

St Andrew's

ROSEVILLE

SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2025

St Andrew's Roseville

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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:

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9 Nov - Vision Day

10-12 Nov - Staff Planning Days Away

15 Nov - Bush Walk

17 Nov - Governance Training Evening

19 Nov - Prayer & Praise night

23 Nov - M&A Partner Highlight with Andrew Browning

HEGEL ON FREEDOM, DUTY, AND THE PARADOX OF LIFE

The modern world prizes freedom. We imagine freedom as the ability to do what we want, when we want, without restraint. But Hegel — one of the great philosophers of the nineteenth century — warned that chasing freedom in this sense leads not to life but to death.

He called this “negative freedom”: the freedom from external constraint. At first, it sounds appealing. To be free means no one tells me what to do. But Hegel points out the problem: if freedom is nothing more than being unbound, then the logical end is the rejection of every tie — to community, to family, even to our own body. Push negative freedom far enough, and it becomes destructive. It isolates the self until nothing is left. Freedom collapses into death.

That's why Hegel urged us to think instead of “positive freedom”: not freedom from, but freedom for. True freedom is found in embracing what is good, in belonging, in shaping ourselves in harmony with truth. He puts it memorably: “Duty is not a limitation of freedom, but only of freedom in the abstract; it is liberation, it is the attainment of our essence, the winning of positive freedom.”

In other words, we are most free not when we throw off all restraints, but when we willingly bind ourselves to the good. Duty to truth, to love, to justice — these are not shackles but the very conditions in which human life flourishes.

Hegel develops this in his famous dialectic: the pattern by which life and history move forward. We start with a thesis, encounter its opposite (antithesis), and through struggle arrive at a deeper synthesis. In freedom's case: we begin with the desire to be free (thesis), discover that negative freedom destroys itself (antithesis), and arrive at positive freedom — the realisation that only in devotion and duty is freedom fulfilled (synthesis).

All of this echoes something Jesus said centuries earlier: “Whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it” (Matt 16:25). The one who clutches freedom in the negative sense — saving their life at all costs — finds emptiness. But the one who surrenders, who gives themselves away in love and obedience to Christ, discovers life abundant.

The irony is clear. Real life comes through death. Real freedom comes not by refusing duty but by embracing it. And in that, Hegel helps us see more clearly the wisdom of Jesus' words.

Grace & peace,
David Rietveld
(Acting) Senior Minister

MISSION & AID PARTNER

Please be praying for Dr Andrew Browning and the work of the Barbara May Foundation.



Tanzania & Uganda

- Give thanks for the Goodall family's safe arrival in Arusha and pray as they settle into ministry.
- Praise God for a new project supervisor for the Uganda hospital build; pray for continued progress.
- Give thanks for a contractor appointed for the hospital in Chamwino; pray the right supervisor is chosen.

Tanzania — Fistula Care

- Give thanks for a successful fistula camp, treating 48 women.
- Pray for Dr Baraka as he continues fistula surgery training near Mwanza.

South Sudan

- Give thanks for 46 women treated in Juba and for surgeon training.
- Praise God for the healing of Tensa, who returned for further care.

Central African Republic

- Pray for safety and endurance for those travelling long distances to serve.
- Give thanks that 21 women received care, with almost all fully healed.

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 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.**

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>

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-at-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)

VISION DAY - SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

Next Sunday 9th November, we are holding two combined services for Vision Day; 10am and 6pm.

This is an opportunity to look back on the year that has been, and to look forward to 2026, hearing about our vision for ministry next year.

All are welcome to stay after the 10am service for a light lunch together.

At 5pm, we will enjoy a light supper together before heading into the 6pm service. All are welcome.

Some exciting things will be unveiled...including building updates and a mysterious message in a bottle found on the building site...so make sure you are there to find out more!

MISSION & AID PARTNER HIGHLIGHT - BARBARA MAY FOUNDATION

All services on Sunday 23rd November - Dr Andrew Browning.

This year we will have had four special Sundays highlighting our Mission & Aid partners, and on Sunday 23rd November, we will have a special highlight for the Barbara May Foundation, and look forward to a visit from Dr Andrew Browning. It will be a wonderful opportunity to hear from him and pray for him in person, as well as hearing the ways in which we can be supporting BMF financially and prayerfully.

EARLY MORNING BUSH WALK

Saturday November 15 – Berry Island and Balls Head Walk, Wollstonecraft to Waverton

Like most Harbourside walks, the views you get on this one are truly amazing. Unlike many walks though, this one feels like a real bush walk. Berry Island is a small, accessible island reserve, featuring the Gadyan walking track, which details the history of the local Cammeraygal people. Balls Head, on the opposing foreshore, offers great harbour views, is a forested headland peninsula with significant Aboriginal sites and historic industrial remnants, including a heritage-listed coal loader. We will travel to Wollstonecraft Station by train and the return journey to Roseville will be from Waverton Station. The walk itself is about 7 km, with moderate fitness required. The round trip to Roseville Station should take 3 - 4 hours. Coffee near Waverton Station at the end of the walk is an option. Please wear appropriate footwear and bring water, hat and sunscreen.

Meeting place: East Side of Roseville Station on Hill St

Meeting time: 7:45am to catch an 8:00am train

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



CHURCH-WIDE PRAYER & PRAISE NIGHT

Wednesday 19th November, 7.30pm in the Church

Save the date for our next church-wide prayer and praise night! It will be an evening of worshipping our great God - Father, Son, & Spirit - in song and in prayer. This is an excellent opportunity to have fellowship with our church family across many congregations and generations!

ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE KIDS

Playgroup

Thursdays 10am - 12pm during the school term, in the Kelman Room

Xtreme

Years 4-6

Fridays 3:15 - 5:30pm

StAR Kids program

Sundays 10.30am Service

ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE YOUTH

REVIVE

Fridays 6:30 - 8:30pm

Years 7-12

Jnr Youth Bible Study

Sundays during 10:30am and 5pm services

Years 7-9

Snr Youth (years 10-12) are 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

GOVERNANCE TRAINING EVENING

Monday 17th November 7.30pm in the Church

For all current Parish Councillors and Wardens, and those who are interested in serving on the Parish Council in the future.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - GARDENING ROSTER

We are putting together a roster for gardening at Church, because it needs regular attention especially as we get closer to Summer. The more volunteers we have, the less often you will be rostered on! Tasks include, mowing, weeding, edging, etc. BYO gardening tools.

Please contact office@standrews.net.au if you are willing and able to serve on a gardening roster.

TOYS 'N' TUCKER APPEAL

We are gathering a collection for the Toys 'n' Tucker Appeal again this year. If you would like to contribute some items, please refer to the list below for instructions. You can drop off donations to the office until Monday 8th December.



Food

Standard sizes are preferred to help fit everything in neatly.

- Christmas pudding
- Tinned ham or chunky soup (450g)
- Tinned salmon or tuna (415g)
- Tea (100pk)
- Coffee (100g)
- Packet of biscuits (no chocolate biscuits)
- Dried pasta (500g)
- Pasta sauce
- Long-life milk
- Long-life custard
- Tinned fruit and vegetables (425g)
- Jam (500g)

Sadly we can't include chocolate as it's likely to melt.

Gift ideas

Pre-school

- Age-appropriate games
- Educational toys
- Picture books

Children

- Good-quality toys
- Outdoor games
- Sporting equipment

Teenagers

- Gift cards/vouchers
- Sporting equipment
- Toiletry packs

CHRISTMAS WORKING BEE

Come along on **Saturday 6th December 10am-12pm** for a Christmas working bee. We will put up the Christmas tree and other decorations, and do a general tidy up, in order to prepare our site for this special season which (we pray) will bring lots of guests!

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