

St Andrew's ROSEVILLE

SUNDAY 21ST APRIL 2024

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

Coming Up

Sat 21 April - REVIVE touch footy competition @ Clanville oval - 1.30pm

Mon 29 April - Intro to Amos online lecture - 7pm

Sun 26 May - Mission & Aid Sunday @ Roseville College - 10.30am

Staff Leave

Mel Bell: 22 Apr - 2 May

Ness Hughes: 22 - 28 April

Indira Ryan: 24 - 26 April

Scott Warner: 25 Apr - 5 May

Emily Tong: 10 - 22 May



HUB HOLIDAY PROGRAM

And just like that, another HUB is almost done! After several months of preparation, Mel Bell, Emily Tong and their teams put together a holiday program for primary school aged kids, held at Roseville Public School this week. 159 local kids attended the program, including several who had not been to church before.

"I didn't know community like this existed anymore," a local parent exclaimed.

Hundreds of volunteers banded together to make this program happen, and the HUB set up day on Sunday was a great success. A huge thank you to everyone who was involved. Your contribution, whether big or small, did not go unnoticed.

All glory to God!





Mission Partner of the Week:
Ben Lim & Sydney Uni
Evangelical Union

Please be praying for Ben Lim and his work with international students through the SUEU.

- Pray that our Big God would be powerfully at work so that all of USYD's 30,000+ international students might come to know Jesus' gospel - and to that end that each of the 11 Thursday night Small Groups might start another group this semester.
- Please pray that God would lead Ben and his team to those students in whom He's already working - to those hungry to know Jesus more.
- Please keep praying for Xiang Yu, who actually hasn't yet joined any euFOCUS activities - that God would keep working in him and that he'd make time to read the Bible and meet Jesus.
- Pray also for Ruiming, James, Pat, Tony and Huang who are Investigating Jesus with the EU.
- Please pray that God would give Ben and the team wisdom as they consider how best to help the hundreds of Australian-Asian students in the EU let God's grace in Jesus impact all of who they are, and reach out to the thousands of Australian-Asians on campus.

PRAYER POINTS

Please pray for the Kids and Youth ministries of the church:

- For Xtreme that meets on Friday afternoons, for Play Group that meets during the week, and for the Sunday Kids Church programs that happen at 10:30am and 5pm.
- Pray that God will sustain Mel Bell and her team as they minister to our kids.
- For Revive that meets on Friday evenings and for the gathering of youth at the 10.30am and 5pm services.
- Pray that God will sustain Indira Ryan and her team, as they minister to our youth.

Please pray for our Maturity:

- That we will be a church that aims to help people grow in their relationship with Jesus.
- Pray for small groups and their leaders.
- That people will use the 'growing disciples' resources to grow in their personal relationships with each other.
- That people will look to join small groups and meet one to one with each other, to grow in our understanding of the bible.
- Pray that as the Bible is taught week to week, that the preachers will be faithful to the word of God and that God's Spirit might work powerfully amongst us.
- Pray that people notice a difference in their lives, as a result of God working in them, through the ministry of St Andrew's.

Please pray for the global Church:

- Please pray for the many churches around the world that face persecution daily.
- Pray for those churches that are growing quickly - like in China, India and Africa.
- Pray for those churches who are lacking resources and help us be willing to support those who are in need.
- Pray for the continual spread of the gospel around the world and that God will use his church to see this happen.

Please pray for each other:

- For the 5pm congregation:

That their love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that they may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ - to your glory and praise. AMEN

Please also pray for those involved in the Bondi Junction tragedy:

- Pray for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones
- Pray for those who are recovering from injuries that they will return to full health, of both body and mind
- Pray for the churches in and around Bondi Junction as they minister to members of the community who have turned to them for comfort and hope. Ask for strength for the ministers and other staff as they deal with this personally, and help members of the community to process the events and point them towards our loving heavenly Father.

Please pray for the Christ The Good Shepherd Church after the attack on Monday:

- Pray for those who were injured in the attack that they would have a speedy recovery and praise God that no injuries were life-threatening
- Pray for the church members and first responders as they process this terrible event

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).

For enquiries about financial matters, please contact our Treasurer, David Vidilini via accounts@standrews.net.au.

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 at safeministry@standrews.net.au.

ST ANDREW'S IS A NUT FREE ZONE

Please be mindful of those with nut allergies and do not bring anything containing nuts to church.



INTRO TO AMOS - ONLINE LECTURE

On Monday 29th April at 7.30pm, there will be an online introductory lecture on the book of Amos, presented to us by Dr Andrew Judd. This will be a great way to start thinking about Amos ahead of our series on the book beginning in May.

This will be run similarly to the Introductory lecture on Romans, but instead of being held in the church, it will be held online, as our speaker is interstate.

Stay tuned for further details on how to join the online meeting.

REVIVE TOUCH FOOTY COMPETITION

Register now for the Revive touch footy competition! Second week of the school holidays. See you there!



WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP

The Wednesday morning prayer group will be taking a break over the school holidays, from 17th April to 1st May, resuming 8th May.

From 8th May the prayer group will continue meeting weekly at 7.30am.

Contact the office for more info.

SAVE THE DATE - MISSION & AID SUNDAY

Make sure you save the date for Mission & Aid Sunday on **Sunday 26th May!** There will be one combined service at 10.30am at Roseville College followed by a BBQ lunch.

Stay tuned for more details.

ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE KIDS

Playgroup

Thursdays 10am-12pm

Xtreme

Years 4-6

Fridays 3.15pm-5pm

StAR Kids program

Sundays 10.30am

ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE YOUTH

REVIVE

Fridays 6.30pm-8.30pm

Jnr Youth Bible Study

Sundays 10.30am & 5pm

Snr Youth encouraged to attend the 6.45pm service

STAFF DAYS OFF

Mal York - Fridays

Scott Warner - Tuesdays

Ness Hughes - Wed, Fri, Sat

Mel Bell - Tuesdays

Indira Ryan - Tuesdays

Emily Tong - Tue, Thurs, Sat, Sun

Amelia Ross - Saturdays, Sundays

STAFF TEAM:

Senior Minister
Senior Assistant Minister
Assistant Minister
Children's Minister
Youth Minister
Ministry Support Coordinator
Assistant Children's Minister
Office



Links:

Making sense of Romans (recording)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ETg724rXGPo>

Safe Ministry info night (recording)

<https://youtube.com/live/TeSFWAj-NQg?>

Southern Cross Magazine

https://issuu.com/sydneyanglicans/docs/sc24_03-04?fr=sMTmZjYzMDQ5NjM

LOST PROPERTY

There is a growing collection of lost property in Amelia's office. If you think you may have left something behind, please contact Amelia via office@standrews.net.au so that she can reunite you with your lost things.

There are water bottles, sunglasses, a bible, clothing items, etc.

Thanks!

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St Andrew's Financial Update

An interview with David Vidilini (Honorary Treasurer) and Tori Grimes (Member 6:45pm)

Q1: What is the current financial situation of our church?

Dave: At the AGM I gave an update that we were **10-11%** on our giving at the end of Feb. The March offertory numbers are in, and we are still tracking at 10-11% down for the year against what we budgeted for giving. This equates to **\$22,000 behind our budgeted giving target**. If this trend continues, we are looking at a **\$100,000** behind for the year. We have the kickstart as well, which is still short by **\$40,000**. However, if there was a priority between the two, then the offertory is a critical element because 90% of that goes to the operations of the church (the other 10% to Mission & Aid). While there are some cash reserves to help cover this, if we continue on our current giving trajectory, then we will need to ask some pretty serious questions.

Mal: For those who don't know, it is the Parish Council with the senior minister and the Wardens that approve the budget for the church. The Parish Council are representatives elected by the church at the AGM and they approve a budget based on their belief that the church can achieve what is set. So, in a similar way to when Paul urges the Corinthians to 'bring to completion' what they said they would give, in supporting the Macedonians. So, in the same way I urge you to 'bring to completion' the budget that the Parish Council has set. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 8:7 "You excel in everything, now excel in the gift of giving." So, please prayerfully consider how you can support the budget and see that 11% get reduced, God willing to 0%!

Q2: Why do you give to church and what would you say in order to encourage people to give?

Tori: Three reasons and a bonus reason why I give to church. Firstly, I give because I love God. All that I have is given to me from God, so I give back to God to him what is already his. Secondly, I give because I love others, both Christians and non-Christians. We can participate in the local church as we give. We can't all be ministers, so we get secular jobs and with the money we earn, we support the local church. It is how we as a family participate in the building up of the body and the growth of the kingdom really directly. Thirdly, I give because it is good for me. In Luke, Jesus says watch out for greed. A man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions. We are so prone to materialism and selfishness and generosity and giving is the antidote to giving. He knows it is good for us and we can get joy from it. If we don't start this, then it only gets harder when it is older. If you wait, then you will never get there. The bonus reason is that as we give to church, we support more than just St Andrew's but the work of other individuals and organisations through our mission giving. Our collective power of giving makes this a powerful way to support these partners.

Mal: Can I encourage those who are attending St Andrew's and who are not currently giving to the work of the church, for whatever reason – whether you are new, or circumstances have prevented this, but if that has changed, to consider starting to give to the work of the church. There is information how to give on the Newsletter or the Website. Can I also encourage those who are currently giving to church, to prayerfully consider, how you can help reduce the deficit, so that we can bring to completion what we as a church have committed to? This will give the Wardens and I confidence to make decisions on behalf of the church. We have money for a Part-time youth worker, but we may need to look for a full time one. We would like to bring Ness Hughes on full-time next, but if we don't reach our current budget, then we can't consider these things for next year. So, please prayerfully consider how you can support the ministry at St Andrew's.

2024 "Kickstart the budget" Initiative

To give to the kickstart initiative please fill out the form by following the link below or scanning the QR code.

<https://forms.office.com/r/9fhMh8d9tL>

Details for regular giving can be found in the left hand column on page 4 of the newsletter.

