

# St Andrew's ROSEVILLE

## NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 20 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](http://www.standrews.net.au)

### Coming up:

- 21 Feb** - Working Bee
- 28 Feb** - Bush Walk
- 1 Mar** - Belonging Lunch
- 8 Mar** - Dinner Church (5pm & 6.45pm)
- 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

### THE POWER OF 4

Dear St Andrew's,

Last week I wrote about our Lent Bible Reading rhythm through Mark's Gospel — the simple idea of opening God's word each weekday morning (15-30 minutes), and letting Jesus set the agenda as we walk toward Easter.

This week is just a gentle nudge (and a friendly on-ramp) if you haven't started yet, or if you started on Ash Wednesday... and then Thursday happened.

One of the most interesting pieces of research I've come across in recent years comes from the Center for Bible Engagement (<https://www.centerforbibleengagement.org/research>)

They've tracked patterns across a very large number of people over multiple years, and their headline finding is sometimes called "The Power of 4": **reading the Bible, prayerfully reflecting on it and responding to it, four times a week** is a kind of tipping point — the strongest predictor they found for spiritual growth and a lived, active faith.

They also found that regular Bible engagement correlates with real, on-the-ground change: less giving-in to certain temptations, greater steadiness in emotional struggles, and a marked increase in things like generosity, discipling others, and confidence in sharing faith.

Conversely, they report that the lives of Christians who do not engage with the Bible most days of the week look no different from the lives of non-believers.

Now, research isn't Scripture. But it is a helpful mirror held up to what Christians have long known by experience: **God uses God's word to grow God's people.** Not as a magic trick. Not as a spiritual brag. But because the living God speaks, corrects, comforts, re-frames, and re-forms us as we listen.

So here's the invitation: if you haven't begun the Lent readings, start on Monday. You don't have to try to "catch up" like it's a Netflix series. Just jump in where we are. And aim for four times a week, if five feels unrealistic. Put it next to something you already do (coffee, commute, brushing teeth—though maybe not during the brushing). And ask God, simply: "Please help me hear you, trust you, and follow you."

Small habit... big impact. And we're doing it together.

With love in Christ,

James

### Mission & Aid Partners

*Please pray for John Dickson and the whole team at Undeceptions*



- For their efforts to bring The First Hymn to the United States in early 2026 -- they have big plans for a cinema release in the United States, but there are many moving parts and lots of things that have to happen in just the right sequence to make it happen.
- For their 2026 plans for the Undeceptions podcast - 3 seasons (Seasons 16, 17 and 18!) Expecting to hit 4 million downloads in 2026.
- They are planning some big episodes in 2026, including ones on the child sexual abuse scandal in the church, evolution and slavery. Pray for wisdom as the team prepares the content for these sensitive and sometimes explosive topics, and that John would speak wisely and faithfully into areas that are popular sticking points for those outside the faith.

### 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>

### PRAYER POINTS

*Please pray for the church leadership.*

- For the Wardens and Parish Council.
- Pray that God will give them wisdom as they make decisions around finances, site and OH&S.
- Pray that we will support their decisions and will play our part in seeing the finances of the church met.
- Give them wisdom as they think about the site and especially the building project.

*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.

*Please pray for each other:*

- Please pray for the 6:45pm congregation:

That God would fill them with the knowledge of your will, through all spiritual wisdom and understanding, in order that they may live a life worthy of you and may please you in every way. May they bear fruit in every good work, grow in the knowledge of you and be strengthened with all power according to your glorious might – so that they may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully give thanks to you their Father, who has qualified them to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. **AMEN**

### LENT BIBLE READING PLAN

**Ash Wednesday (18 February) - Maundy Thursday (2 April)**

As a Church, we will be going through a daily Bible reading plan during Lent. It is designed to complement our Sunday sermon series on Mark's Gospel, called 'The King has Come'. **Devotions will be posted every morning from 6:00am on Monday to Friday**, and include a Bible passage from Mark's Gospel, a comment on the passage, and a couple of reflection questions.

**How to find the devotions for each day:**

1. Visit our website: [www.standrews.net.au](http://www.standrews.net.au)
2. Scroll down until you see "Lent Bible Reading Plan" and click either on the image, or the button that says "Today's Devotion >"
3. Click on the post you would like to read

**You can also subscribe to receive the posts via email every day:**

1. At the bottom of the blog page, and at the bottom of each post, there is a subscription form. Enter your email address and click subscribe
2. Go to your email inbox, find an email from St Andrews Roseville, and click the button "confirm subscription"

### 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)

### 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.

Some of the jobs we will be doing are:

1. Moving James into his new office upstairs
  - *Involves moving furniture and (many) boxes of books!*
2. Gardening - BYO tools
  - *Weeding and spraying weed killer*
3. General tidy-up

Many hands make light work!

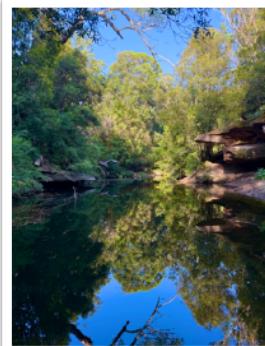
### BUSH WALK - BLUE GUM WALK (HORNSBY)

#### 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.



### DINNER CHURCH - 5PM & 6:45PM

#### Sunday 8 March, during the 5pm and 6:45pm services

On Sunday 8 March we are having another 'Dinner Church'. This is a great opportunity to invite your non-Christian friends to church.

Please bring \$5 to help cover the cost of dinner. For new people/visitors - dinner is on us!

There are a few different ways you can serve on the night, so if you are able, please click the link below and sign up to help.

[tiny.cc/5pmdinnerchurch](http://tiny.cc/5pmdinnerchurch)

[tiny.cc/645dinnerchurch](http://tiny.cc/645dinnerchurch)



## 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

### 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!



### 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  
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### CHURCH TRIVIA NIGHT - BOOK NOW!

<https://www.trybooking.com/DJGBL>



Join us for a fun night of trivia and fellowship, hosted by members of our church family. **Adults (18+) from our church and wider community are very welcome – invite friends and neighbours!**

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.

Cost: \$15 per person

*(includes a glass of sparkling wine/mineral water on arrival)*

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!

