

WE
Believe
IN PRAYER
PRAISE
NEWS &
THE BIBLE

WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
SUNDAY 5TH MAY 2019

ST
ANDREW'S
Believe's
IN NEWS

*All that's going on
around St Andrew's*

FROM THE ACTING RECTOR

REV STUART HOLMAN

➤ Acting Rector

Over 100 senior Anglican leaders from across the globe will be meeting in Sydney in the coming weeks under the GAFCON banner. GAFCON stands for Global Anglican Futures Conference. I expect there may be some coverage of this significant meeting in the press because of its underlying narrative of division within the Anglican Church.

Some background is helpful. The worldwide Anglican church is really a network of dioceses which agree to fellowship and work together, standing on the heritage of the English Reformation which gave birth to the Church of England. This partnership has traditionally been given expression through a ten-yearly gathering of all Anglican Bishops from across the world, hosted and led by the Archbishop of Canterbury. However, in the late 20th Century, increasing tensions grew among the Bishops as fundamental disagreements arose on issues such as biblical authority, sexual ethics and the appointment of openly gay Bishops such as Gene Robinson in the U.S. Episcopalian church.

In 2008, after several unsuccessful attempts at reconciliation, a group of Anglicans from across the world decided to take the difficult

step of declining the Archbishop of Canterbury's invitation to meet, and instead held their own "Global Anglican" Conference in Jerusalem, attended by over 1,000 Anglican leaders from across the world. They were typically African, Asian and South American; evangelical, conservative and bible-based, insisting on the understanding and authority of the bible as received from the English Reformation. Together, they represented the vast majority of Anglicans across the world. The Sydney Anglican Diocese was a significant player in this initial meeting and has continued its support for the GAFCON movement. That is why our Archbishop will be hosting delegates from across the globe in coming weeks.

Subsequently, GAFCON-affiliated dioceses have worked together to support each other with training, sharing of resources, theological education, and leadership development. The focus of the present meeting in Sydney is "Confidently Preaching Christ".

Please pray for the leaders of the GAFCON movement, asking that God will give them wisdom and clear guidance as they seek to grow the gospel across the world. Pray also that, somehow, a genuine reconciliation with other Anglicans might be found.

Blessings,

Stuart.

*All that's going on
around St Andrew's*

COMMUNITY WATCH

THIS WEEK

🕒 **IJM Australian Prayer Gathering**

Saturday 11th May | 6pm - 9pm

Hear from the front lines about how our extraordinary God is using ordinary people, through International Justice Mission, to rescue and restore survivors of slavery, and transform public justice systems.

Barney's Broadway, 57-61 Mountain St, Ultimo

Tickets: \$30 general | \$20 students

Register at www.ijm.org.au/apg

Flyers are available on the display cabinet at the rear of the church.

COMING UP

🕒 **Life of Jesus Course**

4 weeks beginning Thu 6th Jun | 7:30pm

At St Andrew's

A four-week course that digs deeper into what is known about Jesus' life and why it matters. Over the four sessions, you can ask all your questions in a relaxed environment with light refreshments.

Register via the Church App or at www.tiny.cc/lifeofjesus

🕒 **Church-Wide Prayer Meeting**

Wed 19th June | 7:30pm - 8:30pm

In the Church

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

PLEASE PRAY

🕒 **Churchwide**

Thank God for the Small Groups as some are now restarting for Term 2 after a break. Pray for an encouraging and informative Big Day In for the Small Group Leaders on 18 May.

Pray for families and kids as Term 2 begins; that kids will grow in knowledge this term. Pray also for opportunities to invite friends to church.

🕒 **8am**

Pray for David Moulton who is now cared for in the Marcus Sloane House Residential Care, within Warriwood Gardens where Marilyn lives. David is very weak even though his mind and heart sustain him. Pray for Marilyn and their family during these trying times.

Thank God for David Lim's successful cataract surgery recently. Pray for continued healing.

*All that's going on
around St Andrew's*

COMMUNITY WATCH

Thank God for the progress Klaus Lichtenberger has made following surgery on both knees. Pray for continued good rehabilitation now that he is at home.

🕒 5pm

Thank God for our 5pm Sit-down Supper volunteers who bless us with supper 3 times per term. Pray that more volunteers will come forward and that our fellowship together will be enriched as we share meals together. Pray also that day-to-day Christian hospitality will increasingly be a mark of our church community.

🕒 St Andrew's Ministries

Pray that there may be more SRE - Scripture teachers. Also pray for Lindfield Learning Village as Scripture class times are being negotiated; that an optimal time will be found.

Praise God for the wonderful morning that was had last Tuesday, cooking meals and preparing craft. Pray that many will be blessed by this service.

ST ANDREW'S MINISTRY UPDATE

🕒 Bible Reading Group

The Wednesday morning Bible Reading Group continues to meet a need for those able to attend daytime mid-week meetings.

The group consists both women and men and runs from 9.30am - 10.30 am.

It began in 2012 with 6 members and now has 26 attending, as they are able, meeting in the Kelman Room.

Recently they have finished the Letter to the Galatians and will begin reading through Mark's Gospel on 22 May.

Whilst reflections and thoughts are shared amongst the group as they read, it is not essentially a Bible discussion group. It is led by Peter Watson who acts as its teacher and guide.

For more information on the Bible Reading Group at St Andrew's please contact peter.watson@standrews.net.au

*All that's going on
around St Andrew's*

MISSION & AID



CHINA PARTNERSHIP

China Partnership exists to boldly witness the saving and renewing power of Jesus Christ's crucifixion and resurrection as the Spirit calls people to Himself in China, building His church into a missional community that manifests God's glory through the life of worship and union with Christ.

Pray for guidance and strength for pastors as the church faces the increasing threat of persecution.

Praise God for pastors in the city of Foshan and that He will supply daily all they need to carry out their work in joy faithfulness. Pray that Foshan churches will work more closely with one another and with nearby Guangzhou churches; that they will be light to the nation as they stand in unity.

As local officials get to know the church more since the 2014 crackdown, pray that many will be caused to seek after Jesus and that many will find him. Praise God for leaders who have led with integrity refrained from attacking house churches.

Pray against the sway of materialism in China. Ask the Spirit to reveal to people their

spiritual poverty and their need for more than earthly riches.

Pray against deep-rooted cultural attitudes that debase women, especially in rural China, where domestic violence occurrences are highest.

Pray for godliness over fruitless arguments. Pray that God will show church leaders how to build up men and women in gospel truth despite theological disagreements.

Pray for the many believers who risk their safety to gather for worship in China each week.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life; give us grace that we may always thankfully receive the immeasurable benefit of his sacrifice and also daily endeavour to follow in the blessed steps of his most holy life; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for evermore.
Amen.

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

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE PRAYERS

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.

KEY CONTACTS

➤ Senior Leadership Team

Stuart Holman – Acting Rector
M. 0414 439 771
stuart.holman@standrews.net.au

Santino Dimarco – Executive Pastor
T. (02) 9412 2553
santino.dimarco@standrews.net.au

Cath Ahern – Children’s Minister (*Honorary*)
M. 0407 152 995
cath.ahern@standrews.net.au

➤ Group Contacts

Children’s Ministry
kids@standrews.net.au

Community Project
communityproject@standrews.net.au

Environmental Action Group
eag@standrews.net.au

ESL
esl@standrews.net.au

Fit For Good
fitforgood@standrews.net.au

Playgroup
playgroup@standrews.net.au

Youth
stayrevive@standrews.net.au

Xtreme
Fridays after school for Years 5&6
xtreme@standrews.net.au

Bibles in the following languages are available on the display cabinet at the entrance to the church:

Korean, Hindi and Chinese

한국어 성경은 교회 입구의 책상 위에 있습니다.

चर्च के प्रवेश द्वार पर हिंदी बाइबल्स अलमारी में उपलब्ध हैं।

如需参考汉语圣经,欢迎从入口旁的矮柜上自取

➤ Ministry Contacts

Tom Tokura – Assistant Minister
M. 0410 328 810
tom.tokura@standrews.net.au

Vanessa Hughes – Assistant Pastor (*Part Time*)
M. 0413 339 652
vanessa.hughes@standrews.net.au

Peter Watson – Minister for Seniors (*Part Time*)
T. (02) 9412 2553
peter.watson@standrews.net.au

Lauren & Grant van der Merwe – Youth Ministers
M. 0439 138 032 (Lauren)
M. 0405 834 405 (Grant)
stayrevive@standrews.net.au

➤ Church Office

Bec Kimpton – Office Manager
T. (02) 9412 2553
office@standrews.net.au

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.

ST
ANDREW’S
Believes
IN THE COMMUNITY

St Andrew’s Anglican Church Roseville

T. (02) 9412 2553 | office@standrews.net.au | www.standrews.net.au

Please note that a still photograph is taken during each of the services to assist with confirming attendance numbers. The photographs will not be used for publication.