

St Andrew's

ROSEVILLE

SUNDAY 24TH 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

24 Aug - Belonging Lunch

27 Aug - Prayer & Praise night

31 Aug - 10.30am Church picnic

12-14 Sept - Church Weekend Away

Staff Leave

Amelia Ross: 18 - 22 Aug

David Rietveld: 19 Aug - 1 Sept

Indira Ryan: maternity leave starting 1st September 2025

Mel Bell: 18 Sept - 22 Oct

FROM BROKEN TO BLESSED: RUTH'S STORY AND OURS

It's tempting to take this as a neat template: "Stick with God and your life will turn around." But we know it's not that simple. Not every bitter widow is comforted. Not every lonely young person finds a spouse. Not every loss is restored in this life. It can be painful to sit on the sidelines and watch someone else's story wrap up neatly while yours still feels unfinished.

So what do we do with Ruth? One way is to read her story as a metaphor for Israel. Israel too was broken by famine, exile, and disobedience. And yet, when the people practised *hesed* — covenant love and loyalty to God and one another — they tasted blessing again. In broad terms, it's not wrong to say that our life in Christ moves from broken to blessed as we trust him and live faithfully among his people.

But the truth is still richer. Every day we are moving from broken to blessed. We die daily to self, and we enthrone Christ daily and rise with him. This is not just the story of our life as a whole — it's the pattern of every moment of discipleship. As Cyril of Jerusalem reminds us: "The cross is not only Christ's, but also ours. For every man who has been crucified with Christ must keep the cross daily, enduring trials for His sake."

Here the Eastern Orthodox have another helpful image: Pascha. In the West we tend to divide Easter into stages — death, resurrection, ascension, then Pentecost — as if life moves past suffering into blessing. But the Orthodox proclaim the whole cluster as one cosmic mystery: Christ's death, descent, resurrection, and victory all bound together. Pascha is not linear; it is the continuous mystery of life through death.

We entitled our series "Broken to Blessed." It's faithful to Ruth, and to the entire biblical arc. But he also blesses us through brokenness. So whether your day — or your whole life — feels bitter or full, can you see Christ in the mystery? For in him, even in dying, we are already rising.

Grace & peace,
David Rietveld
(Acting) Senior Minister

MISSION PARTNERS

*Please pray for
John Dickson and the
Undeceptions team*



- Give thanks for a successful Australian tour release of the First Hymn movie - cinemas around the country were full and the First Hymn was well received.
- Give thanks for Chris Tomlin releasing the song on his latest album and as a single.
- Give thanks for everyone who put heart and soul into making the First Hymn project happen.
- Pray for the Undeceptions team as they begin production of the 15th and 16th season of the podcast, after a busy period of documentary work.
- Pray that God will focus their minds and guide them to topics that people most need to hear about.
- Pray that above all else the podcast will bring people into a closer relationship with Jesus.

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**

WEEKLY ONLINE PRAYER MEETING

There is a Weekly Morning Prayer online meeting 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>

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.



CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY

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

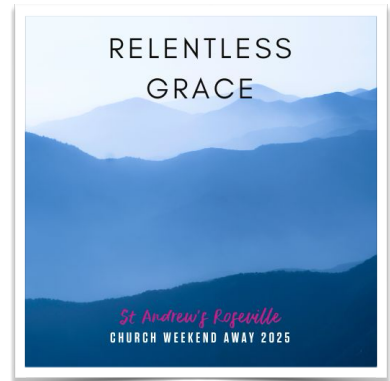
Guest speaker: Mark Calder

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.

DAVID'S MOVEMENTS

David will be in Melbourne for a conference, then visiting his new grandchild, before heading to New Zealand for church consulting work. He will be absent from 20 August to 1 September.

prayer & praise

CHURCH WIDE PRAYER & PRAISE NIGHT
WEDNESDAY 27TH AUGUST | 7.30PM
ST ANDREW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

10.30AM CHURCH PICNIC

Sun 31 August

**Straight after
the service**

BYO LUNCH

 **BANCROFT PARK**



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)

KINGDOM CONVERSATION WITH JENNY SALT

We were thrilled to have Jenny Salt with us at 5pm last week to teach us from God's word and conclude our series in Ruth. With the warm welcome of hot chocolates and supper back at the Vos's, it was a wonderful night of fellowship!



CONFIRMATION SERVICE

At 6:45pm we had the special privilege of watching 12 of our young people get confirmed! Seeing them affirm their faith in front of their family and friends was a huge encouragement and a great testament to what Jesus is doing amongst us! Please pray for them: Genevieve, Thea, Grace, Laura, Zoe, Bethany, Robert, Freddie, Rachel, Charlotte, Imogen, and Nimue, as they continue to grow in their faith and in service of God's people.



BUSH WALK

On Saturday a small group from St Andrew's enjoyed a sunny day in God's glorious creation. We caught the ferry across our stunning harbour and walked around South Head. You are welcome to join us for the next walk we are planning in term 4, details to come!



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

UNDECEPTIONS MISSION AND AID HIGHLIGHT

Many of us enjoyed watching 'The First Hymn Documentary' last Monday night at Roseville Cinema. It was a wonderful evening to celebrate our partnership with John Dickson and Undeceptions, and this Sunday for our Mission and Aid highlight we will continue to do so in all four services. As part of this we will be inviting people to respond in giving to the Undeceptions ministry.



CONVERSATIONAL EVANGELISM TRAINING

How do you have conversations about faith and Jesus that are not awkward or judgemental - that connect with questions people are currently asking?

David ran two nights of evangelism training. If you would like to watch a private replay of the training, go to:

<http://tiny.cc/evangelismtraining1> (Part 1)

<http://tiny.cc/evangelismtraining2> (Part 2)

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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