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**IN PRAYER**  
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**WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE**  
**18TH JUNE 2017**

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*Believes*  
**IN NEWS**

*All that's going on  
around St Andrew's*

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# FROM THE THE EXECUTIVE PASTOR

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## **SANTINO DIMARCO**

### **Executive Pastor**

Dear St Andrew's,

As I'm sure you know, Mary Ellen and Jackson Rogers (from our 10am congregation) are faced with the most heart-wrenching situation as they seek the best way of caring for their 5-year-old daughter Amity. Amity was diagnosed 11 months ago with a brain tumour for which there are currently no definitive treatment options.

Soon after diagnosis, Amity underwent radiation therapy which had a positive impact on the tumour. The radiation therapy also had a positive impact on the symptoms that had first alerted Jackson and Mary Ellen to Amity's illness.

However, the radiation treatment for the type of tumour Amity has (Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma or "DIPG") was never expected to fully heal Amity.

Sadly, Amity's most recent scans have shown that the tumour is growing. Amity has also more recently shown the recurrence of symptoms that confirm this.

It is very difficult for Mary Ellen and Jackson to discern what the next step should be in seeking the best outcome for Amity. Without a miracle and/or without further treatment, the prognosis for Amity is bleak, and very short.

Jackson and Mary Ellen have thoroughly investigated all of the latest treatment options and have determined that Intra-arterial Therapy (IA) is the next step for their care of Amity. Intra-arterial Therapy, while experimental, is showing signs of promise for some patients. The treatment itself, when compared to other treatment options, is considered to be a little easier for a young child to cope with. On the downside, the IA treatment is only available in Monterrey, Mexico. This may seem surprising but the investigations they have made suggest that this particular region of Mexico, as it is close to the border with the United States, is very "Americanised". Monterrey itself is a very advanced city and the treatment will be administered in a first-class private hospital.

It is impossible to put ourselves in the position that Mary Ellen and Jackson find themselves. Their grief, anxiety and emotional pain is enormous and there is little practical help we can give them to lessen their deep anguish. What we can do though is support them in their decision to do what they believe is best for Amity.

How can we support them? I'll state the obvious first and that is to pray, pray and pray to our Father in Heaven; pray for Amity to be restored to full health. Pray also that the treatment will be well received by Amity and will make a positive difference. Pray for strength and courage, not

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only for Amity, but for Jackson, Mary Ellen, and Amity's siblings Atticus, Rufus and baby Georgia. Secondly, the treatment regime they are seeking for Amity is expensive. For an approximate 3-month treatment regime, together with relocation costs and the like, the figure comes to around AUD\$260,000. Put simply, this is an amount that Jackson and Mary Ellen do not have access to.

As their church family, I am appealing to all at St Andrew's to consider financially assisting the Rogers family. Our Necessitous Circumstances fund can be used to receive funds to support them, with the advantage that any support you give will be eligible for a tax deduction. The support for the Rogers is also being promoted beyond the St Andrew's community (e.g. Amity's school community) and those from outside St Andrew's can also use our Necessitous Circumstances fund to provide support.

A website has been setup by a friend of the Rogers that allows us to gain a more detailed understanding of Amity's situation as well as a link within the site which takes you to the donation page.

The website address is **[www.inamityscorner.com](http://www.inamityscorner.com)** . Alternatively, if you would like to go straight to the donation site, the address is **[www.tinyurl.com/supportforrogers](http://www.tinyurl.com/supportforrogers)** .

Please prayerfully consider if you can support Amity, Jackson and Mary Ellen in this time of deep need, and no matter whether you can give financial support, please also pray, pray, pray.

Blessings,  
Santino

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## *Postscript*

*The decision to have Amity undergo this treatment, and the need to travel to Mexico for it, is an extremely difficult decision for Mary Ellen and Jackson to make. At the time of publishing this News, their plan is to travel to Mexico this week and then finalise the decision whether to proceed with treatment once they are there. Please uphold them in prayer; that they will know God's guidance and have a deep sense of peace with their decision.*

*Should they decide to not proceed with the treatment, their need for financial support will be significantly less than stated above. However they will still be in need of a reduced amount of financial support. We will update the Parish on their decision as soon as we know.*

*Due to this uncertainty, you may wish to provide an **initial** level of support now, and later provide **further** support if it is confirmed that they are proceeding with the treatment.*

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# COMMUNITY WATCH

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## NOW IS THE TIME

With the end of the financial year fast approaching, now is the time to make your contribution to the St Andrew's 2020 Vision Project.

To date, total donations and forward pledges mean that we are just over the half-way point to fund the total project.

If you require tax deductibility, we need to receive your donation by June 29.

Early in Term 3 the Wardens and Parish Council will report to the parish on the building project funds and planned next steps.

### **NOTE: NEW BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS**

**Tax-deductible** contributions can be made via:

St Andrew's Roseville Donation Fund  
BSB 032 102 | A/C 141 628

If you would like to support the Property Redevelopment but **do not** require a tax deduction, please use the following account:

St Andrew's Roseville  
BSB 032 102 | A/C 141 839

*For all EFT contributions please include your surname and the initials "PV" (for Property Vision) in the reference field.*

If you prefer to make your contribution by cheque, please contact [santino.dimarco@standrews.net.au](mailto:santino.dimarco@standrews.net.au)

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

## THIS WEEK

### ☛ **StreetWork Supporter's Breakfast**

Sat 24th Jun | 8am In the Church Hall

To hear about and support StreetWork's efforts for at-risk youth in our local community.

Please RSVP to [rsvp@streetwork.org.au](mailto:rsvp@streetwork.org.au) or contact **02 9419 7559**

## FOR THE DIARY

- ☛ Sat 12th Aug | *Save the date!*  
ESL 15 Year Anniversary Dinner  
All are welcome to attend.

## PLEASE PRAY

### ☛ **Churchwide**

Praise God for the newcomers that He is bringing to St Andrew's and pray that the Belonging course lunch today will be an enjoyable time of fellowship and will help those who attend to understand and catch God's purpose for St Andrew's and their part within it.

Give thanks for the many women who were able to enjoy an afternoon in the Psalms yesterday, led by Cate and Stuart Holman. Pray that all who attended will continue to be

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enriched as they immerse themselves in the Psalms day-by-day.

## ☛ 8:30am

Pray for Bob and Judith Riches as Judith recovers from a fall and a leg injury and as Bob receives treatment following a heart attack on Friday. Pray for a good recovery for both of them and for God's peace in this stressful time.

## ☛ 10am

Pray for Jackson, Mary Ellen and Amity Rogers as they make decisions about the treatment of Amity's brain tumour. Pray for wisdom and some peace amidst the anxiety of

this very difficult time. Pray that they will know God's immense love for them.

Thank God that He is constantly calling more to know him. Pray for Toga Yusufov as he is baptised today; that he will continue to grow in love and obedience of Christ into adulthood and remain his faithful servant all his life.

Pray for for Suz Gorham as she has surgery on Wednesday. Pray for peace for her and her family and a good recovery and healing for Suz following the surgery.

## ☛ 7pm

Pray for the uni students who are currently sitting their exams; that they will be focused in their studies, not be anxious and instead put their trust in God's plans.

## ☛ St Andrew's Ministries

Pray for those in Nursing Homes and Hostels who are no longer able to regularly worship with us. Beverley Glissan, Margaret Green, Naida Holliday, Margaret Rook, Adrienne Searle, and Frank Wyndham. Pray for Peter Watson, Marion Stanbridge and Judy Hodges who lead the visitation team and for others from St Andrew's who assist them.

*If you would like to communicate prayer points to the Ministry Team, please email*

**[prayer@standrews.net.au](mailto:prayer@standrews.net.au)**

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: mercifully accept our prayers, and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do nothing good without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

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# MISSION & AID

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## MALCOLM & LEANNE



### ➡ South East Asia

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

Pray for Leanne as she takes a course on teaching English as a Second Language. The course is very demanding. Pray for perseverance, good understanding and for opportunities to serve others with what she learns.

Thank God for the dedication and enthusiasm of the young people Mal and Leanne are working with.

Pray for Malcolm as he gets some Moore PTC course notes edited and translated for a course he is involved in next semester. Pray for a smooth process and that the translation will be good.

Pray for an interpreter for Malcolm to work with at the college. Pray that the right person will be found, particularly someone who uses the local language nuances.

Thank God that Malcolm and Leanne's son Jaryd has temporary accomodation. Pray that he will find a more permanent place soon.

Pray for Malcolm and Leanne's health, energy and stamina as they cope with the heat and humidity of the summer season. Pray for contentment and joy in Christ.

*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.

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 Roseville Donation Fund**  
BSB 032 102 | A/C 141 628

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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