

St Andrew's

R O S E V I L L E

SUNDAY 30TH 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

29 Mar - Trivia Night 7.30pm

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

8-10 April - HUB crafternoons

13 April - HUB set up day

14-17 April - HUB holiday program

12-14 Sept - Church Weekend Away

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 email office@standrews.net.au so we can reissue a new link.

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

A BRIEF HISTORY OF LENT

Why Giving Things Up is a Spiritual Discipline

Lent is one of those ancient rhythms of the church calendar that has endured for centuries—forty days of preparation leading up to Easter, mirroring Christ's forty days in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11). It's a season marked by fasting, prayer, and repentance, deeply rooted in the early church's practice of self-denial as a way of drawing nearer to God.

By the second century, Christians were already observing some form of fasting before Easter, though the length varied. By the fourth century, after the Council of Nicaea (325 AD), Lent was formally established as a forty-day period. The focus was clear: self-denial is a path of spiritual renewal.

When we fast, whether from food, social media, or distractions, we reorder our desires. We learn that we are not mastered by what we consume, but by Christ. We strip away excess, so we can hunger for what truly satisfies. In a world that tells us to indulge, Lent whispers a countercultural truth: sometimes, losing is the way to gain.

Jesus Himself said, "Whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it" (Matthew 16:25). The practice of giving things up isn't about deprivation for its own sake; it's about making space for something better.

When we let go of comfort, we learn where our true security lies. When we step back from distractions, we become more attuned to God's Spirit. When we fast from what is good, we remember that only God is ultimate.

Lent is a season of subtraction, but paradoxically, it enriches rather than diminishes. Freedom isn't found in having more, but in needing less so we can focus. We find ourselves more fully in Christ, the one who gave everything so that we might gain everything in him.

Grace and Peace,

David Rietveld

Acting Senior Minister

MISSION PARTNERS

Please pray for Ben Lim and his work with international students at Sydney University Evangelical Union - FOCUS



- Thank God for the 19 euFOCUS small group leaders! Pray that they would be strengthened in God's grace in Christ Jesus as they grow as disciples and help their groups grow too.
- Give thanks that many EU students got involved in the Welcome to Sydney Mission in week 1 (24-28 Feb), in answer to your prayers!
- Pray that the almost 100 new international student newcomers from the last month might join EU FOCUS to read the Bible and know Jesus better.
- Please pray that God would provide all Ben and his team's financial support needs - especially for new Howie (ministry trainee) Mario.

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 our staff team and their families.

- For David Rietveld, Scott and Myfanwy Warner, Ness and Neil Hughes, Mel Bell, Indira and Matt Ryan, Emily and Michael Tong, and Amelia and Stewart Ross
- Pray that God will protect them from the evil one, unite them as a team and give them wisdom as they lead the ministries of St Andrew's.

Please pray for our Outreach:

- Please pray that as members of St Andrew's go about their everyday lives, they will be looking to live for Jesus. In this way, pray that their actions and words may reflect what they know to be true of Jesus and pray that this causes people to question what they believe.
- Pray that people will be able to give an answer as to who Jesus is and how he has changed their lives.
- Pray that we will be missional as we look to reach our family, friends and those who live in Roseville and the surrounding communities.

Please pray for the wider Sydney Anglican Church

- Pray for Archbishop Kanishka Raffel and the Bishop of the Northern Region, Chris Edwards, as they look to lead our church and promote Christianity in Sydney and around the world.
- Pray for the many other Anglican Churches in Sydney as they look to proclaim the gospel clearly and faithfully. Protect those who minister in these churches from temptation and the work of the evil one.
- Pray that the Sydney Anglican Church can be a blessing to Sydney.

Please pray for each other:

- For those from the 8:30am congregation: That they will have the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, that they may know Christ better. We pray also that the eyes of their hearts may be enlightened in order that they may know the hope to which you have called them, the riches of their glorious inheritance in the saints, and Christ's incomparably great power for us who believe.

AMEN.

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!

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.

To contribute to our Hall Redevelopment, visit:

standrews.net.au/building-a-home

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 2025

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)

Ed Shaw (10.30am)

Varya Davidson (5pm)

Craig Roberts (6.45pm)

EASTER @ ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE

Good Friday: 8.30am (traditional) 10.30am (all-ages)

Easter Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am, 5pm, 6.45pm



10.30 ALL-AGES CHURCH PICNIC

Let's celebrate the first 10.30am all-ages service with a picnic after church!



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.

PARISH NOMINATORS

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

Rick Seton (8.30am)

Alwin Chin (10.30am)

Anne Judd (5pm)

Stuart Shinfield (5pm)

Tori Grimes (6.45pm)

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

HUB HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2025

Sign up to one of our HUB Teams here:

<http://tiny.cc/serve-at-hub>



WAYS TO SERVE		When?
Prayer	Receive prayer points and pray!	Feb - April
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

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

Pack Up Night:

Thurs 17th April, from 4pm

For more info visit our website

<https://standrews.net.au/hub/>



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BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE APRIL

The St Andrew's Roseville Hall Redevelopment aims to transform our current hall into a flexible, welcoming and comfortable space for our parish and broader community to gather and grow.

+ MILESTONES THIS MONTH

- **The fences are going up!** After the weekend of April 6, our hall will be fenced off, including the church entrance on Hill Street. If you require assistance to get up the Bancroft entrance stairs, please alert a welcomer.
- **The pledge portal is now live.** Your tax deductible donation secures our future foundations, making St Andrew's a welcoming and accessible home for all.

+ PLEASE PRAY FOR

The safety of the build: that workers are protected from physical harm during the construction

LEARN MORE www.standrews.net.au/building-a-home



“Growing up as a youth member the hall was my second home, I can't wait for my kids to have the same experience with the new hall!”

Adrian Perry

GIVING TARGET

\$1.1 Million

UPDATE COMING SOON

PLEDGE PORTAL NOW OPEN!

+ Building A HOME

Building A HOME

- + FOR WELCOME
- + FOR FAMILY
- + FOR COMMUNITY
- + FOR THE FUTURE



LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR HALL REDEVELOPEMNT

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