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WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE  
19TH MARCH 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,

We need to do something about the growth we're experiencing across our services, especially at 10am. And we have an idea we want you to support.

The first two months of the year have seen the largest attendance and visitor numbers of any comparable time period on record. The *Life of Jesus* course also had over 20 people attend, with about 15 continuing in the follow-up course on Christian living starting in a couple of weeks. In addition, we have a *Belonging* course this Sunday with 22 adults (and 15 children) interested in joining the St Andrew's family.

It is not 'all about numbers', of course! But numbers are *people*, and God loves people. He especially loves to see them come to depend on his grace and get involved with his church.

We have certainly reached 70% of the seating capacity of the church. Research suggests this is a precarious position to be in, as it works significantly against growth. (This is an established finding of the literature on church health: e.g., *Taking Your Church to the Next Level* by Gary McIntosh, Professor of Christian Ministry and Leadership, Biola University).

Obviously, the new building will solve this problem (until we double in size), but we are also thinking through options in the short term.

One thing we can do immediately—and the main reason for this News note—is to replace all the pews with individual chairs. Most of the big traditional churches around the world, including most of the great Cathedrals, have moved to individual seating, largely because pews are an inefficient way to seat people and they restrict the usages of the building. Yes, you can stuff six people into a pew if you really have to, but a pew usually looks and feels full with just four or five people. We believe we can put six or seven chairs in place for every pew. And when a chair is empty, it is clear it is empty. The result is probably at least a 15% effective increase in seating.

We are moving to chairs in the new building, anyway. So it makes sense to act now, ensuring that we can purchase more of the same seats when we have a new building. This purchase will be funded by existing building project donations, as replacing the pews is a cost that is already factored into the 2020*Vision* Project.

To gain permission for this, we need what is called a 'Faculty', a consultative process that churches need to take if they intend to make any alterations within the church. The way it works is simple: I have this week given you notice of the proposed change (see the accompanying formal Notice to Apply for a

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Faculty). This must be reprinted in next week's News, as well. If no one objects to the diocese within 21 days, Parish Council can simply direct that the changes take place. If someone objects in writing to the diocese within 21 days, the matter is referred to our local bishop for a decision on the merits of the case.

Additionally, because most of the pew-ends have memorial plaques on them, we need the specific permission of the Archbishop for the 'adjustment of a memorial'. We plan to do what other churches do: remove the plaques from their pew-ends and re-attach them all to a single pew-end (which has been detached from its pew) which will then become a memorial display board somewhere in the building.

I am excited about this development. In addition to fostering continued growth in our services, individual (and stackable) seats will make our building more flexible for other sorts of events, including prayer nights, seminars, banquets, and so on.

Please support this move. There is no vote, as such. You are allowing us to move forward simply by not objecting.

Every blessing,

John

## **NOTICE TO APPLY FOR FACULTY**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Minister and Parish Council would like to make the following alterations in the Church of St Andrew at Roseville:

replace all pews in the church with individual seating approved by the Wardens and Minister.

In accordance with the regulations under the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008 parishioners of this church can lodge objections with the Diocesan Registrar within 21 days from the date when this notice was first placed. Objections are to be in writing and sent to the Registrar's Office, PO Box Q190, QVB Post Office NSW 1230 or emailed to [registry@sydney.anglican.asn.au](mailto:registry@sydney.anglican.asn.au).

Notes:

1. We believe individual seats will increase our seating capacity in the current building by at least 15%.
2. The seats purchased will also be used in the new (2020 Vision Project) building.
3. It is proposed that the pews will be sold and the proceeds retained for the ministry or property of St Andrew's.
4. It is proposed that the memorial plaques which are attached to some pew-ends will be re-attached to a single pew-end and placed on display somewhere in the church.
5. In accordance with diocesan rules for the removal or alteration of any memorial item, approval will be sought from the Archbishop.

Thank you.

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# COMMUNITY WATCH

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## THIS WEEK

### 🕒 **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](mailto:belonging@standrews.net.au)

### 🕒 **Roseville-Lindfield-Killara Inter-church Lenten Services**

Tue 21st Mar 7:45pm

At Holy Family Catholic Church, Lindfield cnr Pacific Hwy and Highfield Rd, Lindfield

Preacher: Rev Mary Pearson (Lindfield Uniting)

Tue 4th Apr 7:45pm

At Killara Uniting Church Cnr Arnold St and Karranga Ave, Killara

Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Peter Watson

## COMING UP

### 🕒 **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](mailto:events@standrews.net.au) (also email this address if you are attending and need a babysitter for your kids - numbers are limited).

Cost: \$150 per ticket

After emailing your RSVP you will receive information on how to make payment.

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

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

### **Online Auction Now Open!**

To bid on a selection of auction items online, go to [www.tinyurl.com/galabids](http://www.tinyurl.com/galabids) You can view the items and place your bids. Online bids close at 11.59pm AEST, Thursday 23 March.

### 🕒 **Parish Annual General Meeting**

Mon 27th Mar | 7pm

In the Church

### 🕒 **Environmental Action Group Information Evening**

Mon 3rd Apr 7:30pm - 9pm &

repeated on Sun 9th Apr 3pm - 4:30pm

In the Kelman Room

Speaker: Stuart Holman - 'The Future of the Planet and Why Christians Should Care'

Flyers on the display cabinet at the rear of the church. Contact [eag@standrews.net.au](mailto:eag@standrews.net.au)

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## OTHER

### 🕒 AGM Election Nominations

Nominations for Parish Councillors, Wardens, Nominators and Synod Reps 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](mailto:santino.dimarco@standrews.net.au)**

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

## PLEASE PRAY

### 🕒 Churchwide

Praise God for all the new people that continue to come to St Andrew's and particularly for those attending the Belonging Course lunch today. Pray that they will quickly find our family to be a community in Christ where they can flourish as his disciples, growing in faith, hope and love.

Pray for Ros Birt (5pm) and Yeesum Lo (7pm) and who are in PNG on a mission trip with YWAM. Pray that God will work through them

to serve the needs of people there as well as share the good news of Jesus.

### 🕒 8:30am

Pray for Colin Yarham as he recovers from two episodes of surgery on his hand and right elbow, following a fall and a knock from a car. Pray for good healing and for patience and strength for him and Pam.

Continue to pray for Lindsay Killen as he awaits pathology results from recent surgery.

Pray for Joyce Dinan after a recent medical procedure. Thank God for a good response to treatment and pray that she will regain her strength as she undergoes rehab.

### 🕒 10am

Pray for the Hastie family as Hayden is baptised today. Pray for Mike and Kel as they seek to raise their boys to know Jesus.

Pray for the Rogers family as Mary Ellen approaches the birth of their baby. Pray for a safe delivery. Also continue to pray that Amity will be healed of the brain tumour and pray for Jackson and Mary Ellen as they consider future treatment options.

### 🕒 7pm

Give thanks for Sophie Marks who is being baptised today and ask God to help us support

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the Marks in raising her to know and grow in Jesus.

Thank God for the recent combined youth event and pray that many teenagers will be challenged to consider Christ as Saviour.

## ➡ Other

Pray for Roseville Public School Principal Sean Moran, new Roseville College Principal Deb Magill and for Suz Gorham in her role as Chaplain at Roseville College. Pray especially for Deb Magill as she has her commissioning service this week; that it will be an encouraging time as she takes on this new role.

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, we confess that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities that may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## MISSION & AID MALCOLM & LEANNE

### ➡ South East Asia

Pray for Malcolm and Leanne serving in South East Asia in training and development.

Pray for wisdom and clarity for both Malcolm and Leanne as they teach in English and serve locals who want to learn but have very little English themselves.

Thank God for the new initiatives that Malcolm and Leanne are part of: the English gathering and the possibility of OT volunteer work for Leanne.

Pray for Malcolm that he will have more confidence as he connects with local people.

Thank God for a helpful and encouraging visit recently from Malcolm and Leanne's friends Peter and Marcelle.

Pray for helpers for Leanne as she leads the English conversation sessions at the college.

Pray for wisdom for Malcolm and Leanne as they set up a new language program; that they can balance this with their other commitments and know how to best utilise untrained local helpers.

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

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# CONTEMPORARY SERVICE PRAYERS

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## 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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