That's why transforming St Andrew's into a 'community centre' as much as a 'worship centre' isn't mere marketing; it's the embodiment of Christ's lordship over all of life. He guides our eating and drinking, our fun, health, and creativity, our charity, our friendship with and support of one another, our intellectual and personal development, as well as our prayer, worship, and evangelism. By multiplying the opportunities for the wider community to experience St Andrew's as a 'centre of community' in this sense, we are enhancing people's appreciation of the truth and beauty of Christ for all of life. And so many, we pray, will call on him for his grace. And only in this context does the building project make sense, as I explained to this

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interested visitor. Our current site is a woeful venue for such a full-orbed vision—I hardly needed to point that out. The proposed redevelopment, on the other hand, is designed specifically to create multiple touch-points between church and society. Therefore, if this broad analysis of the problem and the solution is correct, we must expect to grow numerically. At least, as I've said before, I know it is unhealthy to expect to shrink or stagnate! And that's why the redeveloped site allows St Andrew's to at least double in size. The buildings, in other words, must enhance our *character* as a 'centre of community' and they must be conducive to *growth*. It is as simple as that.

I loved having this conversation with a visitor (it seemed well received!). It was certainly helpful for me to think about putting our large vision in a simple way for fresh ears. What about you? I'd love to think you would have your own way of answering the question, "In a nutshell, what are the hopes of St Andrew's?"

God bless,

John

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord Jesus Christ, for our sake you fasted forty days and forty nights: give us grace to use such abstinence that, our flesh being subdued to the spirit, we may always obey your will in righteousness and true holiness, to your honour and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for evermore. Amen.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

THIS WEEK

🕒 Bible Society Bicentenary event

Tue 7th Mar | 7:30pm at St Andrew's Roseville
Join with others at St Andrew's to see a video of Archbishop Glenn Davies and Rev Brian Houston from Hillsong celebrating the 200th birthday of the Bible Society.

The video will be from an event held only 2 days earlier at Hillsong.

COMING UP

🕒 Reformation Rally

Sat 18th Mar | 9am - 1pm

At Marcus Loane Hall Moore College
1 King St Newtown

Celebrating 500 years of the Reformation.
Talks on Tyndale, Luther, and Cranmer by Peter Jensen, Simon Manchester and Peter Adam | www.moore.edu.au/events

🕒 Belonging Course

Sun 19th Mar | 12:30pm - 2:30pm
Over lunch in the Kelman Room

Fast-track way of getting to know St Andrew's and other newcomers.

Contact James Smith for details or email belonging@standrews.net.au

🕒 2020 Vision Project Gala Dinner & Auction

Sat 25th Mar | 7pm In the Church Hall

Dress code: Bow ties & boas

Tables of 8 available

RSVP to events@standrews.net.au

Cost: \$135 per ticket until this Friday 10th March or \$150 per ticket from 11 March onwards.

After emailing your RSVP, finalise your booking by transferring payment to:

St Andrew's Anglican Church Roseville
BSB 062 240, A/C 0090 0162

Please ensure the transaction reference includes 'GD' and your surname.

Payment can also be made by cash or cheque at the office or via the Communications box attached to the rear pew in a named envelope.

Gala Dinner Volunteers needed for babysitting, set-up and pack-up, wait staff etc.

Contact volunteers@standrews.net.au

🕒 Parish Annual General Meeting

Mon 27th Mar | 7pm

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COMMUNITY WATCH

OTHER

🕒 AGM Election Nominations

Nominations for Parish Councillors, Wardens, and Nominators are required prior to the AGM on Monday 27th March.

Talk to those you think will serve well and, with their permission, nominate them by email ensuring that you clearly state who you are nominating and for which role:

santino.dimarco@standrews.net.au

Please note that if you nominate someone, you must also be present at the Annual General Meeting.

PLEASE PRAY

🕒 8:30am

Continue to pray for John Stanbridge and Lindsay Killen as they recover from surgery and await pathology results.

Thank God for Joyce Dinan's return home from hospital and pray for improvement in her quality of life.

🕒 10am

Pray for Mary Fenner and her family as they grieve the loss of her son, Ewan. Pray that God will comfort, sustain them and give them peace.

Continue to pray fervently for Amity Rogers; that she will be healed of her brain tumour. Pray also for Jackson, Mary Ellen and the whole family as they prepare for the arrival of their baby soon; for rest and for good health for Mary Ellen and the baby.

🕒 5pm

Pray for Margo Morris' niece Simone who is in the final days of her life suffering from bowel cancer. Pray for the Lord to give Simone and her family (parents George and Mariam and brother Nicholas) strength and comfort and that Simone will rest in her faith in Jesus.

🕒 St Andrew's Ministries

Pray for Cath Ahern as she coordinates the children's ministry, with assistance from Mel Bell, Sam Bainbridge and all the volunteers. Pray that they will be able to share the good news of Jesus with the children, that the activities will be fun and engaging, and draw everyone closer to God.

🕒 Other

Please pray for Anglicare as they seek to deliver Christ-centred and effective Christian care programs that meet needs and bring the gospel to many.

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

MISSION & AID

LIFE ANGLICAN CHURCH



📍 Marsden Park, North-western Sydney

Pray for Rev Mark Collins, his wife Rachael and their three sons Benjamin, Joseph and Reuben as they lead this new church plant at Marsden Park.

Give thanks for the first Life Anglican Church gathering at Marsden Park on 12 February. There were 64 people on that first Sunday (37 adults and 27 children/youth). The numbers have remained above 60 people in the subsequent weeks - Praise God!

Thank God for our Kids Church and Youth Church and for the great team of volunteers. There are many young families in the area and there are approximately 30 young people attending these programmes on Sundays.

Give thanks for the 2 Life Group Bible studies that have started recently. Pray that these groups will be focussed on studying the Bible and that they will also provide opportunities to connect with the local community.

Pray for wisdom as the church seeks to connect with people in the local area. Many who've connect with Life Anglican haven't been to church in a while and some others have never been to church.

Pray for the teachers and students at Marsden Park Public School after the death of a Year 6 student, Violet who had been very sick for the past 4 months. Mark taught Violet last year in SRE and she was a much loved member of the school community. Pray also for Violet's family that they will be comforted by God's love through the church and the school community.

*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:

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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