

St Andrew's

ROSEVILLE

SUNDAY 9TH MARCH 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 Mar - Moving Day! (Packing up and moving out of the hall)

9 Mar - Slice Sunday (after the 10.30am service)

9 Mar - HUB early-bird tickets close! Full price from Mon 10th

10 Mar - AGM 7pm, Building project update 8pm

29 Mar - Trivia Night 7.30pm

2 April - Church-Wide Prayer & Praise night 7.30pm @ Church

Elvanto Member Area

The link to set up a log in that we sent a few weeks ago has now expired. If you have not yet set up a log in to Elvanto, please let Ness or Amelia know so we can reissue the link to you.

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

EMPIRE VS NATION STATE

Russia is wrong to attack another sovereign state. The incursion is indefensible. The leaders of the free world must stop this. Defending Ukraine is obvious and necessary. For the sake of debate, let me play with the above assumptions – which I suspect most of us hold with conviction.

In 1914 over 85% of the world's land was under the rule of an empire, and around 70% of the world's population. Empire, and not nation state has historically been the most common and stable form of government across the globe.

In 1453 the Turks, under Mehmed the Conqueror, attacked Istanbul (then Constantinople). The Turks (aka The Ottoman Empire) defeated the last vestiges of the Roman Empire. Yes – you read correctly. The residents of Constantinople were Byzantine Christians, supported by Genoese (Italian) Christian allies.

The city of Constantinople was founded by the Christian Roman Emperor in 330 AD. The Romans had defeated the region in 74 BC. When Mehmed II attacked the city, the residents defended themselves as Roman Christians. They had come to see Roman rule not as occupation, but as a gift that brought peace, civilisation and prosperity.

Why do we recoil at Empire, and assume the nation state is proper? Historian Tom Holland suggests three reasons. In the Bible, Empires are evil. Be they real like the Assyrians, or apocalyptic like the Babylonian Empire of the Book of Revelations, Empires oppose the people of God. Second, we are aware of previous injustices committed by Empires. Third, we value self-determination – something we imagine Empires oppose.

In short, for three distinctly Christian reasons (biblical meta-narrative, ethics, and freedom) we loathe Empire. Yet I suggest the Bible is not inherently anti-Empire or pro nation-state. Both can be vehicles used for good or evil.

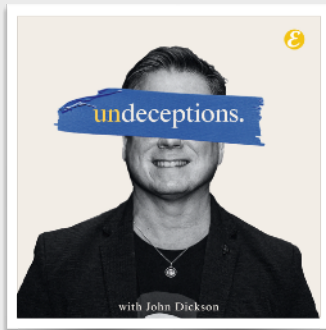
One can perceive Russia and China as two emerging totalitarian Empires that are evil, and protecting the nation state is the solution. There is truth here, but also assumption. The USA is Empire-like, both in its formation and present posture. The European Union, and British PM Keir Starmer's coalition of the willing are also Empire-like in their present response. Furthermore, not all nation states are presently moving towards justice and freedom.

Christians, and Christian nations ought to be agents of justice in a fallen world. This imperative remains. In the 20th Century, in part that looked like dismantling Empire. I don't know what it will look like in this Century, but we must try. All the more, I eagerly await the coming of another Kingdom.

Grace and Peace,
David Rietveld
Acting Senior Minister

MISSION PARTNERS

Please pray for
John Dickson and the whole team
at Undeceptions



- 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 starts Semester 1 of university and continues to settle 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>

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.**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 10th March 7pm in the Church

St Andrew's is holding its Annual General Meeting on Monday 10th March at 7pm in the church. This is an opportunity for reports to be given on the various ministries that occur at St Andrew's, hear from the wardens and treasurer, and vote for this year's parish councillors, wardens, treasurer and parish nominators. Nomination forms are available at the back of the church. If you fill out a form please give it to a staff member or directly to Amelia in the office.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Monday 10th March 8pm in the Church - straight after the AGM
Immediately after the AGM, we are holding a Building Project Update. Please plan to stay for this as there will be important updates for our members to know.

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)

MOVING OUT DAYS

Well done to the team of people who helped move us out of the hall last Saturday! Such a tremendous effort by all involved.

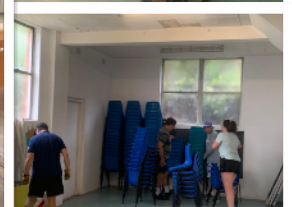
There is still lots more to do so please plan to come along to church **this Saturday anytime between 8am and 12.30pm** to help with the last bits.

If you are able to help with heavy lifting, please plan to come in the earlier part of the day.

If you have any of the following items and are happy to loan them for the day, please let us know:

- Packaging tape
- Packaging tape dispensers
- Black permanent markers
- Packing paper/newspaper/bubble wrap

Look forward to seeing you there!



FREE STUFF!

In the Blue Room in the hall, there is a collection of items that we no longer need but are too good to be thrown away. Please feel free to come to the blue room anytime the hall is open on Sunday or during our midweek ministries and help yourself to anything that you can give a new home to.

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

EVERYDAY ENGLISH CLASSES

Everyday English 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

CHURCH-WIDE PRAYER & PRAISE NIGHT

On Wednesday April 2nd from 7:30-8:30pm, we will have our first church wide Prayer & Praise event for 2025! It's going to be an exciting opportunity for us to look back with gratitude for the many ministries that have taken place and the many lives God has changed under the roof of our about-to-be renovated hall. It is right to reflect upon and celebrate all God has done, is doing and will do. We'll sing, pray, tell stories and hear testimonies, which will bring glory to God and be good for our souls.

See you there!
 Scott Warner

10.30AM SPECIAL MORNING TEA

Straight after 10.30am Church this Sunday we are holding Slice Sunday! Feel free to bring along your favourite slice to share (sweet or savour!) and remember they must be nut-free.

CHURCH TRIVIA NIGHT - TICKETS AVAILABLE

<https://www.trybooking.com/CZONZ>



UNDERSTANDING LUKE'S GOSPEL - RECORDING

<https://standrews.net.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Luke-Lecture-Dr-David-Peterson-10.02.2025.mp3>

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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Hey church!

We are gearing up for HUB Holiday Program 2025 and cannot wait to welcome (God willing) 200+ kids from our community to hear the news of the Saviour of the whole world; Jesus Christ.



But of course, a program this big is not possible without a lot of help!

Whether you can bake morning tea, greet parents, make coffees, help with logistics; every little bit matters and is work that is not in vain because its for the Lord! So please have a look at the details below and consider how you will serve at HUB this year to see the gospel of Jesus go out into our local community.

Key dates

Crafternoons

- Tue 8th, Wed 9th, Thurs 10th April | from 3pm
- Sat 12th April | from 10am

Set up Day: Sun 13th April, 11:30am

HUB 2025: Monday 14th — Thursday 17th April 2025

Pack Up Night: Thurs 17th April, from 4pm

Book your kids in now! Early bird prices close this Sunday 9th March.

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1292594>

WAYS TO SERVE		When?
Prayer	Receive prayer points and pray!	Feb - April
Letterbox Drop	Take a bundle distribute flyers on the allocated streets	Through February
Invite kids and families!	Take some business cards and hand them out to families you know!	Through February
Community	Greet and get to know parents during check in	Any day of HUB 8am-10am
Morning tea	Make 50 portions of morning tea	
Catering	Help prep and pack MT, Lunch and arvo tea	Any day of HUB 9am- 1pm
Logistics	Help with set up, cleaning, resetting and general logistics onsite	Any day of HUB 8am-4pm
Set Up	Load cars, trailers and set up HUB at RPS!	Sunday 13th April, 11:30am
Pack Up	Pack up and get everything stored back at church	Thursday 17th April, 4pm

Sign up to one of our HUB Teams here: <http://tiny.cc/serve-at-hub>

