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WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
9TH APRIL 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,

As I bring our 14-week *Spectator's Guide to Jesus* to a close this Sunday, I wanted to offer below a short summary of the series, and also draw your attention to the next sermon series, *Blessed: the Teachings of Christ for Complex Times*, a 12-week tour through the famous Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)

exploring what it means to practise the way of Jesus in the nitty-gritty of 21st-century culture. Apart from when I am enjoying annual leave, I will again be relishing (perhaps monopolising) the privilege of preaching God's word to you week-by-week over the next several months.

A Summary of a *Spectator's Guide to Jesus*

Belonging to the movement inspired by the man from Nazareth begins with careful reflection on the many and varied portraits of him found in the earliest **Sources**, both those external to the Bible and, especially, the texts of the New Testament, particularly the Gospels. More than that, it involves allowing these portraits to have their intended effect. Following Jesus, then, means learning and applying the wisdom of the **Teacher** and his way of love, alleviating suffering in the name of

the **Healer**, and submitting to the **Prophet** who stood at the crossroads of history, calling us to turn our lives around. And, yet, we live out our imperfect lives within the perfect life of Jesus the true **Israel**, who prevailed where we all fail and who covers our sin with his righteousness.

To be a Christian is also to bear the name (and shame) of the **Christ**, and to revere him as the **Judge** of all injustice, including the injustice in me. At the same time, it is to approach him as the **Friend** of sinners, as the **Temple** of divine presence and mercy, and the **Saviour** who died for us all to bear our judgment and guarantee our forgiveness. So long as these varied portraits are held in careful balance—part of the fun and seriousness of the Christian life—true believers will never be smug in their goodness or burdened by their unworthiness.

As the risen one, Jesus is also **Adam**, the progenitor of a new humanity and the guarantor of our own resurrection to eternal life. With this hope, we can sit loosely to the claims of our culture, knowing that all earthly empires pass into oblivion, while the kingdom of the true **Caesar** reigns eternal.

Knowing Jesus, finally, involves embracing a scandalous paradox: the one in whose face we see Almighty **God** also came to be the **Servant** of all. No belief is more counter-intuitive or revolutionary. If it is true, it means that at the

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heart of the universe is One who values humility above status, service above power, and generosity above privilege. And if I truly believe this, nothing will ever be the same.

God bless,

John

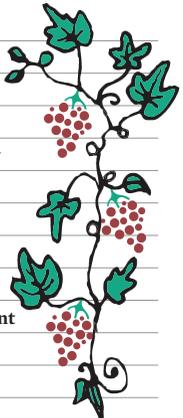


PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty and everlasting God, in tender love towards mankind you sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take our nature upon him and to suffer death on the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: grant that we may follow the example of his suffering, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Examining the practical relevance
of Christ's Sermon on the Mount.

- ☞ 30 April The pursuit of happiness
- ☞ 7 May The shape of goodness
- ☞ 14 May The light of the world
- ☞ 21 May The end of the law
- ☞ 28 May The friend and the family
- ☞ 4 June The answer to revenge
- ☞ 11 June The trap of hypocrisy
- ☞ 18 June The true treasure
- ☞ 25 June The antidote to worry
- ☞ 2 July The key to good judgement
- ☞ 9 July The fruit of good living
- ☞ 16 July The foundation of life



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COMMUNITY WATCH

THIS WEEK

☛ Easter Services

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

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

COMING UP

☛ Men's Barefoot Bowls & BBQ

Sat 29th Apr | 3pm - 5pm, followed by BBQ

Killara Bowling Club

Cost: \$30 (\$15 students/unemployed)

Payment in advance by EFT to:

St Andrew's Roseville

BSB 062 240 A/C 0090 0162

Please use 'BFB' and your surname
in the transaction details.

RSVP by Wed 26th April to
mens-events@standrews.net.au

☛ Meals Ministry Cook-up & Kid's Ministry Craft Prep

Tue 2nd May - 9:30am - 12noon
in the Church Hall

All are welcome to be involved.

Contact: office@standrews.net.au

FOR THE DIARY

Dates for your diary - more details to come

☛ SMBC Children's Ministry Conference | Sat 6th May 9am - 3pm

Contact cath.ahern@standrews.net.au
to register.

☛ Term 3 Church-wide Prayer Meeting | Wed 24th May 7:30pm - 8:30pm

PLEASE PRAY

☛ Churchwide

Pray for the Term 2 sermon series on the
Sermon on the Mount, *Blessed: The Ethics of
Christ for Complex Times*. Pray that many
newcomers will come either through the
distribution of flyers or personal invite and
learn how following the teaching of Jesus is
the way to live a blessed life.

☛ 8:30am

Thank God for Joyce Dinan's return home
from rehabilitation and that her health is much
improved.

Pray for Judith Riches, Leslie McQueen and
Colin Yarham; that they will continue to heal
following recent injuries.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

🕒 10am

Pray for Amity Roger's next scan scheduled for 19 April. Pray that there is no progression of the brain tumour. Please pray for good health for Amity so that the scan will be able to proceed. Jackson and Mary Ellen may need to make a significant decision on intervention depending on the results of the scan. Please pray for wisdom, and that there will continued development in treatment options.

Also, praise God that Baby Rogers finally has a name...Georgia Lily (apologies for the editorial cheekiness!). Pray that Georgia is settling well into the family.

🕒 5pm

Pray for Nikki Walters who has suffered a leg injury that requires surgery. Pray that the surgery can happen soon and that her leg will be fully healed.

🕒 St Andrew's Ministries

Praise God that many St Andrew's Youth have shared this weekend in Katoomba at the KYCK convention with thousands of others. Pray that God will use all they've shared and heard to deepen their understanding and faith in Jesus and cement their relationships with one another.

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.

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

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE PRAYERS

CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have strayed from your ways
like lost sheep,
We have left undone
what we ought to have done,
and we have done
what we ought not to have done.
We have followed our own ways
and the desires of our own hearts.
We have broken your holy laws.
Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us;
restore those who turn to you,
according to your promises
declared to us in Jesus Christ
our Lord.
And grant, merciful Father,
for his sake,
that we may live a godly
and obedient life,
to the glory of your holy name.
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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