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WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE  
SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2018

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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,

Over the last year or so, Buff and I have had a growing sense of the needs and importance of *both* sides of our ministry—the local mission of St Andrew's and my wider efforts to commend Christ in the public square. The work of St Andrew's has come a long way in recent years, and I thank God for that. I also feel a weight of responsibility that under my leadership some important goals have not been achieved, whether because I have been part-time or for other reasons. Equally, my opportunities to promote Christ to an increasingly sceptical public have only grown, in number and consequence. The need is so great! All of this has forced me (and Buff) to ponder what the Lord wants for the Dicksons and St Andrew's in the coming years, and, in particular, whether I must choose to commit fully to just *one* side of my ministry. It has been a difficult thought-process but also very clarifying.

After much prayer and consultation, Buff and I have come to the view that St Andrew's would be better served by finding a *full-time* Rector who can give the church undivided leadership and pastoral attention.

At the same time, we believe that I should devote myself full-time to commending Christ to the public through writing, speaking, media, and research. So, after a privileged nine years in the role, I will be stepping down as Rector at the end of March 2019. I genuinely believe this is the best thing for both St Andrew's and my part in Christ's kingdom. It is not a decision I have taken lightly or without lengthy discussions (with Wardens, senior staff, and the Archbishop and Bishop). I make this announcement with a heavy heart, and yet with great anticipation about the future.

To be clear, I am not leaving St Andrew's to take up another role elsewhere. I am stepping back from leading the church to dedicate myself *full-time* to the sorts of things I've been doing part-time for more than two decades—trying to make Christ public through writing, speaking, research, and engaging the media. Buff and I very much hope to remain members of St Andrew's, contributing to our church family and its mission in whatever ways a new Rector wants. To have this community that we love so much as a 'home base' for my wider ministry is a deeply reassuring thought.

I will be preaching at St Andrew's almost every Sunday until I finish up on 31 March.

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Then I'll take some holidays, and begin a new phase of ministry mid-2019. I will keep you posted about the details and structure of that ministry as things become clearer for me in the coming months. The Archbishop will appoint Stuart Holman as Acting Rector from 1 April, as our Parish Nominators conduct the formal search for a new full-time Rector. Please pray for that process and for the nominators themselves (Rick Seton, John Campbell, Cath Ahern, Andy Marks, and Bill Hurditch).

Buff and I are profoundly grateful for our years at St Andrew's—I started here as an Assistant Minister in 2001. This is where our kids grew up. Serving St Andrew's has taught me a lot about life, ministry, and myself. I feel we've done some lasting good. And we thank God for the lifelong friendships we've found here.

With much love in Christ,  
John

## 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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# COMMUNITY WATCH

## THIS WEEK

### 🕒 **Carols On Clanville**

Sat 15th Dec | 5:00pm to 9:00pm  
Clanville Park

It's not too late to volunteer! ***There are a wide range of ways to serve - for 1 hour, 2 hours or more (early in the afternoon or later on) and for all ages!***

Help is needed in the areas of set-up, kids activities (including craft, face painting, sideshow activities, nativity scene helpers), welcoming, candle distribution, and pack-up.

Please join in to serve the community and have some fun at the same time! Volunteer at [www.tiny.cc/carolsvolunteers](http://www.tiny.cc/carolsvolunteers)

## COMING UP

### 🕒 **Toys 'n' Tucker Final Collection**

Sun 16th Dec

Anglicare's Toys 'n' Tucker appeal provides a way for us to share the joy of Christmas and demonstrate God's love by providing food and gifts for those in need.

Please see the flyer for suitable goods for donation or visit

[www.toysntucker.org.au/planning-collection.html#shopping-list](http://www.toysntucker.org.au/planning-collection.html#shopping-list)



**CAROLS ON CLANVILLE  
SATURDAY 15TH DECEMBER  
(ROSEVILLE PARK, CLANVILLE ROAD)**

🕒 **5:00pm** Kiddy farm,  
camel rides, face painting.  
Kids come dressed to join in our nativity play.

🕒 **7:45pm** **Carols**  
(concluding approx. 9:00pm)  
Programs and candles will be available.  
Bring a picnic, a rug, your voice and good cheer.  
Santa will be dropping by!

*Carols on Clanville is brought to you by  
St Andrew's Anglican Church Roseville  
with the assistance of St Peter's Anglican Church  
East Lindfield.*

[www.stpeterseastlindfield.org.au](http://www.stpeterseastlindfield.org.au)

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## ☛ Traditional Lessons and Carols

Sun 23rd Dec | 7:15pm | In the church  
*No 8am or 7pm services on this day.*

## ☛ Christmas Services

Christmas Eve Mon 24th Dec | 6pm & 11pm  
Christmas Day Tue 25th Dec | 8am & 10am



## ☛ Christmas Day Lunch at St Andrew's

Tue 25th Dec | 11.30am – 2.30pm  
Christmas Lunch is free and is open to anyone who would like a little more company this Christmas.

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

RSVP (by Thu 20th December) and/or volunteer at [www.tiny.cc/christmaslunch](http://www.tiny.cc/christmaslunch) or call Bambi Staveley on 0414 889 486

## SUMMER SERVICES

- ☛ Sun 30 Dec 2018 | 9:00am - 1 service only
- ☛ 6 Jan - 27th Jan 2019 | 9:00am & 6:00pm

## PLEASE PRAY

### ☛ Churchwide

During the Christmas season pray for opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with our family and friends and through the many St Andrew's Christmas services and activities.

Pray for Carols on Clanville this Saturday; that it will be a blessing to our community and thank God that we are able to share the wonderful news of Jesus with everyone. Pray for many volunteers to help put together all the aspects of the event.

### ☛ 5pm

Please continue to pray for Lowen and Cliff Sutton's son Alexander as he recovers from a heart attack. Pray for God's holistic work of healing in his life.

### ☛ St Andrew's Ministries

Thank God for the music ministry teams at St Andrew's; that they can use their gifts to help all of us worship God and draw near to him during our services.

Praise God for the 70 Year 4-6 children who came to the Xtreme Gingerbread House making event on Friday afternoon. Pray that the message of Jesus that they heard will

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plant a seed and prompt more conversations about the good news.

Give thanks for the members of St Andrew's who visit and pastorally care for the residents of local Aged Care facilities, especially Judy Hodges, Marion Stanbridge and Ruth Howes. Pray for those residents for whom the Christmas season feels particularly lonely or difficult and that the gospel message will bring hope and assurance.

Praise God for the many volunteers who have served with Kids Space this year, at Kids Church, Playgroup, Xtreme, SRE and HUB. Thank God for the time, energy, prayers and love they have poured into the kids at St Andrew's and in our community.

## ➡ Other

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.

## MISSION & AID MALCOLM & LEANNE

### ➡ South East Asia

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

Praise God for the coming season and the opportunity it brings to share the good news.

Pray for Malcolm and Leanne as they take up opportunities to contribute to Christmas events in their local gathering.

Pray for clarity and wisdom as Malcolm and Leanne set and mark the end of semester exams in the next couple of weeks

Pray for some down time while the students are away between semesters; that this will be a time of refreshment for Malcolm and Leanne.

Pray for the new gathering planted recently; that more people will be reached to build a new community of His people.

*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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