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*Believe*  
**IN PRAYER**  
**PRAISE**  
**NEWS &**  
**THE BIBLE**

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**WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE**  
**SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2017**

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*Believes*  
**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,

I know we've all got Christmas preparations on our mind at the moment, but I wanted to give you advance notice of the series I'll be preaching to open 2018.

It dawned on us (late) that people tend to 'church-shop' in the first part of the year: some who come to the Christmas services take a second look in January; families with a vague memory of Christianity make a new year's resolution to give church another go; and Christians who've moved into the area, or who are leaving their current church, tend to use the summer period to check out churches. Whatever the motivations, it's a blessing to see new faces at the start of the year.

So you may remember in January-March this year we ditched the normal 'summer series' approach (code for *fill-in* sermons), and experimented with the idea of putting our best foot forward with the *Spectator's Guide to Jesus* series. We focused hard on producing quality services, we advertised widely, and urged our regulars to invite friends and neighbours. To our surprise and delight, a great many visitors wandered into St Andrew's

during January-February 2017, and lots of them have remained with us.

Well, we're going to try it again. For the first ten Sundays of the year (commencing 7 Jan), our theme is:

**FIRST  
THINGS  
FIRST**

### *10 keys for life from the Bible's opening lines*

I'll be taking us slowly through Genesis 1-3, exploring the existence of God, the goodness of the world, the value of humanity, the reality of gender, the importance of rest, and much more. Hopefully, the talks will be both inspiring for believers and intriguing for those who don't believe (please pray this is so). See over the page for the full details. Some printed advertising is on the way.

Let's hit 2018 running as we seek to offer a centre of community to Roseville and beyond.

God bless,

John

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# COMMUNITY WATCH

## FIRST THINGS FIRST

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### SUMMER SERVICE TIMES: 9:30AM & 6PM

(Including kids ministry)

- 🕒 7 Jan **Book of Books**  
*How can I read the Bible as a grown-up?*
- 🕒 14 Jan **God is Not a god**  
*Do I need 'faith' to know God exists?*
- 🕒 21 Jan **Matter Really Matters**  
*Why look after myself and the world?*
- 🕒 28 Jan **Imago Dei**  
*How can we all be equally valuable?*

### REGULAR SERVICE TIMES: 8AM, 10AM, 5PM, 7PM

(Our 10am and 5pm services include kids ministry)

- 🕒 4 Feb **Male & Female**  
*Are sex and gender real?*
- 🕒 11 Feb **Rest**  
*How can I work hard and play well?*
- 🕒 18 Feb **True Freedom**  
*Will following rules ruin my life?*
- 🕒 25 Feb **One Flesh**  
*What's the point of (traditional) marriage?*
- 🕒 4 Mar **Fallen**  
*Does the concept of 'sin' undermine self-esteem?*
- 🕒 11 Mar **Re-creation**  
*What does God intend to do about the mess?*

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE

### 🕒 Sunday 17th December

7:15pm Traditional Lessons and Carols  
(plus, our regular 10:00am and 5:00pm  
Contemporary services with kids ministry)

### 🕒 Sunday 24th Christmas Eve

5:00pm Kiddy farm, BBQ,  
followed by 6:00pm Family service  
11:00pm Contemporary communion service

### 🕒 Monday 25th Christmas Day

8:30am Traditional Christmas service  
10:00am Contemporary Christmas service



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## ☛ **Christmas Day Lunch at St Andrew's**

Mon 25th December | 12.30pm – 2.30pm

St Andrew's Church Hall

Christmas Lunch is completely free and is open to anyone who would like a little more company this Christmas. Please invite anyone who you think would like to come.

RSVP by Thu 21st December to Bambi [events@standrews.net.au](mailto:events@standrews.net.au) or 0414 889 486

*Volunteers are needed:* Set-up and Pack-up, Food donations & prep, Serving, Greeting, and Financial donations.

Email [volunteers@standrews.net.au](mailto:volunteers@standrews.net.au)

## ☛ **Summer Services**

Sun 31 Dec 2017 | 9:30am - 1 service only

7 Jan - 28th Jan 2018 | 9:30am & 6:00pm

## ☛ **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.

The trip includes fine dining experiences, lots of fun and fellowship, and motel style accommodation.

Register at [www.tinyurl.com/startours2018](http://www.tinyurl.com/startours2018)  
Registration forms are also available on the display cabinet at the rear of the church.

## PLEASE PRAY

### ☛ **Churchwide**

Thank God for the success of last night's Carols. Pray that those from the local community who attended will be inspired to know more deeply the message of Jesus our Saviour being born.

### ☛ **8:30am**

Pray for Deirdre Syme who is in hospital for tests; that she will be comfortable and full of peace.

Pray for Judith Skingsley, Janet and Brian Richardson, Bert Oosterhoff and Naida Holliday; that they will know God's sustaining love as they deal with illness or frailty.

### ☛ **10am**

Pray for 6 year-old Amity Rogers as her condition has now deteriorated significantly and her quality of life is very poor. Pray that she will not suffer from strong bouts of nausea and especially pray for God's spirit to help her understand that she will soon be with Him. Pray for Amity's parents Mary Ellen and Jackson, for them to have the right words at the right time, to say to both Amity and her brothers. Pray that the family will sense comfort that only God can provide.

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Give thanks to God for the baptism today of Archie Dennis. Pray that his parents, Angus and Penny, will nurture him and his brothers, Rex and Henry, in the Christian faith so that they will all come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

## 🕒 7pm

Give thanks to God for our various 7pm ministry teams: the Service Team, the Integration and Welcoming Team, the Music Team, and the Events Team. Pray that God will use these people to multiply creative and effective ministries and grow his kingdom.

## 🕒 Youth

Pray for our youth team who run our Youth Service in parallel to our regular 5pm service. Pray for fruitful ministry, a good rest over summer, and energy for the new year. Pray for our new Youth Ministers Lauren and Grant Van Der Merwe as they prepare to move to St Andrew's in February next year.

## 🕒 St Andrew's Ministries

Give thanks to God for our team of people who visit and pastorally care for residents of local aged care facilities; Archbold House, Bupa Roseville and Ashley House. Pray that God's love will be clearly understood and received this Christmas.

## MISSION & AID

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

## JENNY FALLON

### 🕒 SIM (Serving In Mission) Australia

Jenny Fallon is the Pastoral Care and Development Coordinator for SIM in Australia. Jenny and her husband Dale have recently returned to Malawi for 6 months to visit and serve SIM colleagues in the region.

Praise God for Jenny and Dale's renewed relationships in Malawi and for clear ministry.

Pray for Dale recovering from a compressed nerve and herniated discs in his back, which has given him right leg pain, weakness and inability to sit for long.

Pray that Malawi would experience regular, adequate rains this season and for God's protection over the crops.

Pray for Dale and Jenny, for patience and grace in adjusting to long power outages daily; for wisdom and integrity for those in authority in Malawi trying to find solutions for this issue.

Pray that God will call more workers to join in ministry to the Yao people, and for SIM staff who are currently working with them.

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# PROPERTY REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

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The St Andrew's *2020Vision* maps out the strategies to achieve substance and growth for our church community together with the intended positive outcomes we hope to achieve for the community of Roseville and beyond.

A key component of our vision is the redevelopment of our physical facilities to enable and support our growing ministries. Our *2020Vision* Project was launched some years ago and many dedicated St Andrew's members have given generously to fund this redevelopment.

To date we have received just under \$6 million in cash and future pledges with a target of \$10.8 million (the initial est. project cost).

After considerable reflection and discussion, and taking into account the funds available to us, the Parish Council has formed the view that the redevelopment cannot be undertaken as one project. We will need to build our new facilities in at least 2, possibly 3, stages.

The first stage would be the demolition of our current church hall, building underground parking for 20 vehicles, youth space, Sunday School space, meeting rooms, kitchen, bathroom facilities and church offices. This new structure would link into our current worship space, but in Stage 1 we would not be increasing the size of the worship space. The house at 1 Bancroft Ave would also remain and revert to being fully used as a residence.

Updated design plans have been prepared and approved by Parish Council to take to the next stage of the development process. The Parish Council has also approved ongoing discussions with our architects, AJ&C, and the engagement of a Project Manager, The Midson Group, to progress these plans, liaise with Ku-ring-gai Council on a variation to our DA and commence discussions with some construction firms to consider building costs.

One reason for the apparent slow progress of this project is due to our need to keep building costs at a minimum whilst still delivering the improved infrastructure. In an environment of high building costs this is proving to be a challenge but please be assured that we are striving to ensure that the generous financial contributions we have received are wisely spent – this is not a quick process.

The Parish Council will closely monitor these developments over the coming months and call a Parish Meeting once appropriate plans, together with appropriate and realistic construction costs, are available.

Please continue to pray for the growth of the Christian community of St Andrew's, together with our ability to provide appropriate facilities to support our growing ministries.

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

*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.

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.

## 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.

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Blessed Lord, you have caused  
all holy scriptures to be written  
for our learning: grant us so  
to hear them, read, mark, learn,  
and inwardly digest them, that,  
encouraged and supported by your  
holy Word, we may embrace and  
always hold fast the joyful hope  
of everlasting life, which you have  
given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
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 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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