

St Andrew's ROSEVILLE

SUNDAY 1ST JUNE 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

3 + 17 June - Online Q&A session

5 June - Revive Parents' Evening

8 June - Hospitality Sunday

- 8.30am: morning tea hosted by Alban & Denise

- 10.30am: 9 for lunch

- 5pm & 6.45pm: Dinner church

25 June - Prayer & Praise night

27-29 June - Revive Youth Winter Camp

12-14 Sept - Church Weekend Away

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

FINDING MEANING IN MIDDLE-EARTH:

Why I'm Learning To Appreciate Fantasy

This week I visited Hobbiton (the set of the Hobbit in NZ) with my daughter. The green hills, the round doors, the lanterns glowing in the dusk—it was enchanting. She was thrilled. I was curious. Fantasy has never really been my favourite genre. I'm more of a non-fiction kind of reader. I like my stories grounded. But I'm beginning to see what others have long known: fantasy, done well, is not an escape from reality but a deeper engagement with it.

C.S. Lewis once wrote, "Reason is the natural organ of truth; but imagination is the organ of meaning." That sentence has stuck with me. Life isn't just about knowing what's true—it's about interpreting it, intuiting it, letting it move us. We don't just live by facts; we live within stories that are rich with meaning and orientated towards convictions.

Lewis also wrote, "The value of the myth is that it takes all the things we know and restores to them the rich significance which has been hidden by 'the veil of familiarity.'" That's it, isn't it? We grow blind to the wonder of things. Life becomes routine. Love becomes cliché. Hope becomes sentimental. But in a well-told story—a hobbit's courage, a ring's burden, a king's return—we feel again the weight and compulsion of these realities.

More than that, fantasy helps me realise that the greater story—the one the Bible tells—is also about an eternal battle. Good and evil. Light and darkness. These aren't abstract concepts. They are present and active forces. "Our struggle is not against flesh and blood," Paul says in Ephesians 6:12, "but against the powers... of this dark world." The best fantasy doesn't distract me from that—it wakes me up to it.

Christian faith is not just truths to adopt. It's a battle to enter. A kingdom to seek. A hope to live for. Fantasy, in its way, reminds me of that, whereas the 9 to 5 of life can distract us from that.

Grace and Peace,

David Rietveld

SURVEY - ATTITUDES TOWARD LITURGY

Could you help me with some research? I am currently surveying people from our 8:30am and 6:45pm congregations about their attitudes to the use of liturgy. I would LOVE you to spend 10mins (approx.) filling out the survey to help me (link below).

Thank you in anticipation!

Scott Warner

<http://tiny.cc/liturgysurvey>

or scan the QR code

The survey will close on Monday 2nd June.



MISSION PARTNERS

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



- Give thanks for a successful US launch of the First Hymn Project in April - no flight delays, the smooth running of logistics, and no technical malfunctions
- Give thanks for the overwhelmingly positive response to the First Hymn project and the documentary
- Give thanks for the two new board members who have joined the Undeceptions board
- Pray for the Undeceptions board as they diligently steer Undeceptions as God wills.
- Pray for preparations for the Australian launch of the First Hymn project which will take place in June/July

Prayer Points

Please pray for our staff team and their families.

- For David & Marianne Rietveld, Scott and Myfanwy Warner, Ness and Neil Hughes, Mel Bell, Indira and Matt Ryan, Emily and Michael Tong, Amelia and Stewart Ross, and Beth Boyd.
- 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.**

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.

WEEKLY ONLINE PRAYER MEETING

There is a Weekly Morning Prayer Meeting on every Wednesday 7.30-8am

<http://tiny.cc/730amPrayer>

BETH BOYD - MTS

Beth Boyd from our 6.45pm congregation is currently doing a Ministry Apprenticeship and studying at Youthworks College.

If you would like to receive regular updates and prayer points from Beth, visit the link below to opt-in to Beth's newsletter.

<http://tiny.cc/BethMTS>

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)

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

On **Sunday 8th June**, we reach the major theme of hospitality in our sermon series *Kingdom Patterns: Life-Shaping Themes Through Luke*. So, on this day we will be celebrating communion together, and facilitating some expressions of hospitality for each congregation.

8.30am - morning tea hosted by Alban & Denise

10.30am - '9 for lunch' - register to attend a lunch via the link below tiny.cc/9forlunch

5pm - 'Dinner Church' - sign up to serve via the link below tiny.cc/5pmdinnerchurch

6.45pm - 'Dinner Church' - sign up to serve via the link below tiny.cc/645dinnerchurch

REVIVE YOUTH PARENTS' EVENING

Thursday 5th June | 7.30pm in the Kelman Room

We would love to invite you to a Revive parents evening – specifically for parents of young people who attend Revive Youth.

This is a great opportunity to get to know our youth ministry and parent community over some nibbles. It will also be an essential time to hear about what's been happening at Revive lately, what's coming up, our safe ministry policies and to discuss a topic relevant to teens today.

If you plan to join us, please RSVP to Indira (Youth Minister) by the 4th June via Indira.courtiness@standrews.net.au

ONLINE Q&A SESSIONS

Tuesday 3rd June 7.45pm - Riches & Wealth

Tuesday 17th June 7.45pm - Women

Please join us for an online Q and A forum on June 3rd and 17th at 7.45pm to engage with the themes we've been exploring in Luke's Gospel.

The Kingdom Patterns in Luke are indeed 'life-shaping' and as we seek to be transformed by God's word, our discussion will be a fruitful way to understand, test, and discern God's wisdom for our lives.

We will use the Q and A phone to collect questions (anonymously), so please start sending your questions to the phone: **0493 881 530**.

We will be able to take questions on the night too.



REVIVE YOUTH - WINTER CAMP

When: 27-29 June

Who: Year 7-12 Students

Where: Kiah Ridge Christian Conference Centre, Tahmoor

Registrations are open now!

www.trybooking.com/DBKQF

If you have children in years 7-12 at school, register them now for Winter Camp 2025! Otherwise, please be praying as the leaders prepare for Winter Camp, and that many young people will come along.



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 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

REVIVE YOUTH CAR WASH: A SOAPY SUCCESS!

Last Saturday, 25 of our amazing Revive youth rolled up their sleeves and washed 55 cars, raising just over \$1200 for the Building A Home project! The car wash was not only a fun and energetic day of community engagement, but also a meaningful way for our young people to actively contribute to the church's fundraising efforts.



SAVE THE DATE!

Save the date for our weekend away! Mark Calder will be joining us as our guest speaker and we will be exploring the book of Jonah.

12-14 September 2025
Katoomba Convention Centre

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BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE JUNE

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.

+ PROGRESS PICTURES



GIVING TARGET

\$1.1 Million

\$774,450
PLEDGED SO FAR

PLEDGE PORTAL
NOW OPEN!

+ PLEASE PRAY FOR

Our Church community as we adapt to living and working under renovation conditions. May we be patient, agile and wise.

For our staff, who are serving our community with grace, while sharing their workspace with the mess & noise of construction.

For our volunteer teams, including our services and worship teams, fundraising, wardens, parish council and building committees, may we give thanks that God has called them to serve in this season - may He bless them with encouragement, sustain them, and guide them with wisdom.

LEARN MORE:

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

PLEDGE:

tinyurl.com/5h546ubk