

St Andrew's

ROSEVILLE

SUNDAY 13TH JULY 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

27 July - Sausage Sizzle Sunday (10.30am special morning tea)

28 July - Online welcoming training

3 Aug - Dinner Church @ 5pm and 6.45pm

10 Aug - 8.30am social lunch

18 Aug - The First Hymn private screening

12-14 Sept - Church Weekend Away

Staff Leave

Indira Ryan - 7-16 July

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

Whatever Happened to the Holiday?

Recovering the Gift of Rest

Have you ever noticed how exhausting holidays can be?

Long weekends now feel like opportunities to tick off overdue jobs. School breaks get filled with travel, errands, entertainment, and activity. Even when we're "away," we're still on—scrolling, planning, posting.

And yet the word holiday comes from holy day—a day set apart, sacred. Not originally for leisure, but for rest and worship.

The concept of a day of rest is deeply rooted in the Christian story. In the Jewish tradition, the Sabbath was given not as a burden but as a blessing—one day in seven to stop, to delight, to be reminded that we are not slaves, not machines. In Jesus, the idea deepens: "The Sabbath was made for man," he says, "not man for the Sabbath" (Mark 2:27). Rest isn't just permitted; it's part of what it means to be human.

The early Church marked its calendar with feasts and fasts, not just to remember, but to re-centre life around God. Work had dignity, but so did stopping.

The fourth-century theologian Augustine wrote, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." That rest is more than sleep. It's a reorientation.

But modern life has a way of unmaking rest. We've replaced it with adrenaline, distraction, and chasing fun. Sunday sport, shopping centres, social media—all promise renewal, but rarely deliver it. It's no wonder our souls feel thin.

Author Ruth Haley Barton says, "We are starved for quiet, to hear the sound of sheer silence that is the presence of God himself."

What if holidays became holy again—not in a dour or religious way, but in a deeply human way? What if we recovered rest not as laziness, but as worship?

To stop is to trust. To rest is to say, "I'm not in charge—and that's okay." It is to sit in contentment rather than chase what we do not yet have.

Maybe this holiday, we don't need more fun. Maybe we need more stillness, more space, more God.

Grace & peace,

David Rietveld

(Acting) Senior Minister

MISSION PARTNERS

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



- Give thanks for the successful and joyous First Hymn movie premiere and the Sydney and Brisbane cinema events
- Give thanks for the enthusiasm of the entire First Hymn team who worked tirelessly to bring this project to completion
- Give thanks for precious time with family and friends while John and Buff are here in Australia
- Pray for the team as they travel around Australia for First Hymn movie cinema releases in Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, and Darwin next week
- Pray that the First Hymn movie will speak into the lives of those who are yet to believe in Christ
- Pray that the First Hymn song will bring worthy praise to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

ROSTER UNAVAILABILITY - AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

Please take a moment to check your diary for any dates you are unavailable to serve on Sundays during **August & September**, and submit them in Elvanto.

Log in to Elvanto > click 'unavailability' > input dates > click 'submit'

Please contact Amelia
amelia.ross@standrews.net.au
if you have any questions or need assistance.

Prayer Points

Please pray for the work of Scripture in Schools:

- For Scripture at Roseville Public School.
- That the students will grow in their understanding of Jesus and that it might cause them to attend a local church with their families.
- For those who teach the students and pray that God will sustain them as they do so.

Please pray for our Belonging to one another:

- That we will be a church that helps people who come to feel they belong
- Pray for wisdom as we welcome people on site and that every member of the church will be looking to welcome and include new people
- Pray especially for our welcome programs such as the 'belonging' and 'newish' lunches. Pray that we might become a church that looks to show hospitality to one another and build authentic relationships with each other.
- Pray that we will be known as a church that loves Jesus and each other.

Please pray for all Churches in Australia:

- For the many churches that meet, not just in Sydney, but around Australia.
- Pray for the salvation of Australians and pray that Australian churches may be a good witness of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Pray that God will protect the churches in Australia from false teaching and protect those who minister in them from the work of the evil one.
- Pray that the churches of Australia might unite under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, by his Spirit, so that we can show a unified message of Salvation.

Please pray for each other:

- For the 10:30am congregation
- That out of God's glorious riches, will be strengthened with power through your Spirit in their inner being, so that Christ may dwell in their hearts through faith. And we pray that they, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that they may be filled to the measure of all your fullness. **AMEN.**

WEEKLY ONLINE PRAYER MEETING

The Wednesday morning prayer meeting will take a break for the school holidays and return on Wednesday 23rd July.

FUNERAL NOTICE

As you may have heard, sadly, Brian Morton died suddenly last Thursday night. He and his wife Anne have been members of St Andrew's Roseville for a long time, and after they moved to the central coast, remained connected to their (beloved) small group. I know many of you knew Brian and are keen to support Anne in her loss. Anne is grateful for your prayers and is keen for you all to know about the funeral service next week.

The service will be:

11am on Tuesday 15th at St Swithuns Pymble Anglican Church.

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)

CELEBRATING 65 YEARS OF FELLOWSHIP

Our Adult Fellowship group celebrated its 65th anniversary last week! The group began as the "Over Twenty One Fellowship" on 3rd July 1960, in the Upper Hall.

Praise God for the faithful and godly example given by this wonderful group of people, who have not ceased meeting with one another, 65 years on!



STAFF ANNUAL REVIEWS

As part of this year's annual staff reviews, we will be inviting feedback from five congregation members per staff member. You may be contacted and asked to provide input that will help us affirm and further develop our team.

If you are approached and agree to participate, thank you for your support and cooperation—it's greatly appreciated.

THE FIRST HYMN - PRIVATE SCREENING

John Dickson has kindly offered members of St Andrew's Roseville a private screening of *The First Hymn* documentary!

Monday 18th August 6.30pm at Roseville Cinema
(the screening will commence at 7pm)

Tickets: \$25 pp - includes a movie ticket & a snack

Tickets are available via the link below. Seats are limited so book today and don't miss out!

John Dickson will be there and will be giving us the 'Director's Intro' and will be with us for Q&A after the screening. You won't get this at the Hoyts public screening!

<https://www.trybooking.com/DDNGH>



MISSION & AID SURVEY

As many of you know, our Parish Council is reviewing our Mission & Aid policy and strategy and would appreciate your feedback. Please complete the Mission & Aid Survey (linked below) so that together we can discern how best to participate in God's global mission. The survey is anonymous and takes about 5mins.

If you are doing the survey on your phone, you'll need to tilt your phone to landscape to see the graphics in the Giving Options section.

<http://tiny.cc/missionaidsurvey>



ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE KIDS

Playgroup

Taking a break for the school holidays.

Xtreme

On break

StAR Kids program - lite

Sundays 10.30am

ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE YOUTH

REVIVE

On break

Jnr Youth Bible Study

On break

Jnr Youth are encouraged to attend church with their families.

Snr Youth (years 10-12) are also encouraged to attend the 6.45pm service

EVERYDAY ENGLISH CLASSES

On break

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

When: Friday 12 - Sunday 14 September

Where: CMS Conference Centre, Katoomba

Tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/DCXLB>

Registration closes Monday 25th August.

We are so excited for our upcoming church weekend away! It will be a weekend of fun, fellowship, and meaningful engagement with God in His word, in prayer, in song, and in His creation! Mark Calder will be joining us as our guest speaker - we will be diving into the book of Jonah and exploring the theme of God's relentless grace.

We look forward to seeing you there!



You will see as you register, there are lots of flexible ticket options. Of course, we hope that most people will register for the whole weekend and will stay on site, but we recognise that with the venue so close, it is possible for people to come for just a day if they need to. And this venue has no twin share rooms, so you if you prefer to stay in an Air BnB nearby, the day tickets will allow you to register for Saturday and Sunday and will include everything you'll need for the whole day. Of course, we have to pay for the whole venue either way, so we need to fill it up-if you can stay on site please do!!! But we have built in flexibility so everyone should be able to come for the weekend one way or another. We are so looking forward to it.

PARISH NOMINATORS

Please pray for our nominators as they look for our future Senior Minister. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the nominators via the email address below.

Rick Seton (8.30am) Alwin Chin (10.30am) Stu Shinfield (5pm)

Anne Judd (5pm) Tori Grimes (6.45pm)

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