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NEWS &
THE BIBLE

SUNDAY 26TH JULY
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 ASSOCIATE MINISTER

REV STUART HOLMAN

☛ Senior Associate Minister

One of my 'heroes' died last week: Dr James Innell Packer, aged 94. When I say, 'hero,' I mean that he was a Christian whom I greatly admired (not worshipped!); his ministry and service have significantly shaped and encouraged me over many years. Mal has been so kind as to allow me share a few reflections here in this space usually reserved for important pieces of St Andrew's news.

As an author, he was known as J.I. Packer, and wrote well over 50 books, in addition to co-authoring and collaborating on countless other works. If you've not previously done so, just get a copy of *Knowing God* and read it. Slowly. I pray that it will change your life as it did mine. Although somewhat of a crusty Oxford intellectual, he wrote in a manner accessible to ordinary people like me. His brilliance was the ability to take complex theological issues and make them understandable and relevant, without dumbing them down. In addition to *Knowing God*, let me also recommend

Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God, Keep In Step With The Spirit, Divine Sovereignty and Human Responsibility and Concise Theology.

As my college professor, he was known simply as "J.I.," but always addressed as "Doctor Packer." He was much loved by his students and colleagues at Regent College in Vancouver, Canada. His lectures seemed dry to some, as he worked through carefully weighted theological arguments and detailed doctrines. And yet his wonderfully dry sense of humour kept me fully engaged. To be fair, this was lost on some students from south of the border.

"Question Time" was mandated at the end of each lecture. It generally went overtime for another 30 or more minutes. Some students were regularly observed sneaking into the back of the lecture theatre just as "Question Time" began— so rich were these exchanges. Also mandated was singing "The Doxology" at the beginning of each lecture (and before exams, too!). This was essential, said Dr Packer, because, "Theology is for Doxology. Everything we learn of God, and know of him, must

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rightly be turned to his praise... and it stops one from getting a big head!"

Writing essays for Dr Packer initially seemed a daunting task. Each student had to submit a one page proposal for the term paper they wished to write, along with a summary of their arguments and references. Students could only proceed to write the paper after a personal interview discussing and refining the paper. But the key question was always, "Now then, why do you want to write this particular paper?" There was to be no theology done without doxology— even in term papers. I loved writing papers for "J.I."

As a member of the Regent College community, Dr Packer was marked by his humility, generosity of spirit, and passion to grow students as 'people'.

As a member of the same church, he was usually known as "Jim"— although it never seemed appropriate for a young person such as me to address him in this way, even on Sundays. The church went through very turbulent times, and Jim's wisdom and support for the leadership of St John's was of inestimable worth. He would

occasionally preach— always faithfully, but with little fanfare. He and his wife Kit were always members of a Small Group. I will never forget seeing him teaching an 'Adult Sunday School Class'— where only a handful of people deigned to turn up each week.

James Innell Packer has been described as "one of the most influential Evangelicals in North America in the past century." I suggest that is a vast understatement. I am deeply grateful to God for his sharp mind, godly and gentle wisdom, good humour and passion to serve our great God.

In Christ,
Stuart

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and so by your mercy keep us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

COMING UP

➔ Attending services on site

If you haven't already done this, please sign up at www.tiny.cc/sta-churchonline to come to the 9am and/or 4:30pm.

The upcoming Sunday date will 'close' on the form at 5pm each Friday.

If you *are* attending our onsite services, you can see a video about what to expect at www.tiny.cc/StA-churchonsite

➔ Christianity Explored

Commencing on Wed 5 August

Each Wednesday night until 16 September
7:30pm - 8:30pm

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 at his home.

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 and listen.

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

➔ Basecamp Men's Event

Sat 8th Aug | 8am - 12:30pm

'Man Disrupted', Katoomba Christian Convention's Basecamp Live-stream will be at St Andrew's Roseville, in the Church.

\$50/person for registration, coffee and morning tea. RSVP by Monday 3rd August at www.tiny.cc/StA-basecamp - payment details included in the form.

Come and hear how Jesus changes men for the better. Basecamp features John Lennox (Professor of Mathematics at Oxford University and internationally renowned speaker on the interface of science, philosophy and religion), Jeremy Dunn (Pastor at City Light Church Balmain), and Dr Mark Stephens from CPX.

More details at www.basecampmen.com

➔ Church-Wide Virtual Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 12 August | 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Please join us online for a time to pray together via Zoom (or even just dial in by phone). To join in, click on the blue tile at www.standrews.net.au/covid-19 or click on the Book/Register button in the Church App event.

There will also be a pdf of prayer points available on the day.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

PLEASE PRAY

🕒 Churchwide

Pray for our Federal and State leaders as they continue to manage the nation's affairs during the Covid pandemic. Pray for those directly impacted either through illness, loneliness or financial difficulties.

🕒 8am

Thank God for the life of Joyce Dinan, formerly of our 8am service, who was promoted to glory this past week. Pray for comfort for all those who knew Joyce here in Roseville, and then more recently in Ballina where she lived for the last year or two of her life.

🕒 10am

Give thanks for the care that both Ruth Howes and Don Hodges are receiving at Lady Davidson Hospital, asking that God would continue to heal, comfort and sustain them. Please pray also for Judy Hodges as she seeks to encourage and support Don during a difficult time.

Pray for Andy and Rhonda Thirlwell on the recent passing of Andy's mother Pat after a long period of illness. Pray also for the wider family, including Pat's husband Tony as they

grieve their loss; may they know God's love, care and comfort during this time.

🕒 5pm

Pray for Jeffi and Peter Hill as they grieve the loss of Jeffi's mother, Joyce Dinan, asking for God's comfort and peace at this time. 5pm

🕒 7pm

Pray for the marriage of Soha Fassaie and Al Worton who were married yesterday (25 July). Thank God that despite the Covid restrictions, they were still able to be married with family and friends present and pray for them as they adjust to life honouring God in marriage.

🕒 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

🕒 Other

Pray for our Archbishop Glenn Davies and our regional Bishop Chris Edwards in all the responsibilities of their office, especially as they grapple with all of the Coronavirus implications for churches and church gatherings. Pray that they will have wisdom in decision making and guiding of those in their care and everyone they interact with.

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

MISSION & AID

BARBARA MAY FOUNDATION



📍 Tanzania & Ethiopia

Andrew and Stephanie Browning with their children William and Christopher returned to Australia in late 2017 after serving in Arusha, Tanzania since 1999. Andrew was working at the Lutheran Mission Hospital and Stephanie set up and ran the Christ Church International School. Andrew continues to oversee training in fistula surgery around Africa and South East Asia, traveling to Africa 4 times a year to teach and to operate on fistula patients, funded by the Barbara May Foundation.

Pray for all the staff at the hospitals in Mille and Barhir Dar in Ethiopia and the Kivulini hospital in Tanzania: they are busier than

ever as patients try and avoid government hospitals thinking that Covid-19 is present there.

Pray for Africa as the lockdowns are causing much misery, hunger and suffering, far more than the actual virus.

Pray for Christ Church International School which has had to close due to Covid-19 - lessons are continuing online.

Thank God that 5 of the foreign staff at the school were able to leave before Tanzania closed its borders. Pray for all the staff and the missionary children who have returned to their home countries during this time of the pandemic.

Praise God for the patients that are coming and pray that they will see the love of Christ.

Pray for the provision of a new obstetrician in the hospital in Tanzania; that the Lord will raise up the right person.

Pray for wisdom and perseverance for Andrew as he is eager to get back Africa but it will be a while before travel is permissible.

Amidst the anxiety and uncertainty in the world, pray that people will realise that the only certainty and hope we have is in Christ and His promise to come again and restore everything to Him.

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

Korean, Hindi and Chinese

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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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