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THE BIBLE

WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
14TH MAY 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,

I want to correct an error I made in last week's News, which probably shocked and deflated you. Comparing our 2011 *National Church Life Survey* (NCLS) results with those of 2016, I wrote:

Just 14% of us report that we 'feel at ease talking about faith with others and look for opportunities to do so'. This is down from 68% in 2011. This is remarkable. It almost feels like a survey anomaly. If the figure is correct, there are perhaps some sociological explanations—e.g., a growing sense that Australia is more critical of Christianity than it used to be. But it is also surely partly my fault. I have not inspired an evangelistic heart among us or developed more gospel confidence and skill.

The final sentence may still be true but in comparing 2011's 68% with 2016's 14% I was comparing apples with oranges—or, more accurately, two apples with one apple.

The figure of 68% from 2011 included *two* categories of faith-sharing: (1) "feel at ease talking about faith with others and look for opportunities", which was 18%; and (2)

"mostly feel at ease talking about faith and do so if it comes up", which was 50%.

The 2016 figure of 14% reported last week refers only to the first faith-sharing category: "feel at ease talking about faith with others and look for opportunities". It is down (just a bit) from 18% in 2011. Forgive me for making this basic (disquieting) error.

What about the other faith-sharing category: "mostly feel at ease talking about faith and do so if it comes up"? Unfortunately, we don't know yet. The NCLS whets our appetite by releasing only some 'headline' figures first, and then in the coming weeks they send us the full data. We will let you know.

I truly hope that the second faith-sharing category is up from 50% in 2011. That would allay some of my concerns about our teaching and impact over recent years. The Bible does not teach that every Christian is an 'evangelist' but it does teach that every Christian should "always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have" (1 Peter 3:15). I hope and pray that, over time, every confessing Christian of St Andrew's will feel at ease sharing their faith when it comes up.

Every blessing,

John

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COMMUNITY WATCH

COMING UP

☛ Term 2 Church-wide Prayer Meeting

Wed 24th May | 7:30pm - 8:30pm in the Hall

☛ ReFrame Course Session 4

Mon 29th May | 7:30pm - 9:30pm

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

Contact stuart.holman@standrews.net.au

FOR THE DIARY

Dates for your diary - more details to come

☛ Sun 18th Jun | Belonging Course

PLEASE PRAY

☛ Churchwide

Pray for the team who support our Small Groups Leaders; that they will have wisdom in how to care for the leaders pastorally and help them to develop in their important roles within the small groups.

☛ 8:30am

Please pray for the family of Mark Jolly following his passing this week. Pray for Mark's daughters Suzanne and Roslyn and for the wider family; for comfort during this sad

time and especially on Thursday as Mark's funeral is held at St Andrew's at 12noon.

☛ 10am

Please continue to pray for the healing of Amity Rogers; for wisdom for Jackson and Mary Ellen, and for God's peace in this difficult time.

☛ 5pm

Pray for all school chaplains in their significant roles in the lives of the schools they serve, especially Kirsten Scharkie, Suz Gorham and Jeff Ware. Pray that God will sustain and empower them with his Spirit; to speak, to love and to serve, so that lives would be transformed for Christ.

Praise God that Nikki Walter's leg surgery went well. Pray for a smooth and quick rehabilitation and for Scott as he juggles work and greater family responsibilities.

☛ 7pm

Pray for the 7pm Weekend Away at Stanwell Tops next weekend. Pray especially for Stuart and Cate Holman as they prepare talks and studies on the Psalms; that hearts will be opened to knowing God more deeply through this time away.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

PEWS LOOKING FOR NEW HOMES

In preparation for the replacement of the pews with individual seating, we are wanting to offer them for sale first to St Andrew's parishioners. The money raised will be used to help fund the purchase of the new chairs.

There are 51 pews being sold (all measurements are approximate):

Under Gallery: 3 x 1.9m and 1 x 2.1m

Gallery: 2 x 2.3m and 12 x 2.75m

Church: 25 x 3.2m and 2 x 3m and 1 x 2.1m

North transept: 1 x 3.5m

Kelman Room: 1 x 3.6m

Storage: 1 x 3.9m and 2 x 1.9m

We will take the best offers above \$250 for each of the pews (similar to a silent auction). To place your bid go to

www.tinyurl.com/standrewspews

Bidding will close on 31 May.

We are not yet certain as to the timing but we would expect that for those whose bid is successful, they would need to pick up the pew/s on a set date probably in July.

Presuming there are sufficient pews sold amongst the congregation we will arrange a truck to deliver to your home with the costs being shared amongst the buyers.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

The AGM in March approved a plan for the 2017 offertory to be similar to what we received in 2016. To ensure we do not incur a shortfall as we did in 2016, we made significant reductions in our planned spending by reducing staffing as well as the amount given to Mission and Aid. To the end of April the offertory is tracking almost exactly to budget.

You will recall that this budget could not cover the 10am Focus Pastor role currently filled by James Smith. This role has been separately funded by a small group of parishioners for the duration of 2017. Praise God for the wisdom and generosity of this group that means this ministry can continue.

To continue this crucial ministry for 2018 and to ensure other ministry activities such as pastoral care, integrating new parishioners and children's work can be undertaken, we will need to uplift our currently monthly giving by 14%. We hope and pray that this will be met by new members commencing giving and existing members increasing their giving slightly (an additional \$10 per week from everyone would have a significant impact).

The wardens urge you all to support the vital ministries that we are currently engaged in.

**Philip Bell, Craig Taylor and Andrew Killen
- Wardens**

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

MISSION & AID

MALCOLM & LEANNE



📍 South East Asia

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

Give thanks for the special English gathering and meal that was held recently.

Pray that Malcolm and Leanne can stay healthy as the long summer sets in.

Pray for the upcoming series on Ruth. Pray that Malcolm and Leanne can make this simple enough to understand and for people to be able to read the story in their own language.

Pray for the college as it goes through the selection process for new students commencing in August.

Give thanks for continuing opportunities for Malcolm and Leanne to serve at the college.

Give thanks for the opportunities Malcolm and Leanne have to encourage young believers where they are serving.

Pray for the CMS Lasting Hope appeal; that the needed funds will be raised to continue this international mission work.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, you alone can order the unruly wills and passions of sinful people: grant to your people that they may love what you command and desire what you promise, that so, among the many and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE PRAYERS

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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THE ST ANDREW'S CHURCH PRAYER

(Congregation reads *bold italicised text*)

***Dear Lord, our Creator and our Redeemer,
please enable our church to become
all that You want us to be.***

☞ **All: *Above all, teach us to worship you.***

Leader: In large and small gatherings, in heartfelt prayer, in knowing and obeying Your Word, and through our music, help us to put our hope in Your coming kingdom and to live for Your glory now and always.

☞ **All: *Merciful God, inspire us to love one another in practical ways.***

Leader: May we value each other's company and friendship, and, mindful of Christ's sacrifice, teach us to care deeply for those in need in our church family and the wider community, so that no one around us would suffer unassisted.

☞ **All: *Enable us, Lord, to promote the gospel of Jesus Christ in our words and actions.***

Leader: Give us more people gifted for the task of evangelism, and enable all of us to share our faith whenever opportunity allows.

☞ **All: *Sovereign Lord, add to our number many who come to know Your grace.***

Leader: May our buildings and ministry teams expand to welcome them, so that you are honoured throughout our community.

☞ **All: *Gracious God, thankful for your blessings make us a deeply generous church.***

Leader: Help us to meet and expand our annual budget and to increase our giving to overseas mission and aid.

☞ **All: *Lord of the world, may we be international in our concern.***

Leader: Enable us always to support and pray for Your people throughout the world, and may our church over time be blessed with the rich diversity of nationalities in our region.

☞ **All: *Our great God, fashion us to become 'a light on a stand'.***

Leader: Help us to offer a centre of community for Roseville and beyond. Give us grace to serve with local churches and to share the good things of St Andrew's with everyone.

All: *Above all, may we offer to others an example of lives lived in the power of Your Holy Spirit, after the pattern of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in honour of you, our Creator and our Redeemer. 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.

The current year budget includes an allocation of
10% of general offertory to Mission & Aid.

➤ 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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