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WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
SUNDAY 7TH JULY 2019

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IN NEWS

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

FROM THE ACTING RECTOR

REV STUART HOLMAN

☛ Acting Rector

I had something else on, sorry. How was 'family' on Sunday? Was it good enough?

The New Testament uses a number of images to describe the communal life of the Christian community. We are a body— the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-27). We are a family— brothers and sisters to Jesus and one another (Matthew 12:49-50). We are God's temple, each being 'living stones', and together we are the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit (1 Peter 2:5-7; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17). Jesus prayed that we would be one, just as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are one (John 17:21).

Each of these images of 'church' emphasises a mutual belonging. The hand cannot say to the foot, "I don't need you". A family is incomplete when one of its members is missing. The structure is weakened when one of its stones is taken away. And so, as members of St Andrew's Church at Roseville we conclude that we *need* each other. When one of us is absent, we are *all* somehow diminished.

We might think of this interdependence from a functional perspective: things go better when everyone turns up and does their job. The few are not disproportionately propping up the many. But the New Testament does not see it this way. Rather, we need each other because we are 'one': a unit, a body, a family. We do not *attend* church. We *are* the church.

Francis Chan tells the story of a member of his church who joined after leaving his life in an American urban gang. To leave a gang while in prison could be suicidal: the repercussions might include rejection, torture, or even death. But this man found that breaking the bonds of relationship was the most difficult part. The gang was his family. They were loyal and dear friends who looked out for him twenty-four hours a day. There was a love and camaraderie he had enjoyed since childhood. They did life together— never mind the little details of drugs, violence and theft— they did it together. The sad realisation that this man came to is that gangs know how to be church better than the church.

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Could you ever imagine gang life being reduced to a weekly one-hour gathering? No group would meet briefly once a week and call that a gang. Imagine one gang member walking up to another and saying, “Yo, how was gang? I had to miss this week because life has been crazy!”

We all know enough about gangs to know that's ridiculous. Yet every week we hear Christians asking each other, “How was church?” Something that God designed as a family, a body, a temple home, has been reduced to an optional weekly meeting.

Any gang member will tell you that his gang-buddies have his back. They're there for him. They're loyal, committed, present. And so, when each one of us makes the decision to turn up— whether to church on Sunday, to Small Group, to a Prayer Meeting, to serve at a ministry, or just to care for a sister or brother in need— each of these decisions matters.

There are many good reasons that any single one of us may not be able to be present when we meet. There are many things beyond our control— but quite a few that are within our control. My aim in writing this somewhat awkward missive (and I'm a bit nervous to do so!) is not to 'guilt' us into turning up to church begrudgingly. Rather, I'm hoping that

we will think again about the great blessing it is to belong.

We belong to the body of Jesus Christ. We share in that privilege. He is our Head and we are together arms, legs, feet, hands, eyes and ears. *We belong* to the family of Jesus. He is our elder brother and we are joined to him in bonds of family, as brothers and sisters. *We belong* to the temple of God. The Holy Spirit lives in us; in our communal life together, in our caring for one another, in our praise and prayer, in our joy and tears, and as we sit under the word of God. *We belong*. How good is that?

In Him,
Stuart

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Graciously hear us, Lord God;
and grant that we, to whom you
have given the desire to pray,
may by your mighty aid be
defended and strengthened in all
dangers and adversities; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

COMING UP

🕒 **Women's Retreat Day**

Sat 27th Jul | 9am - 4pm

In the Church

Cost: \$45

Please join us for a relaxed lunch, prayer, and worship; surrendering our hearts to the One who offers us rest.

Book at www.tiny.cc/stawomensretreat
or via the event in the Church App,
- registrations extended to Sunday 21st July.

🕒 **StAR Tour trip to the Canberra region - Bungendore and Beyond**

Tue 10th - Fri 13th Sep

StAR Tour is a mid-week holiday for adults, to Canberra and its environs.

The trip will focus on some 'hidden gems' rather than the usual art galleries, libraries and tulips. There will be lots of interesting foodie experiences, a winery, gardens, historic locations, as well as plenty of time to relax together.

Register now at www.tiny.cc/StarTours

EQUIPPING

🕒 **Equipping**

Wednesdays 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th August

At St Andrew's Roseville



A variety of 4 week courses aimed at equipping us well for the challenges of Christian living.

Details coming soon at

www.standrews.net.au/equipping

FOR THE DIARY

Dates for your diary - more details to come

🕒 Tue 23rd Jul | Meals Cook-up & Craft Prep

🕒 Thu 5th Sep | 7pm

Rev Malcolm York Commencement
of Ministry service

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COMMUNITY WATCH

PLEASE PRAY

🕒 Churchwide

Please pray for safety and refreshment for those travelling during the school holidays. Pray that there will be time for all to spend time reading God's word and seeking His wisdom and guidance.

Pray for the many seeking employment. That God will lead them to employment soon and for the anxiety and pressures they may be experiencing.

🕒 5pm

Pray for Andy Grimes' mother Jean (living in the UK) who is expected to pass away in the coming weeks. Thank God for her strong faith in Jesus. Pray for Andy's father Llew, and the whole Grimes family; for God's comfort during this difficult time, and for Andy and Tori as they work out the logistics of travelling to the UK at the appropriate time.

Pray for the families in our community who have a student preparing for the HSC. Pray for good health (mental, physical and spiritual) as the Trial exams and assessment tasks loom. Pray that God will be honoured by the work done and the way it is achieved.

🕒 7pm

Pray that 7pm will continue to grow as a community marked out by showing Christ's love for one another.

🕒 St Andrew's Ministries

Pray for those in Nursing Homes and Hostels and all who are no longer able to regularly worship with us; David Moulton, Margaret Rook, Adrienne Searle, and Frank Wyndham. Pray for Peter Watson, Judy Hodges and Marion Stanbridge who lead the visitation team and for others from St Andrew's who assist them.

🕒 Other

Pray for Anglicare as they advocate for justice on behalf of people who are materially deprived, socially excluded and marginalised. Pray that they will be able to provide compassion and personalised outcomes for families and children who need help. Pray especially for the Winter Appeal, fundraising for the Food and Financial Assistance program. The program is designed to help and serve the most vulnerable people in our city.

If you would like to communicate prayer points to the Ministry Team, please email prayer@standrews.net.au

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ST ANDREW'S MINISTRY UPDATE

🕒 **REVIVE Youth Winter Camp**

Last weekend 75 leaders and youth went on REVIVE's annual Winter Camp. We spent time considering the book of Ecclesiastes and following the teacher's 'pursuit for purpose' in life. It was very encouraging to see 6 young people put their faith in Jesus for the first time and other campers consider the purpose of life.



We also enjoyed time as God's family together as we drank lots of hot chocolates, wrestled on the jumping castle, played sport, did craft and enjoyed the camp fire. Many campers commented on how much they are looking forward to our first Summer Camp which is coming up in 6 months time. If you have a young person in your family, make sure you put the dates in your diary! 20th-24th January 2020.

For more information about REVIVE Youth at St Andrew's please contact stayrevive@standrews.net.au

MISSION & AID

JENNY FALLON & DALE WILLIAMS

🕒 **SIM (Serving In Mission) Australia**

Jenny Fallon is the Pastoral Care and Development Coordinator for SIM in Australia.

Praise God for many answered prayers for the NSW Re-entry Retreat; good sharing and encouragement, support and understanding for those missionaries who have permanently returned to Australia.

Pray particularly for enough participants to enable SIM to run the Missionary Enrichment Retreat from 18-23 August. Pray also that the facilitators coming from South Australia would be directed by the Spirit in their preparation.

Pray for the next SIMStart (initial orientation) that will take place in Melbourne from 3-4 September. Praise God that there are now almost as many Candidates from Victoria as from NSW.

Pray for Jenny and Dale's upcoming short holiday in the Northern Territory from 14- 22 June. Dale seems to have some permanent disability in his right leg. Pray for encouragement for him and safety in walking.

*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 can be texted to
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Korean, Hindi and Chinese

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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

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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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