

St Andrew's ROSEVILLE

NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 30 JANUARY 2026

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:

30-31 Jan - Kids & Youth teams launch

1 Feb - return to 4 services, kids & youth programs start up

2 Feb - SG Leader Training

14 Mar - Church Trivia Night

Staff Workdays

James Smith - Mon-Fri, Sun

Scott Warner - Mon, Wed-Sun

Ness Hughes - Mon-Thu, Sun

Mel Bell - Mon, Wed-Sun

Emily Tong - Mon, Wed, Fri

Amelia Ross - Mon-Fri

Beth Boyd - Wed, Fri, Sun

Matt Ryan - Sun

INTRODUCING MARK'S GOSPEL

Dear St Andrew's,

Thank you again for the wonderfully warm welcome you gave Karen and me last Sunday. We have felt truly loved! It was a joy to start getting to know many of you again and meet plenty of you for the first time.

This Sunday it feels like we're getting down to business: kids and youth ministries are kicking off for the year, and we're beginning our new sermon series in Mark's Gospel, The King Has Come.

Mark is a succinct, vivid account of the ministry, suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Right from the opening line Mark tells us what this story is about: "the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God" (1:1). Messiah (Hebrew), or Christ (Greek), literally means "anointed"—a title given to Israel's kings. Saul was anointed by Samuel (1 Sam 10:1), and David was anointed as God's chosen king (1 Sam 16:13; 2 Sam 2:4; 5:3). So, from the start, Mark is clear: Jesus is God's anointed King. And in the opening scene we see it confirmed—Jesus is anointed by the Spirit and affirmed by the Father's love (1:10-11).

Here's what I'd love you to do as we read and hear Mark together. Be watchful. Mark tells us Jesus' identity in verse 1, but then he invites us to see it unfold through the story. Watch how Jesus reveals who he is—through his teaching, his authority, his compassion, his confrontation of evil, his welcome of the outsider, and his path towards the cross.

And watch how people respond. Over these next weeks, we'll see Jesus engaging Jews and Gentiles, rich and poor, the religious elite and the social outcast, the confident and the confused. Some are amazed. Some are threatened. Some misunderstand him. Some begin to trust him. In fact, one fascinating thread is what's sometimes called "the messianic secret"—how Jesus often manages the timing and depth of people's understanding of his identity. He doesn't want a superficial label or a shallow enthusiasm. He calls for repentance and faith (1:15).

That brings it close to home: as we watch others respond to Jesus, we're invited to consider our own. Who do you say he is—and what will you do with him?

I'm really looking forward to following Jesus around first-century Palestine with you this term, and tackling your questions along the way.

God bless,

James

Mission & Aid Partners

Please continue praying for all of our Mission & Aid partners over Christmas and the New Year.



Barbara May Foundation *Dr Andrew Browning*



Undeceptions *John Dickson*



Ben Lim *Sydney Uni Evangelical Union*



Ret. Abp. Masimango *Diocese of Kindu*

PRAYER POINTS

Please pray for our staff team and their families.

- For James and Karen Smith, 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.

WEEKLY ONLINE PRAYER MEETING

There is a weekly morning prayer meeting (online) every Wednesday 7:30-8:00am. All are welcome. Please visit the link below to join the meeting.

<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>

BACK TO 4 SERVICES THIS WEEK

On Sunday 1st February we are returning to our regular 4 service times: 8:30am, 10:30am, 5pm, & 6:45pm. Our livestream will go live at approximately 11am for Targeted Time.

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)

JOIN A SMALL GROUP

Small Groups, (or Bible Study Groups) are a great way to know God and know each other better. So, if you have not been in a St Andrew's small group before, perhaps this year is the year to join one! If you would like to join a Small Group, please visit the link below, or scan the QR code, and fill out the form. <http://tiny.cc/SmallGroup>



SMALL GROUP LEADER TRAINING

Scott Warner and James Smith are running some training for all Small Group leaders on **Monday 2nd February 7-8:45pm in the Kelman Room.**

SG leaders/co-leaders should attend and those exploring/open to future leadership are welcome. If you haven't rsvp'd yet please do so by emailing scott.warner@standrews.net.au

KIDS AND YOUTH | PROGRAMS RETURN FROM 1ST FEB!

We are looking forward to a wonderful year of kids and youth ministry in 2026.

We kick off from Sunday February 1st where our church returns to our usual 4 services, and full kids and youth program. That week marks the return of our usual kids & youth ministries;

Targeted Time groups | Sunday 1st February

Playgroup | Thursday 5th February, 10am-12pm

Xtreme | Friday 6th February, 3:15pm-5:30pm

REVIVE | Friday 6th February, 6:30-8:30pm

Please be praying for our teams as we look ahead to ministry in 2026 and prepare to start the year well under God. We are eager to partner with the parents of St Andrew's as we grow disciples of Jesus in our little ones and young people.

Blessings, Mel Bell

SERVING ON PARISH COUNCIL - UPDATED

The Safe Ministry To Children Ordinance 2020 was amended in December 2024 by the Safe Ministry Training Amendment Ordinance 2024 (with effect from 31 December 2025), to require all parish staff, wardens and parish councillors to have completed accredited Safe Ministry training.

Wardens and parish councillors have been encouraged (since 2022) and are now required (from 31 December 2025) to have completed the Safe Ministry Training.

If you are considering standing for a leadership role, you will need to complete both of these prior to the AGM in order to be eligible. The date of the AGM is to be confirmed, but will likely be held on a Monday evening at the beginning of March.

Please prayerfully consider your availability for leadership, and make the necessary preparations so that you are appropriately equipped and compliant to serve.

If you have any questions, please email safeministryrep@standrews.net.au or office@standrews.net.au

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED - GARDENING ROSTER

We still need people to sign up to serve on a gardening roster. 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 able to serve.

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Years 7-12

Fridays 6:30-8:30pm

Jnr Youth Bible Study

Years 7-9

Sundays during 10:30am and 5pm services

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:

Senior Minister
Assistant Minister
Assistant Minister
Assistant Minister (*Children & Families*)
Youth Minister
Ministry Support Coordinator
Assistant Children's Minister
Student Minister
MTS Trainee
Office

CHURCH TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 14th March 7.30pm - Save the date!



WELCOMING OUR NEW SENIOR MINISTER



Induction Service - Tue 20th Jan 2026



Welcome Supper after 6pm

Introducing
James & Karen Smith

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