

St Andrew's

ROSEVILLE

NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2026

St Andrew's Roseville

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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:

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1 Mar - Belonging Lunch
8 Mar - Dinner Church (5pm & 6.45pm)
11 Mar - Prayer & Praise Night
14 Mar - Bush Walk 7:30am
14 Mar - Church Trivia Night 7:30pm
23 Mar - AGM

Pick up a key dates flyer at Church this Sunday!

Staff Leave

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Mel Bell - 26 Feb - 2 Mar
Amelia Ross - 18 Mar - 29 Apr
Ness Hughes - 24 - 30 Mar

SORROW, BEAUTY AND HOPE

In an email to you all on 10 February, I wrote about the distressing events at the 6.45pm service the previous Sunday, and the heartbreaking news that Timothy died later that night. And in my brief announcement at that service the following week, I acknowledged how close and unsettling it may still feel for some of us, while also thanking God for the calm, wise and caring way people responded in the moment.

I want to share one final update, because in the weeks since, we've seen something of the quiet beauty of Christian community in the midst of sorrow.

In the two Sundays after the incident, several members of Timothy's family visited St Andrew's, and it has been our privilege to spend time with them—answering questions as best we could, comforting them in their shock and grief, and praying together in the certain hope we have because Jesus is risen. Several of us also attended Timothy's funeral, where the family spoke very movingly of Timothy, and of their anticipation of seeing him again because of his (and their) faith in Jesus.

I want to publicly thank those who demonstrated the love of Christ—first to Timothy, and then to his family. Stepping into sorrow to grieve with those who grieve is a sign of grace and maturity. Thank you.

And I want to briefly name the question that was on the lips of some, and in the minds of all: *Why did this happen?* Timothy was a young man with exceptional gifts; his death feels not only tragic, but such a waste.

The Bible is honest enough to give us words like Psalm 22:1: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"—words that Jesus himself took on his lips at the cross. Scripture does not neatly explain every heartbreak; but it does give us something stronger than an explanation: a promise. The risen Jesus guarantees a day when God will wipe every tear, and there will be "no more death or mourning or crying or pain"... because God will "make everything new" (Revelation 21:4-5).

All of us have family or friends who have "died too soon", and we rightly grieve—sometimes with deep confusion, sometimes with anger. Let's bring that grief to Jesus: the "man of sorrows" (Isaiah 53:3), who welcomes our tears and does not turn away our questions. And let's remember he is also "the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25). Because he has died and risen, we have a sure hope: death does not have the final word. The powerful beauty of Christ has defeated sorrow forever—and one day, in him, everyone and everything will be restored in a new creation.

With deep gratitude for Christ – and for you, St Andrew's,

James

Mission & Aid Partners

Please pray for Archbishop Emeritus Masimango and his ministry in the Kindu Diocese



- Praise God for the Peace Agreement between DR Congo and Rwanda.
- Pray for the implementation on the ground with fighting continuing as the rebels have taken the town of Uvira leading to many displaced people.
- Pray for our vision to plant new churches in the growth areas of Kindu City- especially a new church plant called Salam Church.
- Pray for the Pastors who are close to retirement and who are very concerned for their futures.
- Pray for the parish clergy who exercise their ministries without a salary and whose only income comes from subsistence farming (growing rice). Many find it hard to find school fees and their children drop out of school.

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 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.**

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
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.

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)

BUSH WALK - BLUE GUM WALK (HORNSBY)

POSTPONED TO SAT 14 MARCH

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:

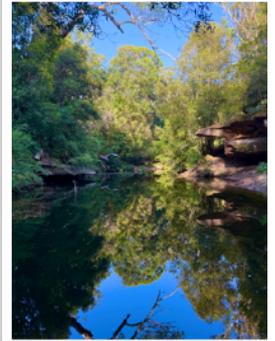
- St Andrew's Church at 7:30am, or
- Hornsby Park (Rosemead Rd & Lochinvar Rd) at 8:00am (Free street parking available)

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.

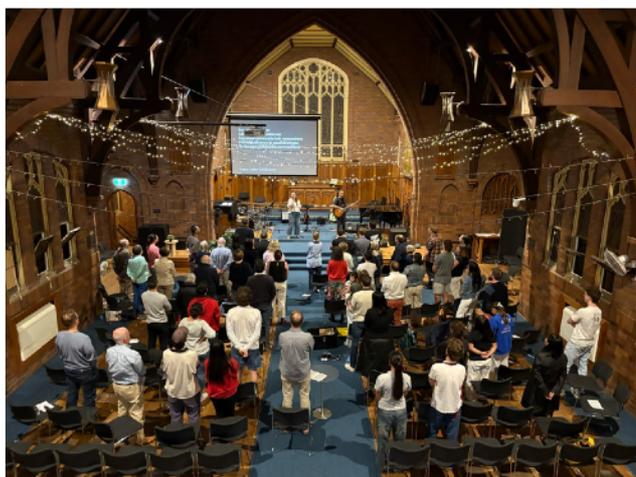
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PRAYER & PRAISE NIGHT

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 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 - 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!



HUB HOLIDAY PROGRAM

www.standrews.net.au/hub/

Visit the link above to:

1. Register your kids for HUB
2. Sign up to serve - there are many different options!



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