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WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
SUNDAY 17TH MARCH 2019

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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,

As it gets closer to my departure as Rector, I thought I would give you a small update on my plans—to the extent that they are clear.

As I said in my announcement of 9 December, after much prayer and consultation, Buff and I came 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 a wider ministry of reaching the sceptical public with the gospel. To put it in a single sentence: *I want to think, write, and speak to make Christ public, and help others do the same.*

I am in the middle of establishing a small not-for-profit entity that will employ me to pursue this calling. I have at least five books in my head I want to write, debates I want to jump into, evangelistic missions I want to preach at, research I want to conduct, media pieces I want to compose, tours of Israel I will lead, and documentaries and a podcast I would like to produce. I also hope to partner with other organisations (such as local churches, the Centre for Public Christianity, and theological

colleges). And, in any case, the next 12 months of public speaking are pretty much booked out (including a stint here at St Andrew's).

I can let you know of one particular partnership that fell into place in the last couple of weeks. I am being appointed (part-time) to the faculty of Ridley College Melbourne as *Distinguished Fellow and Senior Lecturer in Public Christianity*. The title is a mouthful. It just means I will be helping to train students and ministers around the country *to make Christ public* through Ridley's certificate, degree, and doctoral programs. I have long admired Ridley's academic rigour and educational innovation (you may know that Mel Bell and Ness Hughes are both current students in Ridley's online theological certificate). I am thrilled to be appointed to this team, even if only very part time.

How will we survive financially in this new phase? Thanks for asking! We have worked out that we can earn half of our Minister's package through speaking, writing, and the Ridley appointment. And we are blessed beyond expectation that three benefactors in different parts of the world (I won't be accepting contributions from St Andrew's!) have agreed to underwrite the remaining half of the package for at least three years. That makes us

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feel much loved and trusted, and it gives us great confidence that the Lord is with us.

We don't yet know where we will live, but Buff is on realestate.com.au most evenings, so I'm sure we will find something to rent in the next couple of months. Our hope is to stay within an easy driving distance of St Andrew's—Josie will stay at Roseville College, Sophie at Macquarie University, and our Josh recently moved out with friends.

Thank you to everyone who has asked for more details about our plans. We are feeling warmly supported by you all. I will give more information as things become clearer. We would deeply appreciate your prayers in this transition. And, of course, please pray for the nominators and the next Rector, whoever that may be.

Blessings,

John

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

We beseech you, almighty God, look on the heartfelt desires of your servants, and stretch forth the right hand of your power to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PARISH AGM

Please make every effort to come to **our Annual General Meeting, 7pm this Monday night.**

We will appoint office holders, hear reports about the ministry of the last year, receive the 2018 audited financial accounts and the 2019 budget.

Please be in prayer for those who have been nominated for the various offices. So far, the nominations are:

Parish Council:

Trish Brown	Brian Doak
Rebecca Forbes	Tori Grimes
Andrew Wiseman	Alban Wong
Rachel Woodhouse	

Wardens: Craig Taylor and Andrew Killen.

Further nominations can still be made.

Please make sure you come to the AGM to offer your contribution to the proper functioning of St Andrew's. Anyone can attend the AGM. To vote, however, you must be 18 years or over, be baptised (in any Christian denomination), and have attended our church for at least the last three months.

There will also be time for Q&A, and we will record any of your recommendations for the consideration of the incoming Parish Council.

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THIS WEEK

🕒 Parish Annual General Meeting

Mon 18th Mar - 7pm | In the Church

COMING UP

🕒 Bible Society Supporters Thank you

Wed 27th Mar | 1:45pm for 2pm start

In the Kelman Room

St Andrew's Roseville supports the work of Bible Society Australia and all are welcome at this thank you afternoon tea to hear about the impact of BSA's work.

Light refreshments supplied.

RSVP to thankyou@biblesociety.org.au

🕒 John's Dickson's Farewell Celebrations

Sun 31st March will be John's last Sunday as Rector. We want to celebrate the tremendous role he has played at St Andrew's Roseville over the last 9 years.

Please join us at either of the celebration meals:

- Lunch after the 10am service, for the 8am and 10am congregations.
- Dinner after the 5pm service for the 5pm, Youth and 7pm congregations
(*no 7pm service on this day*).

🕒 Church-Wide Prayer Meeting

Wed 3rd April | 7:30pm - 8:30pm

In the Church

Praying for all that is happening at St Andrew's, our local community and beyond.

🕒 Hub Kids Holiday Program

Mon 15th - Thu 18th Apr | 9am - 3pm

Register to come to HUB (Kindy - Year 6 kids!) or to be part of the team: kids, prayer, catering, community, logistics or the family fair.

Cost: \$50/day per child

All details at www.hubholidayprogram.org

🕒 Easter Services

Good Friday 19th Apr | 8am & 10am

Easter Day 21st Apr | 8am, 10am, 5pm,
REVIVE Youth 5pm, 7pm

GETTING IN TOUCH



We would love to hear from you if you are new to St Andrew's.

You can get in touch via www.standrews.net.au/git

or on the paper forms, found in the bibles in the Church and place the form in the Communication Box attached the display cupboard at rear of Church.

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PLEASE PRAY

☉ Churchwide

Pray for the AGM tomorrow night and for those taking on the roles of Parish Councillors and Wardens; for enthusiasm, wisdom and energy as they take up these important leadership positions.

☉ 8am

Pray for Phillip Peters and his family following the death of his wife Joan on Thursday morning. They have been attending the 8am service with their daughter Ursula Keen. Pray that the family will know God's peace and comfort. The Funeral will be at Northern Suburbs Crematorium on Thursday 21 March at 11am.

☉ 10am

Pray for Chris and Jane Clifford's son-in-law Cedric and their daughter Jenni after Cedric suffered a major seizure on Saturday. Pray that tests will give a diagnosis and show a way forward. Pray also doctors will be able to determine if there is a genetic link to the seizure that Cedric and Jennie's daughter Allegra (aged 1 1/2) had 3 weeks ago. Pray for strength for Jenni and for 3 year old Theodore who is traumatised by everything. Pray for Chris and Jane as they support their family.

MISSION & AID

AFRICAN ENTERPRISE

☉ Africa

Pray for the African Enterprise (AE) Ghana team who are visiting Togo this month, exploring partnerships and opportunities for a mission in the future; that many doors will be opened and for safety and health for the team during the visit.

Pray that Christians in Sub-Saharan Africa will take ownership of evangelising the North African region.

Pray for the Students Discipleship Program (SDP), a strategic intervention on building the church of tomorrow, today. Pray that this youth-focused Bible teaching program will grow from the current 20,000 students in Ethiopia and expand to 10 African nations in the next five years.

Thank God for the many lives that have been transformed through the Discipleship Program throughout the years. Pray for God's provision of sufficient resources for the 2019 Discipleship Program.

Pray for Ethiopia as a whole to succeed as the new leadership undertakes major reforms.

*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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THE ST ANDREW'S CHURCH PRAYER

(Congregation reads *bold italicised text*)

Dear Lord, our Creator and our Redeemer, please enable our church to become all that You want us to be.

☞ **All: *Above all, teach us to worship you.***

Leader: In large and small gatherings, in heartfelt prayer, in knowing and obeying Your Word, and through our music, help us to put our hope in Your coming kingdom and to live for Your glory now and always.

☞ **All: *Merciful God, inspire us to love one another in practical ways.***

Leader: May we value each other's company and friendship, and, mindful of Christ's sacrifice, teach us to care deeply for those in need in our church family and the wider community, so that no one around us would suffer unassisted.

☞ **All: *Enable us, Lord, to promote the gospel of Jesus Christ in our words and actions.***

Leader: Give us more people gifted for the task of evangelism, and enable all of us to share our faith whenever opportunity allows.

☞ **All: *Sovereign Lord, add to our number many who come to know Your grace.***

Leader: May our buildings and ministry teams expand to welcome them, so that you are honoured throughout our community.

☞ **All: *Gracious God, thankful for your blessings make us a deeply generous church.***

Leader: Help us to meet and expand our annual budget and to increase our giving to overseas mission and aid.

☞ **All: *Lord of the world, may we be international in our concern.***

Leader: Enable us always to support and pray for Your people throughout the world, and may our church over time be blessed with the rich diversity of nationalities in our region.

☞ **All: *Our great God, fashion us to become 'a light on a stand'.***

Leader: Help us to offer a centre of community for Roseville and beyond. Give us grace to serve with local churches and to share the good things of St Andrew's with everyone.

All: *Above all, may we offer to others an example of lives lived in the power of Your Holy Spirit, after the pattern of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in honour of you, our Creator and our Redeemer. 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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