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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. If you would like to know more about following Jesus or about St Andrew's, please visit our website www.standrews.net.au

Dear St Andrews,

Thank you for your prayers for our staff planning days last week. The team and I had a very productive time looking at God's word, praying for you and the ministry here as well as planning for next year.

In addition, we spent some time simply bonding as a team: Walking together, talking together, laughing together and praying together. We even watched the 'Shawshank Redemption' - those who were here two weeks ago will know what I mean.

We are excited about the next month of ministry and the ministry that we hope to do over the coming new year.

In Christ,

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#### Southern Cross December:

As the dust settles, we have put together the latest snapshot of Diocesan life as the cover story of the latest edition of Southern Cross.

The Nov/Dec edition should be delivered to your church soon if it has not already arrived.

Inside:

- Marking the ministry of women
- A new home for Campus Bible Study
- Encouraging Christian teachers
- The Archbishop writes on his migrant journey
- and Smokin' for Jesus (I'll let you discover for yourself what that's about!)

Online, SC is in the usual place at https://

magazine.sydneyanglicans.net.

#### STAFF TEAM:

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### **DIARY DATES**

- **7 Dec** Anglicare Toys 'n' Tucker closes bring your gifts to church or the office asap
- 10 DecCarols on Clanville (Roseville Park)4:30pm Kindifarm, Camel rides + face painting6:30pm Carols commence
- **18 Dec** Lessons and Carols (6pm) Summer service times commence 9am & 6pm until the end of January (except Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day)
- 24 DecChristmas Eve4:00pm Kindifarm6:00pm Family Christmas Service11:00pm Contemporary Christmas Service
- 25 Dec Christmas Day 8:30am Traditional Christmas Service 10:30am Contemporary Christmas Service



# CAROLS ON CLANVILLE SIGN-UP

Click on the link below to check out how you can help at Carols on Clanville - an hour or two of your time will make a huge impact at this wonderful event for our church, your family and friends, and our local community!



https://forms.office.com/r/xmuGrh0FeB



# TOYS 'N TUCKER

Toys 'n' Tucker is a wonderful way to share the joy of Christmas with people in need. Times are hard and uncertain for many - take a minute out of your day to watch this 90 sec video and see how you can help.

### Food

Standard sizes are preferred and help fit everything neatly into a hamper pack. Non-perishables suggested:

- Christmas Pudding
- Tinned ham or chunky soup (450g)
- Tinned salmon or tuna (415g)
- Tea (100pk) or coffee (100g)
- Biscuits (packet)
- Dried pasta (500g) and pasta sauce
- Long-life milk and custard
- Tinned fruit and vegetables (425g)
- Jam (500g)
- Cake or pancake mix

Sadly chocolate can't be included as it's likely to melt!

#### Gift ideas

#### **Pre-schoolers**

- Age-appropriate games
- Educational toys
- Picture books

Children

- Good-quality toys
- Outdoor games
- Sporting equipment

Teenagers

- Gift cards/vouchers
- Sporting equipment
- Toiletry packs

Gifts can be left at the church on Sundays or at the office until Wednesday 7 December. If you can help with packing the goods for delivery to Anglicare please get in touch with Bettina via office@standrews.net.au.

# **RESPONDING TO VISION DAY**

Please take a moment to pray about how you can respond to God's vision for St Andrews, outlined three weeks ago. Please fill out this survey <u>https://</u> <u>forms.office.com/r/7iJVjeNkUW</u> in order to indicate how you can respond with your time OR this form <u>https://forms.office.com/r/JB5SZivnRq</u> to indicate if you can respond with your money towards our 2023 kickstart initiative.

# **PRAYER POINTS**

We encourage you to include in your prayers this week:

- Praise God for the time away that the staff had on their planning days. Praise God that it was a time of bonding as a team, as well as, growing in God's word and planning for next year.
- Ask God to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine in the face of global conflict, corruption and in the wake of natural disasters. Pray that the love of God would reach far and wide for His sake and glory.
- Pray that we would be people who humbly sit before God's word and by his spirit seek to please him in all areas of our lives.
- Pray for opportunities to invite our families, friends, neighbours and colleagues to Carols on Clanville, Carols and Lessons and our Christmas services.
- Pray that God will help us to respond appropriately to his vision for St Andrew's for 2023, as we look to *Grow Disciples of Jesus Christ*. Pray that we can use our most precious talents of time and money to do this.

### SAFE MINISTRY

We take safety seriously at St Andrew's and we are committed to the physical, emotional and spiritual welfare of those in our care. If you have questions or concerns please contact our (voluntary) Safe Ministry Representative, Megan Webster via safeministry@standrews.net.au.

### **FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

The preferred method for contributing to the ministry and operational costs of St Andrew's is via regular EFT giving to:

#### BSB 032 086 - Account 387 248 St Andrew's Roseville

Cash/cheque contributions can be made via the offertory collection boxes inside the church (no funds are kept on site).

### MISSION + AID PARTNER Undeceptions

Give thanks that:

- John, Buff, and Josie are settling into American life and making friends.
- John is starting to get his head around the opportunities and systems of Wheaton College.
- Buff has started volunteering as a chaplain at a local facility for people with dementia .
- Journalist Alasdair Belling has been appointed researchwriter for the expanding Undeceptions team, especially helping the podcast production and assisting John with his writing and speaking projects.
- Season 8 of Undeceptions has launched this week and the listening audience continues to grow.
- Santino Dimarco has joined the Undeceptions team (on a consultant basis) to provide high-level financial and operational advice.

#### Please pray for:

- The entire Undeceptions team (John Dickson, Kaley Payne, Mark Hadley, Lyndie Leviston, Richard Hamwi, Sophie Hawkshaw, Alasdair Belling, Santino Dimarco, and Siobhan McGuinness) that we would remain focused on our calling to make Christ public and that we would maintain great working relationships, even with the boss overseas!
- John's preaching in the US (on behalf of Undeceptions) which begins in earnest this month.
- The planning for a major Undeceptions conference and mission in August 2023 in Sydney and elsewhere, featuring world-class thinkers and speakers Rebecca McLaughlin and Rachel Gilson, who will join John Dickson and other Australians for a series of public events.
- The production (starting in December) of Undeceptions' inaugural documentary The First Hymn Project, which tracks the discovery of the oldest Christian hymn with musical notation (a papyrus manuscript from AD 250) and follows a team of international musicians as they revive and recast the ancient song, titled 'Giver of all good gifts', for a modern congregational setting. The content of the song explodes certain myths about the first Christians.





We warmly invite you to attend the

# Junior School Christmas Performance

**Choir and Strings** 

Thursday December 1 1.30pm until 2.30pm

St Andrew's Anglican Church, Roseville

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