

St Andrew's

ROSEVILLE

SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2025

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

8 Feb - Working Bee 8am

10 Feb - 'Understanding Luke's Gospel' with Dr David Peterson - 7.30pm @ Church

22 Feb - Bush Walk 7.30am

23 Feb - Sit Down Supper (after 5pm), \$10 dinner & Newish (after 6.45pm)

1 Mar - Working Bee

2 Mar - Belonging Lunch 12pm

8 Mar - Working Bee

Staff Days Off

Scott Warner - Tuesdays

Ness Hughes - Fridays, Saturdays

Mel Bell - Tuesdays

Indira Ryan - Tuesdays

Emily Tong - Tue, Thurs, Sat, Sun

Amelia Ross - Saturdays, Sundays

THE RISE OF ANTI-SEMITISM

There is nothing new about anti-Semitism. If you visit Wittenberg, and the church where Martin Luther most often preached – Stadtkirche – there is a 13th Century carving on the church wall depicting Jews as pigs. Luther's (reformation) tracks are famous, one of them was entitled "On the Jews and Their Lies" (1543).

As we turn to think about the rise of anti-Semitism – no, anti-enemy – we must appreciate this trend is long term and deep seated.

Much can be said on this topic, I shall make a few comments from the perspective of Rene Girard – a French Philosopher/Historian/Theologian (Catholic).

Like Augustine, Girard believes humans are desire driven (as opposed to rational driven) creatures. Girard's unique contribution is that he believes we learn our desires by imitation. We see what others are getting, and we desire the same.

This inevitably creates competition, with winners and losers. Those who miss out respond with innate blame and scapegoating. What is wrong in the world is the fault of the other.

The Jews have long been easy targets for blame and scapegoating. Their relative wealth, business acumen, intelligence, and separatism make them a soft target. In times of hardship, blame and racist attacks on minorities increase across history and cultures.

For instance, in the 13th Century, there was a mini-ice age and food shortage. At precisely the same time when Islamic persecution of Christians rises in the Middle East, so too Anti-Semitism is on the rise in Christian Europe. Anti-Semitism is bigger than just the present war in Gaza and Lebanon, the current economic downturn is likely a co-contributing factor.

Blame comes naturally to humans, but is a counter-productive response. It is neither generative, nor takes any responsibility. Jesus is blamed and becomes the scapegoat for the troubles of 1st Century Palestinian Jews. Ironically, the cross is also the solution. Jesus reverses the negative spiral, by loving his enemies, humility, and self-sacrifice.

Where might you be blaming someone at present? How might the cross inspire and enable a different response?

Grace and Peace,

David Rietveld

Acting Senior Minister

MISSION PARTNERS

Please pray for John Dickson and the whole team at Undeceptions.



- Give thanks for precious time spent with family in Australia over the Christmas period
- Give thanks for Buff as she supports John in his various roles as Professor, Pastor, Podcaster, and Public Speaker
- Give thanks for 3 million downloads of the Undeceptions podcast!
- Pray for Josie as she settles into her new life in Sydney
- Pray for the First Hymn Project premieres that will be launched in the US, UK and Australia in the coming months - pray for an enthusiastic reception of the documentary
- Pray for John as he begins a double load of teaching in this new semester

WEEKLY ONLINE PRAYER MEETING

There is a Weekly Morning Prayer Meeting on every Wednesday 7.30-8am <http://tiny.cc/730amPrayer>

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.

Prayer Points

Please pray for the work of Scripture in Schools:

- For Scripture at Roseville Public School.
- That the students will grow in their understanding of Jesus and that it might cause them to attend a local church with their families.
- For those who teach the students and pray that God will sustain them as they do so.

Please pray for our Belonging to one another:

- That we will be a church that helps people who come to feel they belong
- Pray for wisdom as we welcome people on site and that every member of the church will be looking to welcome and include new people
- Pray especially for our welcome programs such as the 'belonging' and 'newish' lunches. Pray that we might become a church that looks to show hospitality to one another and build authentic relationships with each other.
- Pray that we will be known as a church that loves Jesus and each other.

Please pray for all Churches in Australia:

- For the many churches that meet, not just in Sydney, but around Australia.
- Pray for the salvation of Australians and pray that Australian churches may be a good witness of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Pray that God will protect the churches in Australia from false teaching and protect those who minister in them from the work of the evil one.
- Pray that the churches of Australia might unite under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, by his Spirit, so that we can show a unified message of Salvation.

Please pray for each other:

- For the 10:30am congregation
- That out of God's glorious riches, will be strengthened with power through your Spirit in their inner being, so that Christ may dwell in their hearts through faith. And we pray that they, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that they may be filled to the measure of all your fullness. AMEN.*



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

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)

WORKING BEE - THIS SATURDAY

Peter Mackay and James Taylor are co-ordinating a garden/yard working bee on **Saturday 8 February**. There are some trees and shrubs to trim, some weeding, and general garden maintenance that needs attending to.

It will start at **8am and plan on going until lunch**. If you have an hour or 4 to join the group, that would be wonderful. The more hands the better.

Please bring a hat, water bottle, gloves, gardening tools (e.g. secateurs) and some large bags/tubs so you can take some green trimmings home to your green bin.

If there are enough hands, we will also start moving some things out of the hall kitchen into the Kelman Room.

UNDERSTANDING LUKE'S GOSPEL - LECTURE

Monday 10th February 7.30pm in the Church

This will be a great accompaniment to our sermon series in Luke, so please plan to attend. Dr David Peterson will be giving us some helpful context and an understanding of the main themes of Luke's Gospel.

BUSH WALK

Early Saturday Morning bush walk and wildlife spotting

Saturday February 22 – Warriewood Wetlands

Meet in Katoa Close, off Garden St North Narrabeen, at 7:30am. There is plenty of free street parking.

The walk will be approximately 4 - 5kms and take 2 - 3 hours. Moderate fitness is required. Coffee and a snack are options at the end of the walk at a local coffee shop. If you have binoculars, please bring them along.

It would be helpful if you could indicate your intention to walk by texting Peter Mackay, 0405505469



8.30AM MORNING TEA

Last Sunday, Denise and Alban generously hosted the 8.30am congregation at their home for morning tea. What a lovely way to kick off Term 1!



ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE KIDS

Playgroup

Thursdays 10am-12pm

Xtreme

Years 4-6

3.15 - 5pm

StAR Kids program

Sundays 10.30am

ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE YOUTH

REVIVE

Fridays 6.30 - 8.30pm

Jnr Youth Bible Study

During the 10.30am & 5pm services

Snr Sundays

Years 10-12

6pm Prayer Time

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

ESL CLASSES

English as a Second Language classes are held weekly during term time.

Thursdays 10am-12pm

STAFF TEAM:

Interim Senior Minister
Assistant Minister
Assistant Minister
Assistant Minister (*Children & Families*)
Youth Minister
Ministry Support Coordinator
Assistant Children's Minister
Student Minister
MTS Trainee
Office

TERM 1 BELONGING EVENTS

Below are the congregational belonging events taking place in Term 1. Please pop these dates into your diaries and keep an eye out for further details!

The Key Dates Flyer for Term 1 will be available to pick up at the check-in stations this Sunday.

8.30 AM

8.30am Social Lunch
Sunday 6 April
Details to come

10.30 AM

Slider Sunday
9th March after the service
Picnic in the Park
6th April after the service

5 PM

Sit-Down Supper
Sunday 23rd February
after the service in the hall

6.45 PM

\$10 Dinner + Newish
23rd February
after the service in the church



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



PARISH NOMINATORS

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

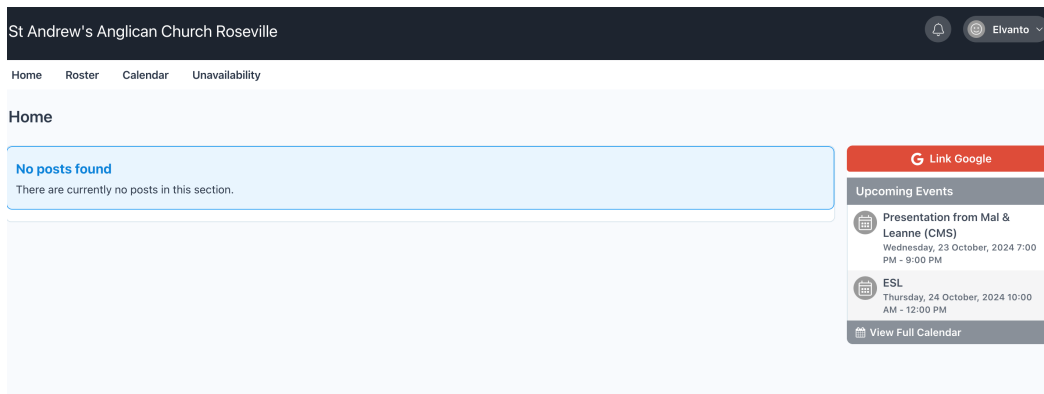
Rick Seton (8.30am) Stuart Shinfield (5pm)
Alwin Chin (10.30am) Tori Grimes (6.45pm)
Anne Judd (5pm)

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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.

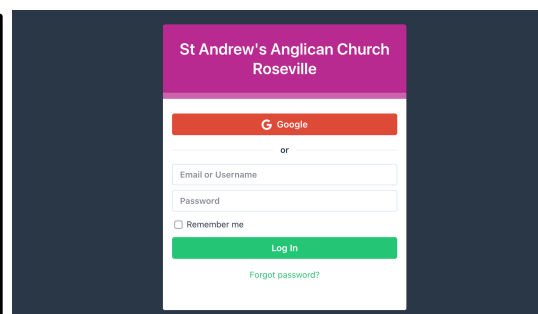
On the **1st of February, 2025**, we intend to activate the Member Area which looks something like this (please note it is unpopulated in this pic!):



- 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.

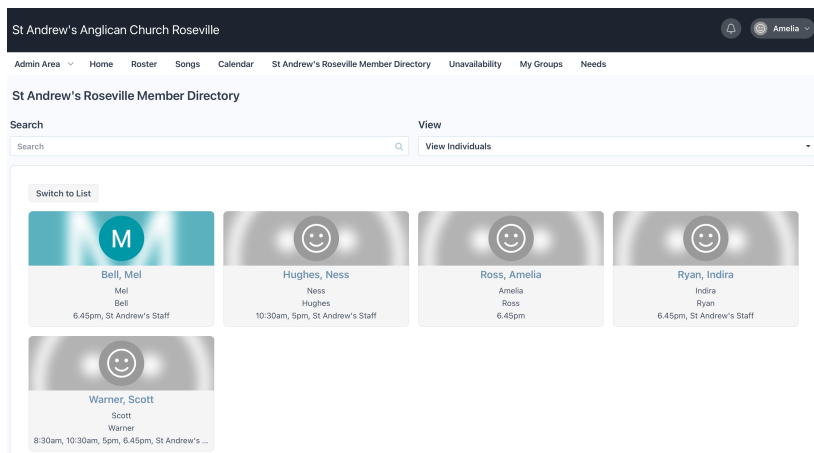
It will look something like this:



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