

St Andrew's ROSEVILLE

NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY 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:

18 Feb - Lent Bible Reading Plan begins
21 Feb - Working Bee
28 Feb - Bush Walk
1 Mar - Belonging Lunch
11 Mar - Prayer & Praise Night
14 Mar - Church Trivia Night
23 Mar - AGM

Pick up a key dates flyer at Church this Sunday!

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

LENT: A SIMPLE READING RHYTHM THROUGH MARK

Dear St Andrew's,

Next Wednesday (18 February) is **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of **Lent**. Lent is the season in the Christian calendar that leads us toward Easter: a deliberate stretch of time to slow down, take stock, and fix our eyes again on Jesus—his suffering, his death, and his resurrection.

Lent isn't about earning points with God, or proving how disciplined we are (if it were, I'd have already failed at about 9:07am on Day 1). In the Bible, fasting and self-denial are never presented as spiritual “gym memberships” that make God like us more. Rather, they're a tangible way of saying: “Lord, I want You more than I want my comforts. I want to hear You. I want to follow You.” It's a season for repentance, renewed faith, and deeper joy in Christ.

This year, I'd like to encourage us not so much to give up something, but to take up something: **reading Mark's Gospel together**. Mark is brisk, vivid, and wonderfully direct. From the opening line we're told who Jesus is—“the Messiah, the Son of God”—and then we're invited to watch how people respond to him, and to ask what our response will be.

To help us do that, I'll be writing a short weekday morning blog that follows a simple Mark reading plan through Lent. I won't be emailing a separate reading plan around, but the blog will keep us moving through the passages day by day.

Here are the details:

- **When:** every weekday during Lent, from **Ash Wednesday (18 Feb)** to **Maundy Thursday (2 April)**
- **Time:** available from 6:00am each morning
- **Where:** on the St Andrew's website, and you can also **subscribe** so it arrives in your email inbox

The introductory blog (Day 0) can be found here:

www.standrews.net.au/blog-post/lent-reading-plan/

My hope is that many of us—new Christians, long-time believers, busy parents, tired students, eager retirees—might share a simple daily rhythm: Bible open, heart attentive, Jesus in view. Just 10–15 minutes a day. Small habit... big impact.

Let's walk with the King together on the road to the cross—and on to Easter joy.

With love in Christ,

James

Mission & Aid Partners

Please pray for Dr Andrew Browning and the Barbara May Foundation



- Please continue to pray for relief from suffering and for peace in Ethiopia. After a lull in conflict in the Afar region, renewed fighting is causing great hardship.
- Praise God that the Sonic Te Kworo hospital in Uganda is nearly complete, and for the two people God has provided to establish it. Please pray for them as they begin.
- Pray for the upcoming fistula camp starting in the last week of February, for safety as patients travel (there is renewed fighting) and for healing.
- Praise God that the construction of the new hospital, in Chamwino, central Tanzania is finally underway. It's moving ahead, more or less on schedule. We hope that it will be finished at the end of this year or early next. Please pray with us in asking for God's provision so we can receive the necessary funds to run the hospital.
- Andrew hopes to return to CAR in early March to treat more women with fistula. It's difficult to find and bring them. Please pray that many will hear and be able to come.
- Praise God for a good response to the needs in CAR and we hope that we can upgrade some of the infrastructure to be able to provide running water and electricity.

PRAYER POINTS

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.
- Pray that God will sustain Mel Bell and her team as they minister to our kids.
- For Revive that meets on Friday evenings and for the gathering of youth at the 10.30am and 5pm services.
- Pray that God will sustain the team of youth leaders as they minister to our young people.

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.

Please pray for each other:

- For the 5pm congregation:

That their love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that they may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to your glory and praise. **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>

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)

WORKING BEE

Saturday 21 February 8-10am

Come along for an hour of power (or two) at our next working bee. This is a great opportunity for us to work together to get our site looking and feeling great for the start of term 1 ministries.

BUSH WALK - BLUE GUM WALK (HORNSBY)

Saturday 28 February

Join us for a 4.5km loop walk through Berowra Valley National Park, featuring towering blue gums, sandstone ridges and fern-filled valleys—an excellent chance for fellowship and enjoying God's creation.

Meet:

- St Andrew's Church at 7:30am, or
- Hornsby Park (Rosemead Rd & Lochinvar Rd) at 8:00am (Free street parking available)

Details:

- ~2.5 hours, moderate fitness required
- Some uneven paths, steep sections and many stairs
- Finishes at Ginger Meggs Park
- Coffee/snack in Hornsby optional afterwards

Bring: sturdy footwear, water, hat, sunscreen (walking poles optional)

If you intend to do the walk please text **Nick Barbarino, 0414 521 575**, and let him know if you will meet at St Andrew's or go straight to the start of the walk.



PRAYER & PRAISE NIGHT

Wednesday 11 March 7.30-8.30pm

A night of worship, fellowship, and giving everything to the Lord in prayer, across all congregations. We would love to see you there!

CHURCH TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 14th March 7.30pm - Save the date!

Join us for a fun night of trivia and fellowship, hosted by members of our church family. **Adults from our church and wider community are very welcome – invite friends and neighbours!**

Cost: \$15 per person

(Includes sparkling wine or mineral water on arrival, plus light snacks)

Teams are tables of 8. You can:

- Book a Table of 8 to sit together, or
- Book an individual ticket and be placed on a table.

Feel free to bring extra drinks or snacks for your table (please no nuts due to allergies).

We're looking forward to a great evening together!



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

YOUNG ADULTS' WEEKEND AWAY

A wonderful weekend of fellowship for our young adults, full of worship, testimony, teaching, and some 'creative' sandwiches...



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

RECYCLING AT ST ANDREW'S

As stewards of God's creation, you are encouraged to continue to Recycle, Reuse, Repurpose, Reduce.

For many years there has been a 'Recycling Station' in the church hall providing a very convenient and efficient means for common items to be recycled.

The 'Recycling Station' is now placed under the awning in front of Amelia Ross' office at 1 Bancroft Ave. Please feel free to drop off items at any time.

Items collected for recycling are: household batteries, mobile phones, printer toner and ink cartridges, plastic bread-tags, spectacles that are no longer needed but in good condition, single use toiletry items which are given to Wayside, postage stamps and stamp collections are donated to the Church Missionary Society (CMS), and second hand books, in reasonably good condition, are given to Lifeline.



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