

St Andrew's

ROSEVILLE

SUNDAY 3RD AUGUST 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

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

3 Aug - Dinner Church @ 5pm and 6.45pm

10 Aug - 8.30am garden ramble & lunch

16 Aug - Bush Walk

17 Aug - Kingdom Conversation with Jenny Salt @ 5pm

17 Aug - Confirmation @ 6.45pm

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

FAITH IS GROWING

There are clear signs the tide is turning in the Anglican Church in Australia. At the recent Electoral Synod in May 2025, all four candidates for Archbishop of Melbourne were evangelicals. In the end, Ric Thorpe was elected—an English bishop with deep experience in church planting through the Holy Trinity Brompton network (where Alpha originated). His election marks a decisive shift toward mission-focused evangelical leadership in the diocese.

And the momentum is national. This month, Dr Mark Short—another evangelical—was elected as Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia. He's the first evangelical to hold that role since 1982. It's a clear sign that evangelical influence is growing, not just in Melbourne, but across the country.

Meanwhile, evangelist Dave Jensen has been reporting a rise in conversions, particularly among younger men. But perhaps even more striking is what's happening among the Baptists. In just one year, baptisms rose by 34%—from 2,693 in 2022 to 3,603 in 2023. And remember, Baptists only baptise youth and adults who make a personal confession of faith.

When asked why, Baptist pastor Andrew Turner observed:

"Something else is going on... I do suspect it's driven not by Christians becoming more fervent in evangelism. I think it's driven by spiritual thirst among those who have been dwelling in – even born into – a spiritual desert."

Tim MacBride, Principal of Morling College, recently made a similar observation to me.

I've also heard that more people are now attending Baptist churches than Anglican ones in Australia, for the first time ever.

Interestingly, conversions into Eastern Orthodoxy and Catholicism are also being reported. But I doubt it's because these churches have suddenly become more missional. It seems more likely that spiritual hunger for ancient worship is the deeper cause.

Globally, the standouts remain the Pentecostals. On every continent, Evangelicals are the second-fastest-growing Christian group, and Pentecostals/Charismatics are the first. This trend is less pronounced in the West but striking in Africa, Latin America, and Asia.

We live in fascinating times. It's worth looking over the fence now and then. Faith in Jesus is alive—and growing—in many places. The trends are varied, complex, and mostly up.

Grace & peace,

David Rietveld

(Acting) Senior Minister

MISSION PARTNERS

*Please pray for
John Dickson and the 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

WEEKLY ONLINE PRAYER MEETING

There is a Weekly Morning Prayer online meeting every Wednesday 7.30-8am

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

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

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

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>

ELVANTO TIP

You can now access the roster for August via the Elvanto Member Area. Simply log in via standrews.elvanto.com.au or the via the app, and click on 'Roster'.

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 safeministryrep@standrews.net.au

RECYCLING TIP

Recycling of some common items is still possible through St Andrew's Roseville.

Since the 'recycling station' has moved from the hall, very little recycling has been collected. It is hoped that everyone is still diligently recycling through other locations.

A reminder that the St Andrew's 'recycling station' is now under the covered walkway in front of the church offices and is located outside Amelia's office.

There are boxes in the 'recycling station' for household batteries, mobile phones, printer toner and ink cartridges, unwanted spectacles in good condition, plastic bread tags for wheelchairs, single use toiletry items for Wayside, second hand books for Lifeline and postage stamps for CMS.



SAUSAGE SIZZLE SUNDAY

Last Sunday the 10.30am congregation enjoyed a special morning tea together, 'Sausage Sizzle Sunday'.

It was such a lovely day with warm fellowship and tasty sausages! Thanks to all those who helped make it happen!

Keep an eye out for the next special morning tea!



UPCOMING BELONGING EVENTS

8.30am - Garden Ramble and Lunch

On **Sunday 10th August** from 10 am to 3 pm they will be holding our final 2025 Camellia Open Sunday. During Camellia Open Sunday Eryldene is open for visitors to:

- stroll the garden at their leisure – there are no formal garden tours
- purchase a ticket for a guided House Tour

The entry fee for seniors \$10. Tickets can be purchased online if people choose to do it this way.

We have the Gordon Golf club booked at 12 midday. The address and details are: Gordon Golf Club Woodlands Bistro

2 Lynn Ridge Ave, Gordon NSW 2072

Please RSVP to Ursula Keen by August 8, 2025 and advise of any dietary needs.

Dinner Church at 5 and 6.45pm this Sunday

Church will look a bit different this Sunday 3rd August at the 5pm and 6.45pm services, as we will be having dinner together during the service. Think Sit-down Supper meets Church Service! If you are willing and able to help out on the night, please click on the following link to sign up to serve.

5pm - <http://tiny.cc/5pmdinnerchurch>

6.45pm - <http://tiny.cc/645dinnerchurch>

Key Dates Flyer - Term 3

Don't forget to pick up a key dates flyer for term 3! There is lots happening this term and we don't want you to miss out on any of it!

Available at the check-in stations at church.

Email office@standrews.net.au if you would prefer a digital copy.

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

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)

EVANGELISM TRAINING

Come along to church tonight for Evangelism Training with David Rietveld. **7.30pm in the Church.** This course will run for three weeks.



SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 11th August 7.30pm in the Church.

All parishioners aged 18 years and over who have usually been a regular worshippers at St. Andrew's for at least three months of the preceding twelve months, are baptised and not members of any other church, are welcome to attend, take part in any debate and vote on any matter at the meeting.

The purpose of this special general meeting is to discuss the feedback received from the recent Mission and Aid giving survey, and general church finances.

KINGDOM CONVERSATIONS

5pm has planned another 'Kingdom Conversation' for Sunday 17th August with speaker Jenny Salt. Kingdom Conversations are special opportunities to hear from a guest with some kind of life or faith experience who bring a unique perspective to the sermon series we are working through. Jenny Salt offers great biblical depth having been on staff at SMBC for a number of years and is a gifted communicator. In her current role as the Associate to the Archdeacon for Women in the Sydney Anglican Diocese, she is regularly thinking through how God's word shapes the life of his followers. Jenny will be speaking on Ruth 4, closing our series 'Broken to Blessed.' All are welcome to join us! It's a great day to come to church twice.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

On **Sunday 17th August during the 6.45pm Service**, a number of our young people from Revive Youth will be getting confirmed! The Bishop for the Northern Region, Chris Edwards will be taking the confirmation service and will also be preaching. Everyone is welcome to come along and support these young people confirming their allegiance to Christ. Please pray for them as they prepare to confirm the promises made for them at their baptism, bravely in front of friends and family.

CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY

Escape the relentless grind and experience God's relentless grace at our church weekend away!

Guest speaker: Mark Calder

Dates: 12-14 September

Location: Katoomba

Register here:

www.trybooking.com/DCXLB

Registration closes Mon 25th August

We do not want the cost to be a barrier for you coming along so please let a staff member know if you need some financial support in order to come along.



ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE KIDS

Playgroup

Thursdays 10am - 12pm

Xtreme

Years 4-6

Fridays 3.15 - 5.30pm

StAR Kids program

Sundays 10.30am

ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE YOUTH

REVIVE

Fridays 6.30 - 8.30pm

Jnr Youth Bible Study

Sundays during 10.30am & 5pm

Years 7-9

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 office @ 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

BUSH WALK

Why not come along and enjoy the company and fellowship of fellow walkers, as we walk along the South Head Heritage Trail, with its stunning ocean views from cliffs and lookouts. We will visit Camp Cove where Governor Phillip first landed in 1788, the Hornby Lighthouse, as well as viewing many of the 19th Century gun placements and the infamous 'Gap'.

We will travel to Watson's Bay using public transport, travelling by train, tram and ferry. The walk itself is 3 - 4 km, and would be considered an easy walk with few steps or hills. If you decide to have lunch at Watson's Bay after the walk in nearby Robertson Park, the return journey to Roseville Station would be approximately 5 hours. If you do not stay for lunch the round trip would take about 4 hours.

When: Saturday August 16

Meeting place: East Side of Roseville Station (Hill St)

Meeting time: 8:45am (to catch a 9:03 train)

It would be helpful if you could indicate your intention to walk by texting Nick Barbarino, 0414 521 575



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=qTyJu9lyVkl>

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

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