

# St Andrew's

## ROSEVILLE

### NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 6 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:

**6-8 Feb** - Young Adults' Weekend Away  
**18 Feb** - Beginning of Lent  
**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

#### SAFE MINISTRY - LOVING EACH OTHER WELL

Dear St Andrew's,

Last Friday night Kids' & Youth Ministry was launched for the year with delicious food, an inspiring Bible talk and uplifting community time. Mel told me it was a great evening with a vibe of joy and enthusiasm. No surprises there, perhaps. But what did surprise—and please—me was how engaged everyone was when the conversation turned to Safe Ministry: parents, leaders, and even the kids and youth themselves. That matters, because “safe” isn’t something we do to others; it’s something we build with one another—especially by listening to those who are most vulnerable and empowering them to shape what safety looks like in our church community.

Safe Ministry is the umbrella phrase for the policies, procedures, and training that help us do ministry wisely and well: child protection, safeguarding, and the general principles of caring for anyone who is vulnerable (including vulnerable adults). In other words, it’s the plain, practical commitment to ensure that church is a place of genuine welcome, trust, clarity, and protection.

And here’s the key point: Safe Ministry is everyone’s responsibility. Not just staff. Not just kids and youth leaders. Not just the “official” people. All of us. One simple way the New Testament describes the Christian life is “love one another.” Safe Ministry is one of the most tangible ways we do that. It’s love expressed as wisdom, boundaries, accountability, and care.

One theme that came through strongly on Friday was the importance of transparency—clear spaces, clear communication, and clear behaviour. Transparency is one of the greatest protective factors against harm, and it also creates confidence for families and leaders alike.

All involved in kids and youth ministry are required to complete Safe Ministry training, and from the beginning of 2026, this requirement has been extended to Parish Councillors. But I’d love to encourage everyone at St Andrew’s to do the training too—especially if you serve in any way, or if you’re considering serving this year.

You can access the training here: <https://safeministry.training/>

If you have questions—or if anything about church life has ever felt unsafe, unclear, or concerning—please come and talk to me, Meg Webster (our Safe Ministry Rep), or any member of our staff team. We’d much rather have an early conversation than a late regret.

I’m so grateful for the way our church is taking this seriously and pray that we’ll keep growing as a community that is both warm and wise.

God bless,

James

## Mission & Aid Partners

*Please continue praying for all of our Mission & Aid partners*



**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 the work of Scripture in Schools:*

- For Scripture at Roseville Public School.
- That the students will grow in their understanding of Jesus and that it might cause them to attend a local church with their families.
- For those who teach the students and pray that God will sustain them as they do so.

*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.

*Please pray for each other:*

- For the 10:30am congregation:
  - That out of God's glorious riches, will be strengthened with power through your Spirit in their inner being, so that Christ may dwell in their hearts through faith. And we pray that they, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that they may be filled to the measure of all your fullness.
- Please also pray for the **Young Adults' Weekend Away** this weekend:
  - Pray that it would be an encouraging time of fellowship and unity under God's word.
  - Pray for Ben & Laura Holman as they organise and facilitate the weekend.

## 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](https://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.

## 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:

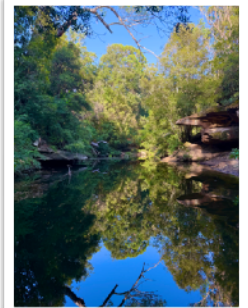
- ~2.5 hours, moderate fitness required
- Some uneven paths, steep sections and many stairs
- Finishes at Ginger Meggs Park
- Coffee/snack in Hornsby optional afterwards

**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.

## 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>



## SERVING ON PARISH COUNCIL - UPDATED

The Safe Ministry To Children Ordinance 2020 was amended in December 2024 by the Safe Ministry Training Amendment Ordinance 2024 (with effect from 31 December 2025), to require all parish staff, wardens and parish councillors to have completed accredited Safe Ministry training.

**Wardens and parish councillors have been encouraged (since 2022) and are now required (from 31 December 2025) to have completed the Safe Ministry Training.**

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 AGM will be held on Monday 23rd March at 7pm in the Church.

Please prayerfully consider your availability for leadership, and make the necessary preparations so that you are appropriately equipped and compliant to serve.

If you have any questions, please email

[safeministryrep@standrews.net.au](mailto:safeministryrep@standrews.net.au) or [office@standrews.net.au](mailto:office@standrews.net.au)

## 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

## 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!



## 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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