

St Andrew's ROSEVILLE

SUNDAY 20TH 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

31 July, 7, 14 Aug - 'Blessing the Broken' Evangelism training

3 Aug - Dinner Church @ 5pm and 6.45pm

10 Aug - 8.30am social lunch

16 Aug - Bush Walk

18 Aug - The First Hymn private screening

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

Mission in Context: Starting Where People Actually Are

I was watching coverage of the ceasefire negotiations in Gaza this week. The footage cut between Western diplomats in suits and Palestinian children playing in rubble. It was jarring. Two worlds. Two languages. Same moment, vastly different realities.

It struck me again: the gospel is always good news, but it lands in particular places, with particular people. If we want to take mission seriously, we need to take context seriously too.

This isn't about changing the message. It's about being like Jesus, who stepped into human history not in abstraction, but with sandals, dust, and a Galilean accent. He brings sight to the blind, fellowship to the excluded, and forgiveness to sinners. When Paul preached in the synagogues, he quoted Torah. When he preached at the Areopagus, he quoted Greek poets. When he preached to farmers he talked of a God who brought rain. Same gospel. Different window.

Contextualised mission means listening before speaking. It means understanding someone's hopes and fears, their background and assumptions. It's not about being trendy or chasing relevance—it's about loving people enough to meet them where they are. If someone's vocabulary doesn't include "sin" but they feel deep shame, maybe we start there.

In Australia, our cultural assumptions are shifting faster than we can track. Post-Christian, pluralist, often cynical, but becoming spiritual again. Beneath all that, people still ache for purpose, beauty, forgiveness, justice and truth. People sense there is a spiritual dimension to life that is fundamental. The gospel speaks to all these things—but it won't be heard if we don't speak the language of our neighbours.

Mission is not one-size-fits-all. It never has been (though some thought it was in the 20th Century). It's always relational, incarnational, and particular. That's what makes it powerful. Not that we shout the same message louder, but that we learn to live it out with wisdom, humility, and context.

Jesus became one of us. That's how the gospel started. And that's still how it spreads.

Grace & peace,

David Rietveld

(Acting) Senior Minister

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.

MISSION PARTNERS

*Please pray for
Andrew Browning and the
Barbara May Foundation*



- Pray for wisdom for the BMF board and team as they plan. That their plans may be God's plans.
- Pray for God's provision to enable BMF to meet the various needs of people in Africa.
- Pray that the right personnel are being prepared by God and recruited to take plans forward.
- Pray for rain in Afar, Ethiopia.
- Please pray for Barqi, a young girl with dreadful fistula injuries after a four-day labour and severe malnutrition. She wasn't well enough for us to operate on in March. She's slowly recovering and Andrew hopes to visit her this July. Pray that Barqi will have recovered enough for treatment.
- Please pray for the patients in Bahir Dar, Ethiopia. Curfews mean that it's difficult and dangerous for patients to come in from the rural areas and coming to the hospital at night is impossible.

WEEKLY ONLINE PRAYER MEETING

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

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 for good rest for the leaders these school holidays, and that they would be refreshed and ready to start up again for Term 3 next week.
- 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 for good rest for the leaders these school holidays, and that they would be refreshed and ready to start up again for Term 3 next week.
- 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**

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)

nominators@standrews.net.au

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)

BLESSING THE BROKEN - EVANGELISM TRAINING EVENINGS

Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in the Church on 31st July, 7th and 14th August. This will accompany our next sermon series on the book of Ruth, called 'Broken to blessed'.



UPCOMING BELONGING EVENTS

8.30 AM Garden Ramble & Social Lunch
Sunday 10 August
Details to come

10.30 AM Sausage Sizzle Sunday
27th July after the service

5 PM Dinner Church
Sunday 3rd August
Details to come

6.45 PM Dinner Church
Sunday 3rd August
Details to come



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>

We are planning to start singing *The First Hymn* in church soon, so if you haven't already, why don't you have a listen to the recording via the links below?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qTyJu9lyVkI>

<https://open.spotify.com/track/1Azri3vJMTThJNOJF9OTv8m?si=651dfb2f09f348fd>

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

'OUR PRAISE WILL RISE' - LIVE ALBUM RECORDING

Jason Jessup Music presents: "Our Praise Will Rise" a live album at Norwest Anglican Church on Saturday 26th July 7.30pm. All are welcome at no cost, and are required to RSVP to Norwest Anglican.



GREECE & TURKEY TOUR INFORMATION EVENING



EVERYDAY SAINTS OF SAINT ANDREW'S

Every so often we're going to spend a moment in our newsletter highlighting someone who is serving in God's Kingdom and blessing our church - being an everyday saint of St Andrew's!

This week we want to introduce you to Jenny who is a member of our 10:30am service.

Jenny serves faithfully each week at Playgroup - putting together incredible craft creations that the kids and families adore! She and her husband Alan have also been invaluable in helping get our site up and running without the hall.

Please join us in thanking God for Jenny and her generous service to us. May God continue to work in and through her, for His Glory.



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