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

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**WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE**  
**SUNDAY 11TH MARCH 2018**

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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,

No one who attended our *Think* event on Wednesday evening enjoyed the night, but no one regretted being there. It was profound, awful, and beautiful. Sascha Chandler, a partner at PriceWaterhouseCoopers and advocate for Act for Kids, spoke of his own harrowing experience of child sexual abuse in a church school here on the North Shore. He gave us a unique insight into the strategy of a predator and the tragic, long term effects of abuse on victims. He was measured, informative, and confronting. And he fielded our questions in a generous and practical way.

I only wish every member of our church community—and the wider community—could have been there. We all need more consciousness-raising about this scourge on our society and institutions. The Christian community ought to be the safest place on earth. But it is not. The Royal Commission heard from 7,981 survivors of child sexual abuse in 8,013 private sessions over five years. The Final Report found that “58.1% of survivors said that the abuse took place in an institution managed by a religious organisation.” A full 8.6% of reported abuse

occurred within our *Anglican* organisations (schools, care homes, churches). The Commission even identified risk factors specific to such institutions:

... the central factor, underpinning and linked to all other factors, was the status of people in religious ministry. We repeatedly heard that the status of people in religious ministry, described in some contexts as “clericalism” [the theological view that clergy were different from laity], contributed to the occurrence of child sexual abuse in religious institutions and to inadequate institutional responses ... Consequently, rather than being treated as criminal offences, allegations and admissions of child sexual abuse were often approached through the lens of forgiveness and repentance. This is reflected in the forgiveness of perpetrators, as well as encouraging victims to forgive those who abused them.

The Royal Commission has offered numerous recommendations for government, religious, and community organisations. I understand they are being studied and implemented all around the country.

Let me add: if you have any concerns about the safety and care of our children at St Andrew's, please don't hesitate to contact Cath Ahern

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(our Children's Minister and the Safe Ministry Representative for the parish) and/or me.

Alternatively, you can contact the diocesan Abuse Report Line directly on 1800 774 945, or [abusereport@sydney.anglican.asn.au](mailto:abusereport@sydney.anglican.asn.au) . You can also contact the NSW Government Child Protection Helpline on 132 111.

I know of no allegation against anyone at St Andrew's in our 105 year history, but Sascha Chandler's message and the Royal Commission's findings teach us it would be foolish to imagine we have not been touched by this darkness—and it just remained in the darkness—or that we are invulnerable in the future.

The audio of Mr Chandler's presentation at *Think* can be heard at [www.tiny.cc/ThinkMarch2018](http://www.tiny.cc/ThinkMarch2018) . Please listen to it. Please pray. Please be vigilant.

Lord, have mercy! God bless us all,  
John

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, grant that we, who justly deserve to be punished or our sinful deeds, may in your mercy and kindness be pardoned and restored; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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# COMMUNITY WATCH

## COMING UP

### 🕒 Women's Dinner

Mon 19th Mar 7pm  
Roseville Golf Club (Links Ave Roseville)  
\$40 and \$30 concession.

*There are a few places left. RSVP today to  
[womensevents@standrews.net.au](mailto:womensevents@standrews.net.au)*

Payment Options:

*Electronic Banking:*

St Andrew's Women's Committee  
BSB 082 341  
A/C 870 950 712

Include your name in the reference field

*Cash/Cheque:*

Place in the Communications box attached  
to the rear pew in a named envelope.

### 🕒 StAR Tour - trip to NSW Central West

Wed 21st Mar - Fri 23rd Mar

A mid-week holiday for adults to the Central  
West of NSW.

*There are only a few places left!*

Sign up at [www.tinyurl.com/StarTours2018](http://www.tinyurl.com/StarTours2018)

### 🕒 Parish Annual General Meeting & Election Nominations

Mon 26th Mar - 7pm | In the Church

Nominations required prior to the AGM for  
Parish Councillors, Wardens, and Nominators

Talk to those you think will serve well and,  
with their permission, nominate them by email  
ensuring that you clearly state who you are  
nominating and for which role:

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

Please note that if you nominate someone, you  
must also be present at the AGM.

### 🕒 Easter Services

Good Friday 30 Mar | 8am & 10am

Easter Day 1 Apr | 8am, 10am, 5pm, 7pm

### 🕒 Hub Kids Holiday Program

Mon 16th - Fri 20th Apr | 9am - 3pm

In the Hall

Register to come to Hub (Kindy - Year 6 kids!)  
or to be part of the team: catering, kids,  
logistics, community, IT.

Cost: \$50/day per child or \$200 for all 5 days.

All details at **[www.hubholidayprogram.org](http://www.hubholidayprogram.org)**

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## PLEASE PRAY

### ☛ Churchwide

Give thanks to God for the 'Think' seminar this past Wednesday, and for Sascha Chandler's courage in telling his story. Pray for all our families as they navigate the challenges of school, bullying, social media and technology, asking that God will give parents and children courage to communicate openly around difficult subjects such as sexual abuse. Pray also for the ongoing work of Act for Kids, which Sascha is an ambassador.

### ☛ 8am

Pray for Judith Skinglsey and Peter Rennie as they recuperate from surgery; that strength and mobility will improve.

Pray for Denise Wong as she deals with a painful bout of shingles; for good rest and healing.

### ☛ 10am

Pray for our members who are seeking employment at the moment, asking that God will encourage and sustain them through applications and interview. Pray that God will guide them into fruitful employment.

Thank God for the walk-a-thon held this past week at Truscott St Public School, in honour of

Amity Rogers, raising funds for The Cure Starts Now and raising awareness of children's cancer. Praise God also for Amity's brother Atticus' enthusiasm - he set the record for the most laps.

### ☛ 7pm

Pray for the work of our former 7pm Focus Pastor Mike Hastie at Newtown-Erskineville Church and Scripture Union. Pray for wisdom and discernment as he and Kel establish ministry priorities and settle into a new community. Pray also for Calum, Lewis and Hayden as they make new friends.

### ☛ Youth

Pray for our Year 9-12 students as they head up to KYCK in April. Pray that this will be a great time of refreshment and that everyone who attends will be encouraged in their walk with God. Pray that many will register to come.

Pray for the ESL classes held on Thursday mornings. Please pray for Jane Clifford and the other ESL volunteers. Pray that the classes will help those who attend form new friendships as well as develop their English skills.

### ☛ Other

Pray for Anglicare as they seek to serve people, help the vulnerable, and be a voice for the disadvantaged. Pray for their staff and volunteers as they seek help those in need.

*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. They are currently on home assignment in Australia and visiting us at St Andrew's this week.

Pray for Malcolm and Leanne's time in Australia; that it will be a time of refreshment and encouragement for them as they reflect on their time away.

Thank God for the growth of gatherings in the northern area of the country where Malcolm and Leanne have been serving.

Pray that God will send more people to serve in South East Asia.

Thank God that Leanne's leg has been healing well and that she is making good progress with the help of her physiotherapist.

Pray for the various medical needs that Malcolm and Leanne have to attend to while they are in Australia; that they can get everything done and that things will go smoothly.

Pray that Malcolm and Leanne will be able to get a long-term visa through the college for when they return. Some people have had difficulties with getting short-term visas recently.

Pray for the provision of a house to live in when Malcolm and Leanne return to South East Asia.

Pray for the right opportunities and people for Malcolm and Leanne to 'turbo-boost' their language learning when they return to South East Asia. Pray also for the right person to translate for Malcolm so that he can teach in the local language. Pray for clarity and good listening.

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

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# CONTEMPORARY SERVICE PRAYERS

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## 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.

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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