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NEWS &
THE BIBLE

WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 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,

One of the fun things about last week's Foundation Day was the 'unveiling' of our new chairs! Many remarked how replacing pews with chairs somehow "opened up" the building. Of course, it will also make the space more flexible: picture a sleep-over movie night for the kids, a large banquet hall for the adults, or an art gallery for the wider community. The very simple chair stacking system means that we can adjust or empty the building with ease. Most importantly, we have instantly expanded the seating capacity of the church. We set out 315 chairs last week—an effective increase, we think, of about 50 seats. But with a small adjustment of rows at the front (where the 'frontals' still remain) and a slight narrowing of the carpeted centre aisle, we can comfortably fit another 40 chairs, giving us an absolute capacity of 355. Of course, I've mentioned before that research indicates churches struggle to grow past 70% of a building's seating capacity (whatever the size), but these recent changes at least give us an opportunity to maintain moderate growth in the short-to-medium term.

You may like to know that our chairs are modelled on the world standard conference chair known as the *Howe 40/4*. You should Google it to learn the extraordinary history and success of this chair. It has never been out of production since its launch in 1964. More than 8 million have sold. And if you've ever sat in one of the 2,500 chairs of St Paul's Cathedral in London, you have already sat in our chair! (Ditto: Canterbury Cathedral).

The chair retails at more than \$300 each. We could have got them for \$275 in a bulk order of 350. We would never have spent that much on seating, but we were desperate for this chair. I want everyone to know that our Executive Pastor Santino Dimarco threw himself into researching and sourcing chairs. He found a factory in China that could make and deliver these chairs at a much cheaper price. After several communications, Santino hopped on a plane and visited the factory to assess their capacity and quality. After some further due diligence, the Wardens gave the go-ahead to purchase the chairs. Once the chairs were manufactured, Santino hopped back on a plane to test the quality before payment. When everything was on track, we proceeded with the order and delivery. The result: including airfares and shipping costs, we got these chairs

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for just over \$71 each. Mr Dimarco just saved the church \$66,000!

I want to say a heartfelt thank you to Santino for this wonderful effort on our behalf. I also want to thank all those who helped with the removal of the pews, especially James Roberts ('J.R.') who is a powerhouse of strength and diligence.

In the end, this piece of infrastructure—with all its planning, financing, and brute effort—is about *people*. We want to see more and more people coming to know God's grace among us. May this small transformation be a sign of things to come for our entire property, as we strive together to see more and more people coming to know God's grace among us.

How large is our Christian vision?

Every blessing,

John

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

THIS WEEK

👉 Women's Christmas Night

Wed 8th Nov | 7:00pm

In the Church Hall

Cost: \$15 (pay on the night)

Speaker: Angie Black (10am congregation)
'Have yourself a very healthy Christmas'

RSVP by Friday 3 November to
womensevents@standrews.net.au

👉 Men's Event: Pitch & Putt

Sat 11th Nov | 4pm-8pm

Terrey Hills Par 3 Golf

18 holes of golf followed by a sausage sizzle.

Cost: \$40 (\$20 student/unemployed).

RSVP by Wed 8th Nov to
mens-events@standrews.net.au

COMING UP

👉 TEAR Australia Useful Gifts

Sun 12th Nov | After each service

An opportunity to purchase from the TEAR Useful Gift catalogue as a unique way to give worthwhile Christmas gifts to your friends and family.

You can preview the catalogue at
www.usefulgifts.org

👉 StAR Tour - trip to NSW Central West

StAR (St Andrew's Roseville) Tour is a mid-week holiday for adults, 21-23 March 2018, to the Central West of NSW, including fine dining experiences, lots of fun and fellowship, and Motel style accommodation.

An Information Lunch about the trip will be held on: Sun 26th Nov | 12noon
in the Kelman Room, cost \$10

RSVP for the lunch to
stuart.holman@standrews.net.au

FOR THE DIARY

Dates for your diary - more details to come

👉 Sat 9th Dec | Carols on Clanville

👉 Sun 17th Dec | Lessons and Carols

PLEASE PRAY

👉 8:30am

Pray for Ann and Roger Eyland as Roger is in currently in hospital impacted by the advanced stages of Parkinson's Disease. Pray for wisdom for those treating Roger and pray for Ann as she tries to get updated information on Roger's condition to help with decisions about his care.

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Pray for the number of those in the 8:30am congregation who are currently unwell with the flu. Pray for good rest and a full recovery.

🕒 10am

Give thanks to God for the baptism of Emily Do. Pray that her parents Paul and Angela will nurture Emily in the Christian faith and that she will grow up knowing Jesus as her Lord and Saviour.

Pray for Amity and the Rogers family as the symptoms from Amity's brain tumour continue to worsen. Pray for Jackson, Mary Ellen, Amity and her siblings Atticus, Rufus and Georgia as they cope with this terrible situation. Pray that the symptoms will subside and for a miraculous healing.

🕒 5pm

Pray for the INF women's trek group who are currently in Nepal. The group includes Jo Beeston and Selena Courtness from the 5pm congregation. Thank God that the group will be able to visit INF's Green Pastures Hospital. The hospital is being supported by this year's Foundation Day fundraising as well as funds raised by the trek group themselves. Pray for good health and safety for the participants during the trek. Pray that many people, some of the poorest in Nepal, will receive life-

transforming treatment at Green Pastures Hospital.

Pray for Jane Clifford as she has an operation this week. Pray for good rest and recovery for Jane following the operation.

🕒 7pm

Thank God for sustaining students through the HSC and IB and pray for those still sitting HSC exams this week and IB exams over the next few weeks. Pray especially for good use of time over the break and that they will trust God with His plans for them as they await results.

Pray for the uni students who are heading into their exam season; that they will keep their eyes fixed on Jesus and not be too anxious.

🕒 Other

Please pray for the Morris family, who attend St Thomas' North Sydney and are known by some of St Andrew's Youth, following the tragic death of their son Marcus. Pray that in their deep grief they will find comfort and hope from their faith. Pray also for their church family at St Thomas'; that they can care for all those impacted by this tragedy, particularly young men and women, with wisdom and compassion.

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FOUNDATION DAY GIVING

Thank you for the support received so far in response to our Foundation Day giving appeal.

For those who were unable to attend Foundation Day and would still like to make a contribution, pledges can be made online at

www.standrews.net.au/foundationday

Please fulfil your pledge by 15th November (by EFT, cheque, or cash).

To fulfil your pledge via EFT, please use the following account, and include your surname and 'FD17' in the reference field.

St Andrew's Roseville

BSB 032 102

A/c 141 839

This year's Foundation Day causes:

26% - Anglicare Indigenous Support - Blacktown LGA

16% - Asian Seminaries, training pastors

8% - New Churches for New Communities

8% - International Nepal Fellowship

8% - Bible Society

34% - St Andrew's Regular Mission & Aid

Nb 50% of gifts are eligible for a tax deduction.

MISSION & AID

MALCOLM & LEANNE

🕒 South East Asia

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

Pray that Malcolm and Leanne can focus on all they have to do, as they also prepare to come home to Australia at the end of November, for 'home assignment'.

Pray for Malcolm and Leanne that as they say goodbye they can be an encouragement to those around them and thank God for the friends they've made over these 3 years.

Thank God that in spite of Malcolm and Leanne having to come in and out of the country every 3 months for the last 3 years, they have never had to explain to the authorities.

Pray that the students at the college will be able to maintain enthusiasm for English and their other classes in this, their last semester.

Thank God that Malcolm and Leanne have so far been protected from Dengue Fever.

Pray that Leanne won't have any problems with her injured leg as they travel back to Australia.

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

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE PRAYERS

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily glorify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. 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.

There may be an opportunity
for Q&A after the sermon.
Questions will be taken from
the floor, or can be texted to
0416 874 993.

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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 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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