

# St Andrew's ROSEVILLE

## NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 23 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](http://www.standrews.net.au)

### Coming up:

- 25 Jan** - James Smith's first Sunday
- 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

### WELCOME

Dear St Andrew's,

It is with much thankfulness and excitement (and, if I'm honest, a touch of holy nerves!) that I write my first news note as Senior Minister of St Andrew's, Roseville.

Firstly, thank you—so warmly—for the love my family and I have already received, especially at Tuesday's Commencement Service. We were genuinely moved by the words of welcome, the generosity of gifts, and the simple kindness of so many who stayed to introduce themselves and share something of their life at St Andrew's. For me personally, it was also a joyful "homecoming": it was a delight to reconnect with old friends from my years here as an Assistant Minister, and it's equally encouraging to begin making new ones. Although we haven't yet moved into the rectory (and for now we're commuting from Beecroft), Tuesday night made it very clear: we're not merely arriving at a place; we're being welcomed into a people. Thank you. Please keep praying for us as we navigate this transition—logistics, relationships, and all.

Secondly, one of the strong notes I'm carrying into this new season is humility. That was the theme of Bishop Chris's sermon on Tuesday, and it has stayed with me. He reminded us that all ministry is shaped by worship—either the worship of God or the worship of self—and therefore motivated by either humility or self-glory. Jesus was so committed to the worship of his Father that he went to the cross—the most humiliating of deaths. And he was so secure in his relationship with his Father that he could wash his disciples' feet—the most humiliating of acts. I'm praying, for myself and for all of us, that our relationship with Jesus will be deep and secure enough to produce the same kind of mutual, humble service: truth spoken with love, leadership expressed as service, and a church culture that points away from ourselves and towards Christ.

Thirdly, I'm excited and full of anticipation for the year ahead. St Andrew's rests on the sure foundation of Christ and the gospel. Over the years, God has grown churches when that gospel has been persuasively taught and authentically lived. And I am convinced there is no more compelling display of biblical truth and divine love than a local church community—together—engaging with and serving our wider community. It is a privilege to join you in this work.

Many blessings,  
James

## ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NEWS

### 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 new Senior Minister, James Smith*

- For James and Karen as they settle in to St Andrew's.
- For James, Karen, and their daughter Keziah, as they prepare to move into Roseville from Beecroft.
- For James as he receives a lot of new information about our Church, that he wouldn't be overwhelmed by it all but would feel equipped and ready for his ministry with us going forward.

*Please pray for the Kids and Youth ministries of the church:*

- For Xtreme that meets on Friday afternoons, for Play Group that meets during the week, and for the Sunday Kids Church program at 10.30am.
- For Revive that meets on Friday evenings and the gathering of junior youth on Sunday mornings.
- Pray that God will sustain Mel Bell and her teams as they minister to our kids and youth.

*Please pray for our Maturity:*

- That we will be a church that aims to help people grow in their relationship with Jesus.
- Pray for small groups and their leaders.
- That people will use the 'growing disciples' resources to grow in their personal relationships with each other.
- That people will look to join small groups and meet one to one with each other, to grow in our understanding of the bible.
- Pray that as the Bible is taught week to week, that the preachers will be faithful to the word of God and that God's Spirit might work powerfully amongst us.
- Pray that people notice a difference in their lives, as a result of God working in them, through the ministry of St Andrew's.

*Please pray for the global Church:*

- Please pray for the many churches around the world that face persecution daily.
- Pray for those churches that are growing quickly – like in China, India and Africa.
- Pray for those churches who are lacking resources and help us be willing to support those who are in need.
- Pray for the continual spread of the gospel around the world and that God will use his church to see this happen.

### 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>

### 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](mailto:accounts@standrews.net.au).

*To contribute to our Hall*

*Redevelopment, visit:*

[standrews.net.au/building-a-home](http://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](mailto: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)

### JAMES SMITH'S FIRST SUNDAY

#### James' first Sunday at St Andrew's will be on Sunday 25th January.

To celebrate the arrival of our new Senior Minister, James Smith, and his wife, Karen, we are holding a welcome lunch after the 10am service and a welcome supper after the 6pm service.

Both lunch and supper will be catered, so there is no need to bring anything. Please plan to stay after church for extended fellowship with one another over a light meal.

*Please note that a change has been made to the time for supper, instead of being held before the 6pm service, it will now be held after the service, in order to avoid the extreme heat of the afternoon.*

### SERVING ON PARISH COUNCIL

**From 1 January this year, all Parish Councillors and Wardens are required to have completed Faithfulness in Service (FiS) and hold a current Working With Children Check (WWCC). These requirements must be current at the time of voting at our AGM.**

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.

### ELVANTO PROFILES

In order to help James learn our names when he arrives, please consider uploading a profile photo to your Elvanto profile. You can do this by clicking on 'my profile' and 'profile picture'.

This is NOT mandatory, so if you do not feel comfortable having a photo on your profile, please feel very free to keep it blank.

#### Please note:

- Only members of St Andrew's Roseville have access to the Elvanto Member Area.
- It is for adult members only (no kids/youth will be listed)
- It is for church and social use only (not for commercial use)
- The staff will withdraw access for anyone who misuses Elvanto

Please speak with a staff member if you have any questions or concerns.

### 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>



### BACK TO 4 SERVICES NEXT 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.

### 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 lite

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

### 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



### 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](mailto:office@standrews.net.au) if you are willing and able to serve on a gardening roster.**

### 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](mailto:office@standrews.net.au)

Required skills: YouTube Studio, Wordpress, audio editing.

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