

St Andrew's

ROSEVILLE

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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:

4 Jan - 10am and 6pm

18 Jan - David's farewell

20 Jan - James Smith's Induction Service

25 Jan - James Smith's first Sunday

Staff Leave:

Church Office Closed:
Wed 24 Dec - Sun 4 Jan

Amelia Ross: 25 Dec - 1 Jan

Em Tong: 1 - 16 Jan

Ness Hughes: 4 - 14 Jan

Scott Warner: 7 - 11 Jan

ARE YOU FOR US OR OUR ENEMIES?

Ever felt unsure where you stand with someone? Maybe you've met a new colleague, a neighbour, or a person who suddenly steps into your space, and you find yourself wondering: are they a friend, a threat, or something in between? It's a deeply human instinct, and Joshua feels something similar in Joshua 5.

He's alone near Jericho, carrying the weight of leading Israel into the land, when he encounters a warrior with a drawn sword. Unsure and perhaps afraid, Joshua wants to know where he (and this other) stands. So he asks "Are you for us, or for our enemies?"

It's the kind of question we all ask, because we tend to read the world from our perspective. Who is with me? Who is against me? Who might help my goals, and who might hinder them? It's not always selfish; often it's simply how we navigate uncertainty.

"Neither," the warrior replies. Not yes, not no, not us, not them. Instead, the commander of the Lord's army steps outside Joshua's categories entirely. He has not come to join Joshua's side, nor Jericho's side.

The answer is enigmatic, unexpected. Remember that Joshua has been anointed by Moses, filled with the Spirit, and directly commissioned by God to take the Promised Land (Deut 31:7-9; Joshua 1:1-9). Joshua is not simply doing his own thing—he is pursuing the very mission God has given him; against God's enemies.

And yet the angel still replies, "Neither."

The commander arrives representing God's side alone. And that frames everything. Allegiances are not binary. The question is not whether God will align himself with Joshua (and his understanding of God's mission), but whether Joshua will align himself with God and what God is doing in this moment.

Joshua 5 offers us the same invitation. Like Joshua, at times we can be convinced we are doing God's work, even opposing God's enemies, and so we read the playing field as people being either with us or against us. But before we divide the world into "for us" and "against us," we need to remember that God's purposes often run deeper than our categories and tribal allegiances.

Joshua approaches with confusion and caution. He ends kneeling, listening. Sometimes that is where clarity begins.

Grace & peace,
David Rietveld
(Acting) Senior Minister

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 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 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.

WEEKLY ONLINE PRAYER MEETING

The Wednesday morning prayer meeting will take a rest from Wednesday 10 December and resumes on Wednesday 21 January 2026.

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.

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)

FAREWELL GIFT FOR DAVID RIETVELD

David's time with us is drawing to a close, so if you would like to contribute to a farewell gift for him, please do so using the account details and instructions below:

St Andrews Roseville

BSB: 032086

Account: 387248

Please mark transaction as "FAREWELL GIFT"

David's last Sunday with us will be Sunday 18th January.

Please bring a plate to share for morning tea together after 10am and for supper after 6pm.

Note: St Andrew's is a NUT FREE zone.

JAMES SMITH'S INDUCTION SERVICE

James Smith's Induction Service will be held on Tuesday 20th January, 7.30pm at St Andrew's Roseville. This is a special service to mark James' appointment as Rector of St Andrew's, and to commission James for his ministry to Roseville in the years to come. All are welcome.

JAMES SMITH'S FIRST SUNDAY

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

There will be a light lunch after the 10am service, and a light supper before the 6pm service to celebrate James' arrival.

JANUARY SERVICE TIMES

During January, we are combining our services into one morning service at 10am, and one evening service at 6pm. The second half of the 10am service will be live-streamed as usual.



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.

ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE KIDS

Playgroup

Taking a break for the holidays.

Xtreme

Taking a break for the holidays.

StAR Kids program lite

Sundays 10am Service

ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE YOUTH

REVIVE

Taking a break for the holidays.

Jnr Youth Bible Study

Taking a break for the holidays.

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

EVERYDAY ENGLISH CLASSES

Taking a break for the holidays.

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

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 NEEDED - GARDENING ROSTER

We are putting together a roster for gardening at Church, because it needs regular attention especially during 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.

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.

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