

St Andrew's

ROSEVILLE

SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 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:

6 Dec - Christmas Working Bee @ Church

8 Dec - last day to drop off Toys 'n' Tucker donations

13 Dec - Carols @ Home (5.30pm)

14 Dec - 10am service

14 Dec - Traditional Service of Lessons & Carols (6pm)

21 Dec - Services at 10am and 6pm

24 Dec - Christmas Eve:

- All-Ages Service (5pm activities, 6pm service)
- 11pm contemporary service

25 Dec - Christmas Day:

- 9am Service only (traditional)

Staff Leave:

Scott Warner:
30 Nov - 7 Dec

WHEN POWER STOPS PROTECTING YOU

King David is one of Scripture's great paradoxes—anointed king, warrior-poet, man after God's own heart... and yet capable of breathtaking moral blindness. When he slept with Bathsheba and tried to cover his tracks, he leaned on the oldest political strategy in the book: use power to manage the fallout. Uriah becomes collateral damage. The story is hidden. The king looks untouchable.

Except he isn't.

The prophet Nathan turns up with a parable and a finger pointed straight at David's chest: "You are the man!" (2 Samuel 12:7). What David tried to bury was dragged into the light. His public standing remained, but the private sin tore through his household for years afterwards. Power delays consequences; it doesn't cancel them.

Jesus puts the principle bluntly: "There is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be brought out into the open." (Luke 8:17) We can escape scrutiny for a while—through status, spin, or sheer force of personality—but eventually truth catches up, in this life or the next. God sees. And God judges.

The big story of this week is Donald Trump and his relationship to Jeffrey Epstein. You may admire his political instincts, his ability to reshape institutions, even point to policy achievements. But none of that substitutes for character. A public persona can win votes; but only integrity builds long-term trust. Proverbs is right: "A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold." (Proverbs 22:1)

You can have influence, wealth, and a devoted following—and still be hollow on the inside. David learned it the hard way. Many leaders do. Power gives you options; integrity gives you a future.

For Christians, integrity isn't about perfection. It's about consistency. About letting the light in before the spotlight finds you. About confessing what's true rather than constructing an image. As Psalm 139 reminds us, "Search me, God, and know my heart... see if there is any offensive way in me."

In the end, the safest life is a transparent one. Because everything hidden is heading for disclosure, and when judgement comes—whether in public or before the throne—the only shelter we have is the mercy that meets us in the light.

Grace & peace,
David Rietveld
(Acting) Senior Minister

PRAYER POINTS

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.

WEEKLY ONLINE PRAYER MEETING

There is a Weekly Morning Prayer online meeting every Wednesday 7.30-8am <http://tiny.cc/730amPrayer>

BETH BOYD - MTS

If you would like to receive regular updates and prayer points from Beth, our MTS worker, visit the link below.

<http://tiny.cc/BethMTS>

MISSION & AID PARTNER HIGHLIGHT - BARBARA MAY FOUNDATION

It was wonderful to hear from, pray for, and support Dr Andrew Browning and the Barbara May Foundation last Sunday!



In lieu of Mission & Aid Sunday this year, we've provided an opportunity to express our partnership, and support this vital work.

Karen Baker, the General Manager of BMF writes,

"BMF wishes to thank the ministers and congregations of St Andrew's Roseville for their warm welcome and care as we shared our vision for impact in Africa.

In order to donate:

- **Go to the Barbara May website and sign up as a monthly donor, or make a one off tax deductible gift;**
- **or Consider making a gift in your will to Barbara May Foundation**

Every gift makes a real difference as we work to help women just like Tensa, who you would have heard about on Sunday. We are very grateful for the prayers and partnership that you offer Dr Andrew Browning and the entire Barbara May Foundation. And we are very thankful for the "goers" and the "senders" as referenced in the 10:30 service!"

As a church, we want to continue to support our Mission & Aid partners both financially and prayerfully, so we invite you to consider how you might respond generously.

You can access the Barbara May Foundation website via the QR code or the link below.

<https://barbaramayfoundation.com/donate/>



PRAYER POINTS FOR BARBARA MAY FOUNDATION

- Praise God for the faithful staff serving women in difficult areas and often during conflict and famine.
- Pray for peace in Ethiopia, fighting has started again in the Afar area of Ethiopia where BMF supports a hospital.
- Praise God for the healing of many women with fistula this year.
- Praise God for His eternal word bringing eternal hope for all peoples regardless of culture.
- Praise God for His provision to do the work we do and faith in Him to continue to provide in accordance to His will.

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.

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!

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)

STAR VISION DAY APPEAL

Vision Day was a wonderful celebration of all that God has done in us and through us in 2025!

It was also a great opportunity to look ahead and pray for our year of ministry in 2026.

As was mentioned, our annual budget is met by a combination of general offertory and tax effective giving.

Each year at Vision Day, we aim to raise the full amount of our tax deductible funds. For the 2026 budget, this amounts to \$98,000 and ***we are asking you to prayerfully consider how you will contribute to this target.***

Please complete the pledge form via the QR code or this link:

tiny.cc/vision26

This allows us to issue you a tax receipt.

Details of how to fulfil your pledge will then be sent to your email.



TOYS 'N' TUCKER

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

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

CAROLS WEEKEND

This year we are having Carols weekend! There is something for everyone:

CAROLS @ HOME

On **Saturday 13th December** we have an all-ages style 'Carols at home' which will be on the lawn out the front of the church, BYO picnic. **Arrive at 5.30pm for a 6pm start.** You can sign up to volunteer on the day via the link below.

tiny.cc/carols2025

Any questions, feel free to contact office@standrews.net.au



LESSONS & CAROLS

Then on **Sunday 14th December at 6pm**, we are holding a traditional service of Lessons & Carols in the church, with choir and organ. This service is based on the tradition of the Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols, originating in 1880 and later popularised in 1918. The service consists of several Bible readings (lessons) and carols, telling the whole Christmas story from beginning to end. There will also be a light supper after the service.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve:

- All-Ages Service (5pm activities, 6pm service)
- 11pm contemporary service

Christmas Day:

- 9am Traditional Service



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