

St Andrew's

ROSEVILLE

SUNDAY 13TH APRIL 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

12 April - HUB craft day 10am

13 April - HUB set up day

14-17 April - HUB holiday program

18 April - Good Friday (8.30am and 10.30am)

20 April - Easter Sunday (all 4 services)

17 May - Start Party

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

GRACE THAT HEALS, NOT JUST DECLARES

If you've grown up with a Western lens on grace—particularly a Protestant one—you probably hear “grace” and think: unmerited favour, God's declaration that we're righteous in Christ. And rightly so. That courtroom metaphor is biblical, beautiful, and central. But it's not the only way Christians have understood grace.

Reading James R. Payton's *Light from the Christian East*, I was struck by how the Eastern Orthodox tradition speaks of grace—not as an abstract status change, but as a real participation in the life of God. Grace is not just what gets us in; it's God's ongoing 'energies' through which we are healed, transformed, and united with Christ.

This does not lead to a soft view of sin. The Orthodox take sin seriously—seriously enough to believe that God doesn't just declare us fixed, but actually wants to fix us. Grace isn't just pardon; it's power. It's not just a verdict; it's a medicine.

Payton puts it like this: “Grace is not merely God's attitude of kindness... It is His own life, shared with us through the Holy Spirit.”

Jesus puts it like this: “we [Father, Son & HS] will come to them [lovers and obeyers of Jesus] and make our home with them (John 14:23).”

This is why the Orthodox talk so much about theosis (or deification or divinization) —becoming “partakers of the divine nature” (2 Peter 1:4). It sounds edgy until you realise: they're not saying we become gods, but that by grace, we're drawn into deep communion with the God who made us, and are transformed into the likeness of his Son.

This is also classic Tim Keller—grace as ongoing renewal, not just a doorway we walk through once, but the path we walk every day. His emphasis on gospel-centrality frames grace as the engine of transformation, for individuals and churches.

In a world where many feel emptied out, worn down, or trapped in sin cycles, this vision of grace as life-giving presence in addition to legal pardon is not just ancient—it's timely.

What if we saw grace not only as God's mercy toward us, but also as His Spirit in us, transforming us from the inside out? As St Gregory Palamas put it: “We are not able to share in the essence of God, but we can truly participate in His energies.” Grace and Peace,

David Rietveld

Acting Senior Minister

MISSION PARTNERS

*Please pray for
Retired Archbishop Masimango
and his work in the Democratic
Republic of Congo*



- Pray for peace, particularly in eastern part of the country. The M23 Rebels (backed by Rwanda) have taken the city of Goma and are now marching south to take more towns and cities.
- Pray for the hundred's of thousands of people who are now internally displaced.
- Pray for the Presidents of DRC and Rwanda, Tchisekedi and Kagame, that they might move towards the signing of a peace deal.
- Pray for the parish clergy who exercise their ministries without a salary and whose only income comes from subsistence farming (growing rice). Many find it hard to find school fees and their children drop out of school.
- Pray for the resolution of National Synod that says each Diocese should work hard reaching out their community to bring to Jesus 1000 new believers every year.

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 program at 10.30am.
- 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.**

WEEKLY ONLINE PRAYER MEETING

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

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)

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). Morning tea between the services at 9.30am.

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



START PARTY!

Celebrating the start of our Building A Home journey. Book your tickets via the QR code or link below.

www.trybooking.com/DAMVI



FOSTERING FOUNDATIONS



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

Pray for HUB starting next week! There are still plenty of opportunities to serve in the lead up to, during, and after HUB.

- Pray that every child who comes to HUB and every family that brings them would hear the good news about Jesus, be convicted that He is Lord, and join the family of believers.
- Pray for Mel, Emily, all the leaders, and all the others serving at HUB. Give thanks for their service and pray that God would sustain them throughout the week.
- Pray that families would be inspired to go to their local church for Easter (and beyond) after HUB.

KEY DATES
April 2025

Crafternoons Tues 9th, Wed 10th, Thurs 11th, from 3pm
 Sat 12th, from 10am

Set Up Day Sun 13th, 11:30am

HUB 2025 Mon 14th - Thurs 17th

Pack Up Night Thurs 17th, 4pm

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

- The Parish Council has enacted a Conflict of Interests Register for transparency and good governance.
- Funding was approved for a shade sail to be installed over the Kelman entrance, and a temporary storage shed to support ministry needs during the transition period.
- There was discussion around necessary works on the rectory, with the aim of making the property suitable for short-term rental.
- A draft Mission Policy was tabled. Parish Council noted the wide range of feedback received and acknowledged the variety of views held. In response, a working party has been formed to guide a season of consultation and listening, with the hope of better understanding the perspectives across our church community. This process will enable the Council to explore and compare potential ways forward with clarity and care.
- Finally, Parish Council extends its sincere thanks to all staff and the many volunteers who contributed their time and energy to support the transition out of the hall. Your efforts are deeply appreciated.

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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!”

GIVING TARGET

\$1.1 Million



\$316,500
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