

St Andrew's

ROSEVILLE

SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER 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:

5 Oct - New Senior Minister announced

19 Oct - M&A Partner Highlight with Ben Lim

9 Nov - Vision Day

Staff Leave

Indira Ryan: maternity leave starting 1st September 2025

Mel Bell: 18 Sept - 22 October

David Rietveld: 22-30 October

Ness Hughes: 30th September - 9th October

Beth Boyd: 1-6 October

BECOMING LIKE GOD?

The Eastern Orthodox Idea of Deification

If you've spent time around Eastern Orthodox theology, you may have come across the word deification (or theosis). It can sound strange, even dangerous. Isn't it the oldest lie of the serpent — "you will be like God" (Gen 3:5)? Yet the Orthodox fathers insist this is at the heart of salvation. So what do they mean?

At its simplest, deification is the belief that God saves us not just by forgiving our sins, but by drawing us into his own life. We are invited to "share in the divine nature" (2 Pet 1:4). Athanasius, the 4th-century bishop of Alexandria, put it like this: "God became man so that man might become god."

But let's be clear. Deification does not mean we become gods ourselves — independent little deities running around. The fathers always rejected that idea. Only the Triune God is uncreated, infinite, and worthy of worship. Rather, deification means we become by grace what Christ is by nature. We are united to God, filled with his Spirit, shaped into his likeness, so that his life shines through ours.

The Scriptures point us in this direction. Paul speaks of being "conformed to the image of [God's] Son" (Rom 8:29). John writes, "when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2). Even now, Paul says, we are being "transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit" (2 Cor 3:18).

So what does this mean for us, practically? Deification isn't about mystical speculation. It's about ordinary discipleship. The Spirit and the Scriptures work together to change us from the inside out. As we read the Word, the Spirit illumines it, convicts us, and leads us into deeper obedience. As we pray, serve, forgive, and love, the Spirit makes Christ visible in us. Day by day, we become more patient, more joyful, more holy, more truly ourselves — because we are becoming more like him.

The insight of the Orthodox tradition is that salvation is not just God wiping the slate clean. It's God bringing us into communion with himself, healing us, and making us radiant with his life. Or as Paul says, "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Col 1:27).

Grace & peace,

David Rietveld

(Acting) Senior Minister

MISSION PARTNERS

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



- Give thanks to God for the Project200 Conference in mid-September, where students, graduates, and gospel workers gathered to sit under His Word together. Praise Him for the Bible talks, strand groups, electives, and rich fellowship that encouraged many to keep considering how to serve the less-reached and less-resourced.
- Praise God for the fruit of the Meet Jesus mission, and pray that newcomers like J and Brittany would keep reading God's Word and come to believe in and follow Jesus.
- Pray that God would raise up godly and faithful Senior Students and Committee for 2026.
- Please keep praying for provision of the remaining \$9,500 of financial support needed for 2025, and \$23,000 p.a. from 2026 onwards.

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.

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 safeministryrep@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)

BUILDING REDEVELOPMENT PROGRESS

Demolition has begun! We are so thankful for the progress being made on our hall redevelopment. Please pray for the builders for safety as they work, and for the project managers, building committee, and everyone else involved, that things would continue to go smoothly.



VISION DAY - SAVE THE DATE!

Save the date for our upcoming Vision Day on Sunday 9th November. We will be holding 2 combined services that day, 10am and 6pm. Keep an eye out for further details over the next few weeks.

MISSION & AID PARTNER HIGHLIGHT: BEN LIM

On **Sunday 19th October**, across all services, we'll be hearing from Ben Lim, one of our Mission & Aid partners.

Ben serves with the Sydney University Evangelical Union, ministering among international students—sharing the gospel, discipling young believers, and equipping them to follow Jesus during their time in Australia and beyond.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to hear stories from Ben's ministry, learn how God is at work among international students, and consider how we as a church family can support him—through both prayer and financial partnership.

This is the third of four Mission & Aid Partner highlights we'll share this year, during our transition between Senior Ministers and Mission & Aid policies.



ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE KIDS

Playgroup

Taking a break for the school holidays.
Returns Thursday 16th October.

Xtreme

Taking a break for the school holidays.
Returns Friday 17th October.

StAR Kids program - lite

Sundays 10.30am Service

ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE YOUTH

REVIVE

Taking a break for the school holidays.
Returns Friday 17th October

Jnr Youth Bible Study

Taking a break for the school holidays. Returns Sun 19 October.
All youth are encouraged to attend church with their families during the holidays.

Snr Youth (years 10-12) are encouraged to attend the 6.45pm Service.

EVERYDAY ENGLISH CLASSES

Taking a break for the school holidays. Returns Thursday 16th October.

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

DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCES

As Craig Roberts mentioned in his sermon recently, here are some resources you might find helpful in your discipleship, strengthening your relationship with God through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Podcasts:

- Speak Life (apologetics style, spoken views of Glenn Scrivener)
- Daily Dose of Wisdom (apologetics style, via interviews of various leading Christian apologetics)
- The Reasonable Faith "Defenders" podcast (overview of various Christian doctrines).
- Of Course Undeceptions
- 5 minutes in Church History
- Bible Project Podcast
- Centre for Christian living

Apps/Websites:

- Logos Bible App: good for reading the Bible on the go, and reading Christian books you have saved/purchased
- Dwell App: a really good audio Bible
- liturgy.io has a section with morning and evening prayer from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer

Let us know what resources help you to keep in step with the Holy Spirit!

HELP NEEDED: SERMON ARCHIVE PROJECT

We're looking for someone willing to give an hour or so per week who can help tidy up our archive of sermon recordings, working with us to set up a better system going forward. If you enjoy digital organisation and would like to serve in this practical way, please get in touch by emailing office@standrews.net.au

Required skills: YouTube Studio, Wordpress, audio editing.

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>

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