

St Andrew's

ROSEVILLE

SUNDAY 27TH 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

10 May - Bush Walk

17 May - Start Party

Elvanto Update

Please log in to Elvanto and submit your unavailability so that Amelia can put together the roster for Term 2.

Email office@standrews.net.au if you need a new log-in link or if you need help submitting unavailability.

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

WHY I LOVE EXPOSITORY PREACHING — AND STILL PREACH TOPICALLY

I love expository preaching.

There's a beauty in sitting under a sermon that patiently walks through a passage, week by week. It helps us submit to the text — to be shaped by God's agenda, not just our own. It guards us from hobby horses, forces us to grapple with hard parts of Scripture, and keeps the preacher honest. It's no wonder so many faithful churches and ministries have made it their backbone.

So let me be clear: I'm for it. I've been fed and formed by it. And yet — sometimes I preach topically. Here's why.

Topical preaching, at its best, still takes the Bible seriously. It simply organises the content of Scripture around a theme, need, or question. Done well, it's not a "proof-text then springboard" approach. It's careful, theological, and rooted in context. In fact, I'd argue that most of the preaching we see in the New Testament is topical.

Jesus doesn't give a verse-by-verse commentary on Isaiah. He announces a kingdom. He draws from the Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms — but always with a view to the moment, the hearers, and the heart.

Peter and Paul are the same. Their sermons in Acts aren't expositional in the modern sense. They're contextual, theological, Christ-centred, and tailored to the setting. And their letters — while often expounded expositively by us — were written to address topical moments and issues in the life of the early church.

Both styles honour the word of God. Both require discipline, skill, and reverence. And both can powerfully form disciples.

So let's not fall into false dichotomies. I'm thankful for our expository tribe. But I also believe that topical preaching — when done biblically and prayerfully — can speak directly, pastorally, and prophetically to our time.

Sometimes people need a steady diet. Sometimes they need surgical precision. In my opinion, the good preacher and healthy church has a diet of both.

Going forwards, we will progress through Luke by considering his Kingdom themes. I trust you are blessed as we continue to sit under God's word.

Grace and Peace,

David Rietveld

Acting Senior Minister

MISSION PARTNERS

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



- Thank God for the 19 euFOCUS small group leaders! Pray that they'd 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 to read the Bible and know Jesus better.
- Please pray that God would provide all their 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 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.**

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)

START PARTY - BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW!

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

www.trybooking.com/DAMVI



BUSH WALK

Interested in a Saturday afternoon bush walk?

Why not join us.

The Manly Dam circuit is one of the North Shores' hidden attractions. The walk is along bush tracks and fire trails, and has been described as secluded, with scenic lakeside vistas, colorful wildflowers in season, woodland, waterfalls, cascades, wetlands and rambling heath.

When: Saturday May 10, 1:00pm

Where: Meet at the Main Entrance of the Park (near the dam wall), 112 King St Manly Vale

There is free parking near the end of King St, 100m before you enter the Manly Dam State Park. With a Northern Beaches Parking Permit you will be able to park for free at the first parking area past the entrance gate.

It is about a 7.5km walk, taking up to 3 hours. Moderate fitness is required. Please wear appropriate sturdy footwear and bring water, hat and sunscreen.

To continue fellowship with your fellow walkers, please bring a snack during a short break during the walk.

It would be helpful if you could indicate your intention to walk by texting Peter Mackay - 0405 505 469



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

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

\$477,000
 PLEDGED SO FAR

**PLEDGE PORTAL
 NOW OPEN!**

+ Building A HOME

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)

Please pray for our nominators as they continue to search for a new Senior Minister for our church.

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