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NEWS &
THE BIBLE

SUNDAY 26TH APRIL
WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE

We are a church that loves Jesus and wants
the good news of His death and resurrection proclaimed
to all people, so that they can believe in Him.

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

FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER

MAL YORK

☛ Senior Minister

Dear St Andrew's,

Let me welcome you to church today, albeit it, gathering in your households around a TV or computer as we live stream our church services to you. If you have not done so yet, please subscribe to the St Andrew's Anglican Church Roseville Youtube channel. Of course, all the links to our live-stream services are easily found at www.standrews.net.au

We are indeed living in a strange time, however, one that I am hoping might also bring about some blessing for you. While many of our regular activities have been cancelled, this has provided time for things that we might be able to appreciate more; more time with those who live in your household, a different work/life balance where work is not always winning the day and where we can make a more concerted effort to be in touch with family and friends, albeit via different means. Can I encourage you to keep this up, and especially think of those in our church family who you know are on their own. Please aim to call them after the live-streams or during the week to make sure we are in contact with those who need it.

One regular activity that had to be cancelled this weekend was Anzac Day. For many, including myself, it is a significant day. We remember the sacrifice that many made so we can enjoy the freedoms that we do today. My family was affected by the Second World War, with both sets of grandparents serving in one way or another and my paternal grandfather paying the ultimate price.

When I reflect on this sacrifice, I am reminded of the words of Paul in Romans 5:7, "Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die." Men and women of the Australian Armed forces, in many conflicts that Australia has been involved in over the years, have dared to die for those that they love back in Australia. For this we are thankful, as they were good people and we honour them.

Their sacrifice however, highlights the greater sacrifice of Jesus, as Romans 5:8 goes on, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." For this, we are even more thankful and so we honour him, by giving our lives to him. My hope is that as you reflect on ANZAC Day you too can be reminded of the great sacrifice that Jesus made on our behalf.

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On a separate matter, the Wardens and I would like to let you know about one of the many ways St Andrew's is helping our community during this COVID-19 pandemic. As many of you know, I am a volunteer NSW Ambulance Chaplain and although I have stepped back from being 'on call' as I settle in to St Andrews, if there is a great need within the community, the Wardens support me helping out where possible.

During the bushfire season earlier this year, when I was called to help, the Wardens agreed I should go and support the paramedics affected. However, this did not eventuate as the situation subsided.

Now, due to COVID-19, the NSW Ambulance has needed to put on an extra 180 paramedics to cope with the extra demand. They have offered these positions to those who have recently graduated from paramedical science around Australia. Many of the students are in their early twenties and have left home for the first time. They are going through intense training over 4 weeks and need to practise social distance during this time, staying in a hotel in their own rooms for the duration of the course. After the course, they will be relocated to their first positions with the NSW Ambulance, which could be anywhere in the state. As you can imagine, this is a

challenging time for many of them. The NSW volunteer Ambulance Chaplains have been asked to help to help monitor the social distancing, but more importantly, to offer support to any of the trainees that are finding this situation hard. As a result I will help for three weeks on Wednesday afternoons from 4pm to 7pm out at Penrith, stay the night in a hotel there, and then help on Thursday mornings from 6am until 8am. I will be back in the St Andrew's office by 9am on those days. Please pray for me as I do this. For the first two Wednesday nights of the St Andrew's Roseville Christianity Explored course, I will be running the course from a hotel room in Penrith! Please also pray for the paramedic trainees who will go from this course to the front line. For many of them, this is the first time they have lived away from their homes.

Thanks for your prayers and support.

In Christ,
Mal.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

THIS WEEK

➔ Christianity Explored

Beginning Wed 29th Apr | 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Each Wednesday night 29 April - 10 June

Christianity Explored is an informal, relaxed and completely free seven week course for anyone who wants to think about the meaning of life. The course will be run by our Senior Minister Mal York using the Zoom platform.

You don't need to know anything about the Bible and you won't be asked to pray or sing. You can ask any questions you like or, if you prefer, you can just join us online and listen.

Register your interest in the course at www.tiny.cc/christianityexplored or click on the Book/Register button in the App.



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COMING UP

➔ Church-Wide Virtual Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 6th May | 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Please join us online for a time to pray together via Zoom (or even just dial in by phone). There will be a blue tile for the prayer meeting on the www.standrews.net.au/covid-19 webpage - click on that to get all the details for joining in - or click on the Book/Register button in the Church App event.

DAILY BREAD BIBLE NOTES

Are you looking for a way to keep up with reading God's word each day? Scripture Union UK provide daily bible reading guides that take you through different parts of the bible. Most notes give some instruction on how to prepare for reading God's word, a passage to read, a short comment and a thoughtful way of responding

You can get Daily Bread notes from Resources for Ministry www.rfmshop.com.au - click on 'Bible Reading Guides'.

You are also welcome to contact Helen Sawkins (10am congregation) hsawkins@bigpond.com or 0415 451 478 and she can tell you the benefits and how it works.

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PLEASE PRAY

☞ Churchwide

Pray for teachers and school leaders who return to school this coming week in fluid circumstances. Pray that God will give them wisdom and grace as they address challenges on multiple fronts, including stressed students, families and uncertain finances.

Pray for several St Andrew's members who live alone and for whom the 'shutdown' is becoming increasingly difficult. Pray that God will use the body of Christ to provide warm and genuine fellowship and companionship, even if via telephone and internet.

Pray for Richard Tress, currently at Greenwich Hospital; that God will sustain and strengthen him, giving him His Spirit's enabling and comfort as he holds on to the promises of God.

☞ 7pm

Praise God that Dave and Katie Woodwell are having a baby boy. Pray for a safe pregnancy and that their son will grow to love the Lord all the days of his life.

If you would like to communicate prayer points to the Ministry Team, please email

prayer@standrews.net.au

ANGLICARE COLLECTION

☞ Supporting People in Difficult Times

COVID-19 has impacted all of us. There have been shortages of food and toiletries. Anglicare still continues to reach out, however, they are unable to source enough stock to help those in need.

St Andrew's Roseville will collect items that can be passed on to Anglicare. With current restrictions of movement in place, please don't make an extra trip, but:

- if you are able to get a few extra things (*see list below*) at the supermarket and,
- if you will be passing near St Andrew's Roseville,

please drop the items into the labelled box on the side verandah of the office building (ie opposite the large stained glass window of the church building).

Non-perishable food

- pasta, pasta sauce
- chunky soup
- tinned meats, tuna, salmon
- tinned vegetables and fruit
- cereal, long life milk

Toiletries

- toothpaste, toothbrushes
- soap and deodorant
- hand wash
- toilet paper
- tissues

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ST ANDREW'S MINISTRIES UPDATE

🕒 Kids Space

Kids Space seeks to partner with parents to disciple their children. Family Church is an online YouTube resource developed during lockdown to meet this vision each week at home. The *Kids Space* team has been brilliant in providing content for the episodes.

The *Kids Space* team's prayer is that engagement will go beyond simply viewing the content, instead providing opportunities for guided family discipleship at home. The Family Church team have been so encouraged by answers to these prayers through the feedback they've received from our families doing church together.

For some time, Mel Bell and Cath Ahern have pondered how to partner with parents beyond Sundays. Being released from regular programs during this time has provided the opportunity to explore this. Family Church will be a significant resource for discipleship at home way beyond the current circumstances.

Family Church episodes can be found by clicking the Family Church tile at www.standrews.net.au/covid-19

🕒 REVIVE Youth

REVIVE Youth is a ministry for High School-aged students from Year 7-12. In this time of lock down, REVIVE leaders have looked to continue to reach our young people to make and mature healthy disciples of Christ.

On Friday's at 6:30pm, we have a live-streamed service via Instagram which includes games, a talk, an item and Q&A.

On Sundays at 5pm we are hosting discussion groups via Zoom. Throughout the week the REVIVE Youth team have been producing content to encourage youth in their faith. On Mondays a video is posted on Instagram tv about the 'Essentials' of the faith. On Tuesdays a podcast is released on Spotify called 'Take Five REVIVE' and on Wednesday we have a prayer meeting at 4pm via Zoom.

In addition to this, we have leaders who are doing live daily devotionals via Instagram and also posting up a weekly Bible reading plan.

Although we would much prefer to meet together physically each week, we have been greatly encouraged to see our young people engage with the many opportunities put before them. We are thankful for a very gifted and creative youth team who have adapted well to this new season of ministry.

Connect with REVIVE Youth on Instagram @[@revive_st_andrews](https://www.instagram.com/revive_st_andrews) or via the tile at www.standrews.net.au/covid-19

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🕒 **Small Groups**

Small Groups are families of care where we grow into disciples who make more disciples, and strengthen and deepen relationships. Most of these groups are now operating 'remotely' at St Andrew's using the Zoom platform and have made this transition fairly seamlessly, (although the learning curve has been challenging at times). Interestingly, two new groups have commenced recently. This tells us that 'lockdown' is no barrier to growing fellowship. Some have commented on the increased importance of being part of a Small Group in the absence of our regular church meetings.

Peter Watson's **Wednesday Bible Group** is maintaining contact through weekly email reflections, encouraging members to continue with readings in John's Gospel, a chapter each week. Of course, members of the group also make contact with one another. This is especially important with a group where many are living on their own. Christianity is far more than a head knowledge of the Scriptures; relationships are key.

Women's Bible Study would usually meet each week on Tuesdays at church for morning tea and the opportunity to be encouraged as a big group. They then break off into 5 Small Groups to have time for bible study, sharing their faith and lives and to pray for one another.

While these meetings can't take place at this time, there is instead a whole group Zoom meeting for a short time, where Ness Hughes shares a devotional followed by prayer time. It has been so nice for everyone to see each other's faces! Each Small Group then makes their own arrangements for catching up that day or through the week: a combination of Zoom, Whats App, and phone calls.

Women's Bible Study have also been able to keep the St Andrew's Roseville freezer stocked up by preparing meals at our homes (hygienically!) and bringing them in ready to be shared with those who need them. Others have also contributed to the stocks as well. Women's Bible Study are thankful to have kept up a sense of fellowship but are looking forward to the time when they can meet together in person. While the technology is a huge blessing, nothing is quite as good as face to face! One day...

If you would like to join a Small Group, please contact stuart.holman@standrews.net.au or ness.hughes@standrews.net.au

Our weekly Small Group Discussion Questions continue to be published on the St Andrew's App and website each Friday.

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👉 Sunday Services

Since 22 March we have live-streamed 2 services each Sunday via Youtube, one at 9am and one at 6pm. The 9am service is a typical St Andrew's contemporary service while the 6pm service has developed into more relaxed format, including a condensed sermon on the same passage preached at 9am as well as a panel discussing the bible passage and it's application to our lives.

We have been careful to adhere to social distancing guidelines by having limited numbers together in the church building at one time, including where possible people from the same household as well as most people taking on multiple roles.

Bringing these services to you each Sunday requires a significant amount of effort, including new ways of preparing Keynote graphics, laying down music tracks (both using computers and real instruments), and setting up cameras, video switches and lighting. As we have created and prepared these services, the staff team have gained a new appreciation of how much work goes into 'TV production'!

Our ultimate aim is to bring God's Word and our community into your living room in the St Andrew's way, while we can't be together physically.



*All that our missionaries
do in and around their communities*

MISSION & AID

DALE AND RACHEL BARCLAY



☛ Sunraysia South, Diocese of Bendigo

Pray for Rev Dale and Rachel Barclay, with children Samuel, Joseph, Eden and Talitha, serving with Bush Church Aid (BCA) in the Anglican Parish of Sunraysia South (APOSS) in the Diocese of Bendigo.

Thank God for the opportunity APOSS has to serve their community by providing food relief. There has been a 500% increase demand for this.

Pray for the APOSS congregation; that they will continue to care for each other in new ways during this time and make the most of opportunities provided to share about Jesus faithfully.

Pray for the Barclay children: Samuel who has been able to stay in Melbourne at his university canvas and studies online, Joseph

who is doing Year 12 and is studying based in the church hall, Talitha also based in the church hall doing work provided by the special school she usually attends and Eden who is studying at home. Pray that they will all keep up with their studies, learn well, and pray for Rachel and Dale as they look after them.

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.

Questions for Q&A can be
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Korean, Hindi and Chinese

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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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