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WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE  
2ND APRIL 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,

At the AGM last week I asked us to imagine St Andrew's Roseville on the evening of Wednesday April 2 1913, the first church service on our site. The little building—a quarter the size of the current one—was no doubt bursting with locals and dignitaries, including Archbishop John Charles Wright. The Bible reading was announced, and the following passage—the first at St Andrew's—was read:

Thus saith the Lord, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed ... Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the Lord, speak, saying, The Lord hath utterly separated me from his people: For thus saith the Lord, ...Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people. *Isaiah 56:1-7*

From the beginning, St Andrew's Roseville has been about opening ourselves up to the 'stranger' (in Isaiah's context, a reference to an

'outsider' to the faith and culture of Israel) and becoming a "house of prayer for all people."

It didn't matter that there were just seven people at the first Sunday service (6 April), and just six at the next. Godly ambition doesn't settle for what it can see right in front. It strains for *more*—more love, more knowledge, more people, and more fame for our great Saviour.

They would be delighted to see us now, and to know that *our* vision is pretty much the same as *theirs*, to see more people in this house of prayer and bring more glory to our Saviour.

But our times are very different. In 1913 they could count on most local residents having a good idea of the content of the Christian Faith and of the relevance of the church to the community. In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century there were multiple 'touch points' between the church and society.

By contrast, our region today has little idea of the joy Christ brings, the spirit of friendship and community that overflows in St Andrew's, the intellectual stimulation of knowing Christ, the practical love, support, and welfare that is available here, let alone the gospel of grace by which they can be saved.

The solution isn't just to preach better or pray more intently—as much as we long for that.

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The solution is to 'lower the drawbridge', to collapse the walls (figuratively and concretely) between the church and the community, and to become a living embodiment of the relevance of Christ to all of life. As our 2020 Vision document puts it, we want to transform ourselves into a "centre of Christian education, friendship, social care and action, diversity, the arts, health, fun and, above all, worship—all grounded in a confident, well-articulated conviction that Christ is Lord over all of life."

Picture it.

Picture Toddlers & Carers groups four times a week in lovely facilities, three bursting ESL groups a week (in proper classrooms), being able to drop into church midweek with friends for a coffee, muffin, and kids freeplay, footsal and basketball competitions for teens, evening seminars for adults in rooms that don't embarrass you, grand banquets for ourselves and for the wider community that build friendship and serve great causes, an annual art competition and short film festival where we simultaneously encourage the arts and open up conversations about spiritual matters, which the arts do so well.

And picture Sunday School rooms to accommodate 200 children in spaces that pass laws for health and safety. Imagine 600 adults

across two or three morning services, and another 500 across our evening services, before we have to start a Saturday evening service as an overflow.

This is surely conservative. Right now St Andrew's Roseville is about 100 times the size of the first congregation of seven back in 1913. According to the latest church figures provided by James Smith and Stuart Holman, we have 628 adults and 332 youth and children in the St Andrew's community. That's nearly a thousand people (960 to be precise) who look to each other and to the ministry team for care and encouragement. We are more than 15 times the size of the 40 or so people in 1935 who gave us the current building.

Is there any reason to doubt that, by God's grace, we could be 2000+ people in the next ten years?

In the first two months of this year, we have rejoiced to see many people check us out and join us. The 8:30am congregation is down by 7% (for sociological reasons, I suppose), but the 10am congregation is up 18%, the 5pm congregation is up 29%, and the 7pm congregation is up 25%. The total average increase is 16%.

In previous years at the AGM, I would give us (or myself) a kind of 'report card' over multiple slides. It tracked how we are doing

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against the initiative listed in the original *2020Vision* document. I didn't bother this year. There's no point.

We have ticked off virtually everything in the original *2020Vision*—everything that isn't dependent on that key initiative of the vision: the building redevelopment!

Raising the money and building the new facilities is the one thing left to do to unlock the *2020Vision*, and to start writing the vision of the *next* ten years.

Our vision is really just the same as the vision of 1913: to welcome the 'stranger' and become a 'house of prayer for all people'. Will you please do everything you can to pray and act and give to achieve our godly ambitions, for the glory of the Lord.

And please pray, especially, for the leaders elected at the AGM to important positions for this crucial year in the life of our parish:

**Wardens:**

Philip Bell, Andrew Killen and Craig Taylor

**Parish Councillors:**

Angie Black, Rebecca Forbes, Tori Grimes,  
Andrew Loel, Sebastian McIntosh,  
Kylie Roberts, Andrew Wiseman, Alban Wong

**Parish Nominators:**

Cath Ahern, John Campbell, Bill Hurditch,  
Andrew Marks, Rick Seton

**Synod Representatives:**

Glynn Evans, Stephen Judd

God bless,  
John

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

We beseech you, almighty God,  
to look in mercy on your people:  
that by your great goodness  
they may be governed  
and preserved evermore;  
through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.

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# COMMUNITY WATCH

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## THIS WEEK

### 🕒 **Environmental Action Group Talk & Discussion**

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)

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

Tue 4th Apr 7:45pm

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

Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Peter Watson

## COMING UP

### 🕒 **Easter Services**

Good Friday 14th Apr | 8:30am & 10am

Easter Day 16th Apr | 8:30am, 10am, 5pm, 7pm

## FOR THE DIARY

*Dates for your diary - more details to come*

### 🕒 **Men's Ministry** | Sat 29th Apr

Barefoot Bowls & BBQ Afternoon/Evening

***Save the Date!***

## PLEASE PRAY

### 🕒 **Churchwide**

Praise God for the Gala dinner last Saturday. Give thanks for all the inspiration and perspiration of those that organised and ran the evening, and for the generosity of those who donated auction items and those who bought them. Pray that this event be an inspiration for other community activities we can hold in the new building.

### 🕒 **8:30am**

Pray for healing for Judith Riches who has had surgery to insert a plate into a broken femur following a fall at home last Sunday.

Pray for relief from severe discomfort for Lesley McQueen who sustained multiple broken bones on her left side following a car collision last Sunday.

Pray for the Rev. Philip Peters who has been in hospital for tests. He is now home. Thank God that his condition has improved.

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Thank God for progress and healing for Joyce Dinan in rehab and for Colin Yarham recovering from surgery for a broken elbow. Thank God that David Lim was quickly able to obtain a US visa to attend his sister's funeral.

## ☛ 7pm

A number of youth and young adults have over the past month had a friend or family member pass away. Pray for God's peace for these people as they experience difficult times and for His wisdom as young people wrestle with mortality.

## ☛ St Andrew's Ministries

Pray for our Small Group leaders as they nurture, encourage, and pastor the members of their groups. Ask that God will continually equip them with his Holy Spirit and with his wisdom for their roles.

## 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.

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

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# MISSION & AID

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## 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 five Youth who decided to follow Jesus last Saturday night at a combined youth 'kick off' event at Minto, and pray that God would continue and complete the good work He has begun in them.

Pray that it will be possible to employ Steve, Eagle Vale's current Student Minister as an 'Evangelist and Community Contact worker' next year in either a part time or full time capacity.

Thank God that several non-Christian women who attend Playgroup who participating in the weekly 'Bible Time', a 20 minute time during

Playgroup, where they are reading through Mark's gospel and able to ask questions. Pray for Elly who leads that; for continued boldness, and that the participants will come to know the Lord Jesus.

Pray for Eagle Vale's fortnightly door to door visitation; for open doors and hearts to the gospel.

Thank God for the good number of non-Christian contacts being made through the Self Defence and Fitness Classes on a Thursday night and for the 5 non-Christians who come to 'Bible time' before the class. Pray that they will develop a faith in Jesus.

Pray for Eagle Vale's MTS worker Georgia; that she will keep growing in the Lord and that she will be used by Him to grow the kingdom.

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# 2020 VISION PROJECT GALA DINNER

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Big things were promised for our Gala Dinner.... and big things were delivered! A wonderful night was enjoyed by those who attended last Saturday evening's Gala Dinner. The hall could have been nicknamed "Cinderella" such was the transformation (and the return to normal at midnight).

A huge thank you to the committee who organised the event (Bambi Staveley, Tori Grimes, Jenny Jessup, Alys Martin, Emily Gavrily and Christine O'Brien), as well as the many other volunteers who helped both in the lead-up to the event, and on the night.

And of course, the question on everyone's lips.... "How much was raised?" Praise God that just over \$40,000 was raised through this event! A huge thank you too to all who donated items for the auction.





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# SERMON NOTES

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*Words you'll need for  
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**  
require a tax deduction, please contact  
our Executive Pastor, Santino Dimarco.

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