

St Andrew's ROSEVILLE

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2025

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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

Coming Up

15 Jan - Weekly online prayer meetings resume 7.30am

20 - 24 Jan - Revive Youth Summer Camp

26 Jan - Service of Lament 8am

31 Jan - 2 Feb - Revive Leaders' Retreat

2 Feb - back to normal service times

7, 9 Feb - Kids & Youth ministries start up again

10 Feb - Intro to Luke with David Peterson 7.30pm

Staff Leave

Emily Tong - 22 Nov - 7 Jan

Ness Hughes - 23 Dec - 12 Jan

Scott Warner - 19 - 27 Jan



POST-CHURCH SOCIALS

This Sunday, after the 10am service will be a 'Sunday Funday' with lots of games for all-ages to participate in! Feel free to bring a picnic lunch. We will be gathering in the hall straight after the service.

This Sunday, after the 6pm service we will be dividing into our normal congregations. As much as we'd love to do something all together there just isn't the space! So, 5pm people will be gathering at Kylie Roberts' house and 6.45pm people will be heading to the Greengate Hotel for dinner.

Looking forward to spending some time in extended fellowship!

REVIVE YOUTH - SUMMER CAMP 2025

On the 20th-24th of Jan 2025 Revive Youth are going away together for our annual Summer Camp to kick off the new year!

This Summer Camp we are looking at why JESUS IS BETTER. We are going to be thinking about how Jesus is better than a range of things as shown in the Bible and hear from different people as to why Jesus is the greatest for them. The heart behind this camp theme to show youth that Jesus is worth living for and trusting in and that he is better than we can even imagine!

Please pray for safety for the campers and their leaders as they travel to and from Kiah Ridge. Pray that the camp will go smoothly, campers will have a great time, learn and be convicted that Jesus IS better than anything the world could offer.



MISSION PARTNERS

*Please pray for all of our
Mission & Aid partners.*



Ret. ABP Masimango



Dr Andrew Browning &
the Barbara May
Foundation



Undeceptions Podcast



Ben Lim - SUEU Focus

ACCESSING THE SERMONS

Trouble accessing our YouTube channel and the sermons? Please let us know at the office and we will send you some instructions.

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NEWS

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

O Lord who is Love beyond compare,
you are good when you give;
when you take away;
when the sun shine upon us;
and when the night gathers over us.

Your goodness has been with us,
over the course of another year;
your goodness will be with us,
in the year ahead.

Give us a love that precedes,
a love that follows,
and a love that guides -
sustaining us,
equipping us,
and aiding us every hour.

Grant us your wisdom;
to supply our every thought,
to speak our every word,
to guide our every step,
to direct our every work,
and to build up our faith and trust.

We launch our ships upon the unknown waters of this year,
with you, O Father, as our harbour;
with you, O Son, at our helm;
with you, O Spirit, filling our sails.

Give us your grace to grow us,
your comfort to cheer us,
your wisdom to teach us,
your right hand to guide us,
your counsel to instruct us,
your law to guide us,
your presence to strengthen us.

What we have not, give us.
What we know not, teach us.
And who we are not, make us.

Amen.

*Adapted and edited from two prayers - "Year's End" and "New Year"
- from 'The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and
Devotions', edited by Arthur Bennett (1975)*

WEEKLY ONLINE PRAYER MEETING

The Wednesday morning online prayer meetings will be resuming next Wednesday 15th January at its usual time of 7.30am. You can join the meeting via the link: <http://tiny.cc/730amPrayer>

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

2024 Parish Council & Wardens

Wardens

Alys Martin (10.30am)

Luke Hall (10.30am)

Aaron Black (5pm)

Treasurer

David Vidilini (10.30am)

Parish Council

Ursula Keen (8.30am)

Narelle Barbarino (10.30am)

Helen Vernon (10.30am)

Andrew Loel (10.30am)

Adrian Perry (10.30am)

Cameron Robertson (5pm)

Craig Roberts (6.45pm)

Ed Shaw (10.30am)

SERVICE OF LAMENT

Australia Day Service, 26th Jan, 8am

Each year, as we approach Australia Day, I can't help but remember the time I spent in Walpiri Country, with members of our St Andrew's family, learning about Indigenous Australia, and hearing about some of the work a previous Mission and Aid partner had been doing.

We spent time listening and learning as we met many Indigenous Australians, for whom 26th January is a day of deep grief and sadness. One afternoon, we sat around the campfire, and heard from Indigenous elders and community members. They shared their experience of land, culture, kinship, faith... There were many stories of tragedy, loss and grief. There were also many stories of hope, reconciliation, healing and God's redemptive work.

We finished by singing Amazing Grace together; Walpiri and English sung together. It is what I imagine when I read Revelation 7:9 "a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb."

It strikes me, as we approach Australia Day for 2025, that this is an important time in our church life to do those same simple things that we did in country; listen to the voice of our Indigenous peoples, lament, sing, and pray with hope that God would bring reconciliation to our land.

This is why, Sunday 26th January 2025, we will have a special Australia Day Service at 8am.

We want to begin our Australia Day by remembering the past and acknowledging the importance of Indigenous Australians in our national life today, and gathering to hold the complexity of this day before God, for his help, blessing and healing.

After all, God is the Great Reconciler who is working to see us reconciled to himself, and to one another.

"For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross." (Colossians 1:19-20)

We hope to see you there.

With hope in our Lord,
Mel Bell

HUB 2025

Tickets for HUB 2025 are now open! Purchase your tickets through this link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CVODE>

HUB is a 4 day long holiday program for children in primary school.

We provide a fun, inclusive program that shares the love of God with families in our local area.

WHEN:

Monday 14 April 2025 9:00 AM - Thursday 17 April 2025 3:30 PM

Days run 9am-3:30pm (with check in open from 8:30am each morning).

WHERE:

Roseville Public School
19A Archbold Road, Roseville NSW 2069



ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE KIDS

Playgroup

Taking a break for the school holidays

Xtreme

Taking a break for the school holidays

StAR Kids program - lite

Sundays 10.30am

ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE YOUTH

REVIVE

Taking a break for the school holidays

Jnr Youth Bible Study

Taking a break for the school holidays

Youth are encouraged to attend church with their families

Snr Sundays

Snr Youth (years 10-12) are encouraged to attend the 6.45pm Service

STAFF DAYS OFF

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:

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

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for those who are away on holidays; for safety as they travel and for time to relax and recuperate before going back to school, study or work.
- Pray for our staff on leave; pray that they will have a restful time away so that they return to us refreshed and ready for the year ahead.
- Pray for Revive Summer Camp; for the youth who are attending and the leaders organising and running the camp. Pray that many youth will come to know the Lord Jesus at this camp, and for those who already know Him, that their faith will be renewed and strengthened.
- Pray for the ministries returning in February; for StAR Kids, REVIVE Youth, XTREME, Playgroup, Kopwa, ESL, and small groups. Pray that the leaders of these ministries will return from the holiday break refreshed and excited to lead again this year. Pray that those who attend these ministries will return with an eagerness to serve God, learn about Him, and grow in their faith.
- Pray for those who are sick, recovering from medical procedures, and for those caring for loved ones who are sick or injured.

JOIN A SMALL GROUP

If you were not in a St Andrew's Small Group last year, please fill out the form via the link below so that we can put you in a group. Small Groups are an excellent opportunity to dive deeper into God's word, a chance to discuss God's word and what we hear at Church with a smaller group of people, build relationships with each other and strengthen our relationships with God. If you have any questions, please speak to Scott Warner.

tiny.cc/smallgroups25

PARISH NOMINATORS

Would you like to contact the nominators? If so, please e-mail: nominators@standrews.net.au

Rick Seton (8.30am) Stuart Shinfield (5pm)
Alwin Chin (10.30am) Tori Grimes (6.45pm)
Anne Judd (5pm)

Thanks for reading this edition of the Summer Newsletter! This will be the last edition for the holiday period, with the next edition coming out in early February. You can keep up to date with what's happening at St Andrew's via the website, and during the services each Sunday. Please feel free to contact Amelia via office@standrews.net.au if you have any questions.

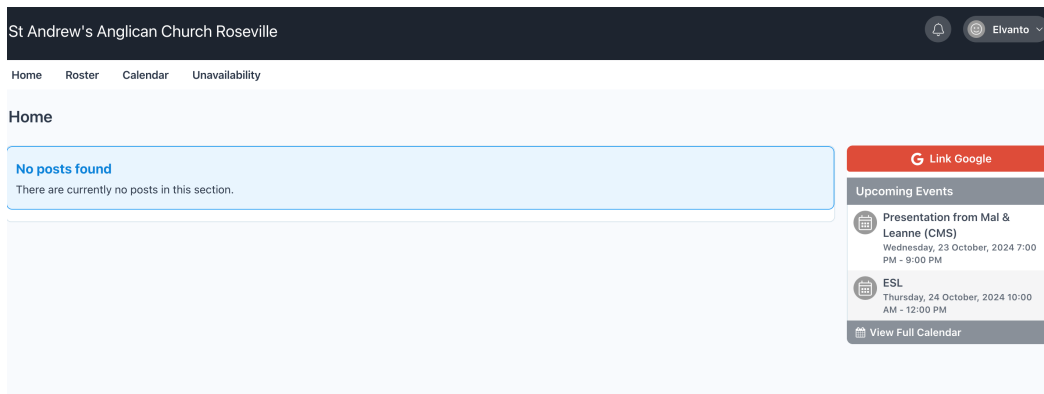
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Member Use of Elvanto

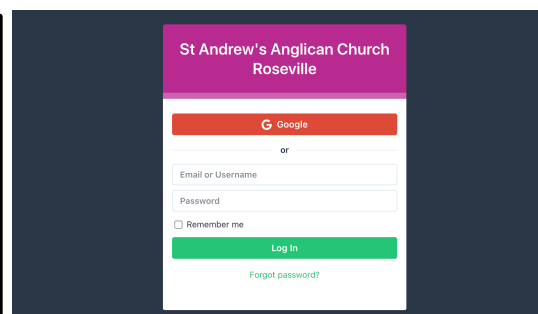
As outlined on Vision Day, we plan to start utilising the member facilities of Elvanto (our church management system), which will enable members to engage with ministry and each other using a central platform.

On the **1st of February, 2025**, we intend to activate the Member Area which looks something like this (please note it is unpopulated in this pic!):



- As you can see the Member Area will allow you to:
- see upcoming events and access the church calendar
 - manage your own profile and settings
 - see your upcoming roster
 - Inform us of your unavailability

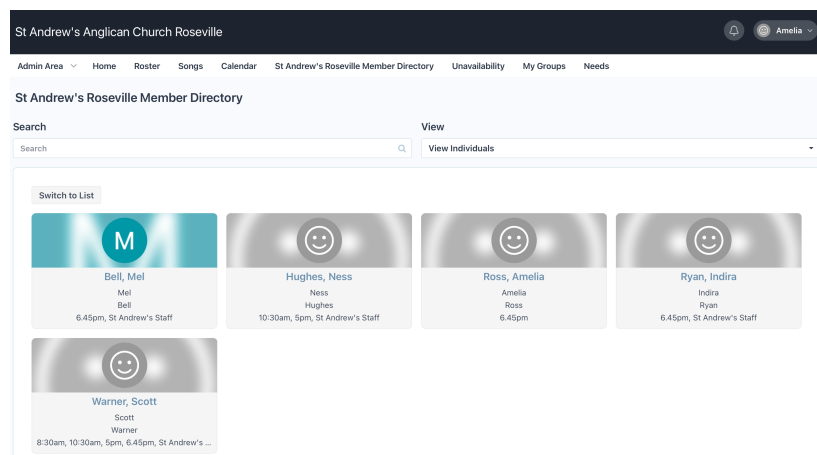
To interact with the Member Area, you will be emailed an Elvanto login with a username and a link to set your own password.
It will look something like this:



You can then access Elvanto either in a web browser: <https://standrews.elvanto.com.au/login>
Or by using their app.



We also plan on the **1st of February, 2025**, to enable the Member Directory which is basically a church member contact list allowing members to engage with each other in a more streamlined way. It will list your name (first and last) and your email address.



Please note:

- It is for adult members only (no kids/youth will be listed)
- It is for church and social use only (not for commercial use)
- The staff will withdraw access for anyone who misuses it

If you would like to OPT OUT of the Member Directory, please do so by filling in [this form](#). We understand there are valid reasons to opt out of a shared contact list and we respect your preference. You will still be able to engage with the Member Area even if you opt out of the Member Directory. Of course, it will be possible to opt-out at any time, even after we go live.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Blessings,

Ness Hughes & Amelia Ross