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NEWS &
THE BIBLE

WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER 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 have a few things on my mind at the moment. First, I can't get the Rogers family out of my head and prayers. I'm sure many of you feel the same. Please, let's continue to plead the Lord to give them all, especially Amity, grace upon grace in this darkest hour.

Hardly anything seems important compared with what the Rogers are facing. But there is much to ponder, pray about, and for which we can all give thanks.

The second thing on my mind is James Smith—and, of course, Karen and Keziah. What joy that family has brought to our church, and what a blessing it's been to have James as a colleague. As you know, James is soon to become the Rector, or Senior Minister, of St John's Beecroft. I can't believe we say goodbye to them this Sunday. James left a perfectly respectable career in business consulting to re-train for three years at Moore College and then give us his first few years of full time ministry. He was always going to lead his own parish. It just came sooner than we wanted. I will miss James' amazing work efficiency, his affable presence in every context, his teachable spirit, and his capacity to convey God's grace to all he

meets (from the first-time visitor to those who've been at St Andrew's for 50 years).

Thirdly, please be praying for the updated building plans, as per the Wardens' note last week. We are engaging builders for a detailed plan and costings for 'part 1' of our two or three part approach to bringing our physical property into line with our gospel strategy to become a "centre of community for Roseville and beyond" so that more and more people will come to know God's grace through St Andrew's. More details in the new year.

Fourthly, let me remind you that we commence a new series—ideal for visitors and regulars—on the first Sunday of January for the first 10 weeks of the year. It's called *FIRST THINGS FIRST: Ten Keys for Life from the Bible's Opening Lines*. I'll be exploring everything from the existence of God to the meaning of gender, from the importance of rest to the problem of suffering—all from Genesis 1-3. Please be praying: for me, that I'll prepare material that is true and helpful; for ourselves, that we will invite our friends and neighbours; and for all the visitors who find themselves in St Andrew's in the first few months of the year. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It is a privilege to serve with you.

God bless,

John

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COMMUNITY WATCH

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 or 0414 889 486

☺ 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

Registration forms are also available on the display cabinet at the rear of the church.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

PLEASE PRAY

☛ Churchwide

Give thanks to God for bringing James and Karen Smith to minister among us. Pray for a good transition to their new parish of Beecroft, for new friendships for all the family, for wisdom in their new roles, and God's provision and blessing.

As Amity Rogers health continues to decline, please pray for God's peace to be with the whole Rogers family. Pray especially for Amity; that she can sleep well and that her medication will help reduce the pain and discomfort she is experiencing. Pray also for Mary Ellen and Jackson; that they will be guided by God's Spirit in all of their discussions and support of Amity and the family. Pray for good rest for Mary Ellen and Jackson too.

☛ 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

Praise God for the birth this week of a baby boy, George, to Andy Thirlwell and Rhonda Grant. Pray that he will be a source of joy for the whole family, and always know throughout his life the love of God in Jesus Christ.

☛ 5pm

Praise God for 5pm's growing experience of being a Christian community together. Pray that we will continue to genuinely grow in this way so that we increasingly reach out and welcome new members. We thank God for all the people who have so generously contributed to our Sit-down Suppers and other activities throughout the year.

☛ 7pm

Praise God for all the people who have stepped up into new positions of ministry around 7pm this year: Small Group Leaders, Integration Team members, Events Team members, Music Team, the 7pm Service Team, Kids ministry, and Youth ministry.

Pray that God will raise up new leaders for many ministries in 2018, especially Small Group Leaders.

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➡ St Andrew's Ministries

Pray for the the HUB Holiday Program week in 2018 (16th-20th April) and the many opportunities to serve. Pray that God will provide many to help with evangelism, prayer, food prep, logistics, programming and kids activities.

Praise God for a wonderful end to the year for our various mid-week Kids ministries. Pray that God will work through the telling of the Christmas message at each event and that the many members of our community who do not know Jesus will consider him this Christmas season.

➡ Other

Please pray for Anglicare during this Christmas season as they seek to provide food and gifts to thousands of families who would otherwise go without. Pray for their staff and volunteers and all who are served by this ministry; that they will know God's care for them during this time.

Pray for Roseville Public School Principal Sean Moran, Roseville College Principal Deb Magill and all at St Andrew's who work in schools locally and beyond. Pray for them and their students in this busy end of year time and pray that they will be energised and refreshed by the holiday break.

ST ANDREW'S SERMONS PODCAST

The St Andrew's sermons iTunes podcast has now been refreshed and updated. Sermons from 2015 - 2017 are available with older recordings being added all the time.

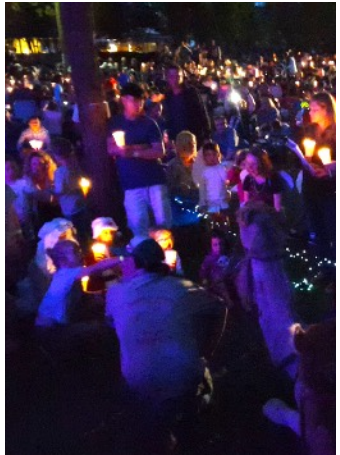
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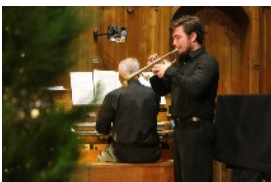
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LESSONS & CAROLS



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MISSION & AID

MALCOLM & LEANNE



➡ South East Asia

Pray for Malcolm and Leanne serving in South East Asia in training and development. They are currently on home assignment in Australia.

Thank God that Malcolm and Leanne were able to finish well with their students before they returned to Australia.

Praise God for Malcolm and Leanne's safe trip home to Australia and that Leanne didn't have any difficulties or swelling with her recently injured leg.

Pray for the preparation they need to do for the conference in Katoomba in January.

Pray for Christians in South East Asia; that the coming celebration will give them opportunities to share more about the home that they have.

Pray for the large festival in Hanoi in the coming weekend and for the follow up of enquiries afterwards.

Pray for good medical advice regarding what needs to be done for Leanne's leg now that they have access to rehabilitation services in Australia.

Thank God for the opportunity for Malcolm and Leanne to catch up with family and friends over the coming weeks and pray that this will be a great time of refreshment.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord Jesus Christ, at your first coming you sent your messenger to prepare the way before you; grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the ways of the righteous, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

*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.

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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