

St Andrew's

ROSEVILLE

SUNDAY 22ND 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

22 June - 'Kingdom

Conversations' with Phillip Heath

25 June - Prayer & Praise night

29 June - Mission & Aid partnership focus (all services)

27-29 June - Revive Youth Winter Camp

30 June - Building a Home pledge portal closes

12-14 Sept - Church Weekend Away

Staff Leave

Amelia Ross: 20 June

Scott Warner: 22-29 June

Mel Bell: 16-23 June

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

When Truth Divides and Unity Matters

When I hear Christians talk about Trump—whether it's praise or panic—I notice something more concerning: how divided we've become, not just politically but spiritually. It's not just Left vs Right anymore. It's good vs evil, pure vs compromised. When the "truth" is being weaponised, my heart aches.

Jesus didn't pray, "Father, make them right." He prayed, "Make them one" (John 17:21). One in Him. Not uniform, but united. Not through shared ideology, but shared identity in Christ.

The apostle Paul picks up this vision in 1 Corinthians 12. He describes the church as one body with many parts—different gifts, roles, voices. "The eye can't say to the hand, 'I don't need you.'" And yet, some Christians today are so quick to disown one another over politics or public opinion. We've replaced the communion table with a purity test.

Don't get me wrong—truth matters. But truth is not a universal licence to divide. That's where I find the wisdom of the Orthodox tradition strangely refreshing. They've long held that unity is not a soft value—it's an essential one. In the early church, heresy was taken seriously. But so was the danger of schism.

As St. John Chrysostom warned:

"Nothing so provokes God's anger as the division of the Church. Even the blood of martyrdom does not wash away the sin of schism."

That's sobering. You don't protect the truth by destroying the body.

The danger of our moment is this: we're tempted to become prophets without priests. Voices of truth without tears. Or, on the other side, peace-lovers without courage. But the call of Christ is to speak the truth in love (Eph 4:15), with the goal of building up—not tearing down—the body.

All of this entails humility – recognising that our allegiance isn't to a party or a tribe, but to the crucified King who unites Jew and Gentile, slave and free, male and female—and yes, Left and Right—in one new humanity.

Grace & peace,
David Rietveld

CHURCH-WIDE PRAYER & PRAISE NIGHT

Wednesday 25th June
7:30-8:30pm @ Church.

Why not plan to come to our next Prayer & Praise night as a small group?

We'll be focussing on the supreme Lordship of Jesus and the implications this has for our church.

It's always an edifying event!



MISSION PARTNERS

Please pray for Ben Lim and his ministry to international students through the Sydney Uni Evangelical Union - euFOCUS



- Praise God for answering our prayers - more than 50 international students have registered for AnCon! Pray that God would transform them all deeply as we dwell on Jesus and His Church.
- As students seek to learn and show what they've learnt through assessments and exams, pray that they'd know God's peace in Christ Jesus.
- Pray for wisdom, strength and trust in God's Fatherly provision as Ben prepares mid-year, AnCon and Semester 2 teaching and training for the EU and euFOCUS, and seek to raise \$20k p.a. in ongoing financial support.
- Please pray for refreshing rest for students and staff in the Winter Break.

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 church leadership.

- For the Wardens and Parish Council.
- Pray that God will give them wisdom as they make decisions around finances, site and OH&S.
- Pray that we will support their decisions and will play our part in seeing the finances of the church met.
- Give them wisdom as they think about the site and especially the building project.

Please pray for our Sunday Ministries:

- That our Sunday Services are not only God honouring, but a place where people know that God is working.
- Pray for all who are involved in the Sunday services from the musicians to the services leaders, to those on morning tea, to those welcoming and reading the bible – that all involved will be looking to serve God and his church in Roseville faithfully.
- Praise God for those who do a lot of behind the scenes work to get the services happening and pray that God will use these services to grow his Kingdom for his sake and glory.

Please pray for Worldwide Anglican Communion

- Praise God that many Anglican Churches around the world desire to take a stand on the authority of Scripture.
- Pray that as they do, they will do it in such a way that speaks of love, grace and humility, so that they are wise in the way they act towards outsiders.
- Be with our Bishops as they make decisions for the church and speak to the world on our behalf on these issues. Pray that they will reflect Christ in the way they speak.

Please pray for each other:

- Please pray for the 6:45pm congregation: That God would fill them with the knowledge of your will, through all spiritual wisdom and understanding, in order that they may live a life worthy of you and may please you in every way. May they bear fruit in every good work, grow in the knowledge of you and be strengthened with all power according to your glorious might – so that they may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully give thanks to you their Father, who has qualified them to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. **AMEN.**

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)

KINGDOM CONVERSATIONS

As part of our Kingdom Patterns series in Luke's Gospel, we are delighted to have Phillip Heath coming to 5pm for a 'Kingdom Conversation' on the 22nd of June. Phillip Heath is the Head of Barker College and is known and loved by many for his care of all his Students. He will be helping us think through Jesus' care for the poor and disenfranchised, and sharing with us how his leadership has been shaped by his Christian faith. He will be speaking at 5pm only but of course everyone is welcome to join us for this special 'Kingdom Conversation.' It could be a great day to come to 2 services! Visitors are most welcome to join us too. We look forward to seeing you there.



REVIVE YOUTH - WINTER CAMP

When: 27-29 June

Who: Year 7-12 Students

Where: Kiah Ridge Christian Conference Centre, Tahmoor

Registration closes Thursday 19th June!!

www.trybooking.com/DBKQF

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



BUILDING A HOME

The pledge portal closes on 30th June.

If you would like to receive a tax receipt for your donation within this financial year, please ensure your donation is received before the end of the financial year, 30th June 2025. Please allow extra time if you wish to submit your donation via cheque.

Thank you for your generosity!

MISSION & AID PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHT

Next Sunday, 29th June, we are having a special mission & aid focus at all our services where we will be hearing from Archbishop Emeritus Masimango. There will be opportunities to pray specifically for him and his ministry, as well as a moment for financial generosity. We will have more Sundays like this later in the year, each focussing on our different Mission & Aid partners.



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

In the offices @ 1 Bancroft Ave

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 WEEKEND AWAY

Save the date for our upcoming church weekend away!

12-14 September @ CMS Conference Centre, Katoomba

Tickets will launch next Sunday 29th June!



AN UPDATE FROM THE NOMINATORS

Dear St Andrews,

This is a short note to update you on our progress.

Since Mal announced his departure, we have taken on board the name of every person suggested to us a possible candidate, plus we have added to that list others through our own knowledge and enquiries. We have met with many of those on our extensive list, visited their churches, spoken with referees and listened to or watched countless on-line sermons. We have also interviewed candidates and even dined with them! The process is a time consuming one and all possible candidates engage with us not knowing themselves whether, if offered an appointment to St Andrew's, Roseville, it is what God is calling them to do.

We are prayerfully hopeful that we will, with the concurrence of the diocesan representatives on the Nominations Board, make a nomination to the Archbishop within the next three months.

As a parish we can give thanks that, while we undertake our search for a new rector, our ministry team continues to ably serve us in such a wonderful way. We are also pleased to report that as a group of five, coming from different parts of our church community, we have worked so wonderfully and collaboratively together. That is something for you to give thanks for.

Please continue to pray for us, the diocesan representatives, and the person of God's choosing so that this process and this outcome might be to His glory.

Rick Seton (8.30am)

Stu Shinfield (5pm)

Anne Judd (5pm)

Tori Grimes (6.45pm)

Alwin Chin (10.30am)

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