St Andrew's ROSEVILLE

NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 13 MARCH 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:

14 Mar - Bush Walk 7:30am

14 Mar - Church Trivia Night 7:30pm

23 Mar - AGM

29 Mar - Kingdom Conversation with Melanie Lovell

2 Apr - Great Hot Cross Bun Giveaway

3 Apr - Good Friday (8:30am, 10:30am)

5 Apr - Easter Sunday (8:30am, 10:30am, and 6pm)

Pick up a key dates flyer at Church this Sunday!

Staff Leave

Amelia Ross - 17 Mar - 29 Apr

Ness Hughes - 24 - 29 Mar

WHY THE AGM MATTERS

As I've been settling into St Andrew's, one of the real encouragements for me in recent days has been reading through the reports for our upcoming AGM.

I'm still in the early stages of getting to know the life of this church. But these reports have given me a wonderful window into what is happening across our ministries and among our people. They've helped me see more clearly the many ways God has been at work through ordinary, faithful Christians serving him week by week.

That encouragement was strengthened again last Wednesday at our Prayer and Praise night. With over 50 of us gathered, it was an uplifting evening of prayer, song and fellowship. It was a lovely reminder that St Andrew's is not simply a set of programs or structures, but a living church family, dependent on God and eager to serve him together.

Last Sunday we reflected on the words of Jesus in Mark 10, where he teaches that following him means self-sacrifice and service. Jesus himself "did not come to be served, but to serve." And that same pattern is seen whenever his people give themselves for others in his name.

That is what I've been struck by as I've read these reports. Behind every ministry, every gathering, every act of care, every practical job, every prayer and conversation, there are people giving their time, energy, gifts and love in the service of Christ. Much of it happens quietly. Much of it is unseen by most of us. But it matters greatly.

The AGM is one of the moments in the year when we pause and take stock of our shared life together. It is an opportunity to thank God for his kindness, to hear what has been happening in the church, and to take responsibility for our life together going forward.

So I want to warmly encourage you to come along to the **AGM on Monday 23 March at 7pm.**

This is not just a meeting for a few particularly committed people. It is an important part of our common life as a church. It gives us the chance to reflect, participate, and be involved in the decisions and structures that support our ministry together. More than that, coming to the AGM is one simple way of saying: this church matters to me, and I want to play my part in its life.

If you would like more detail about the roles to be filled, please feel free to contact me or the office.

Please pray for the AGM, for those who may serve in various ways, and for God to continue growing us as disciples of Jesus Christ.

And do make every effort to be there. I look forward to seeing you.

God bless,

James

Mission & Aid Partners

Please pray for Dr Andrew Browning and the Barbara May Foundation

- Pray For Dr Lado, a wonderfully committed and skilled fistula surgeon who has returned to Sth Sudan from Kenya. The team are hopeful that he will be able to provide a continuous fistula service in Sth Sudan rather than relying on irregular camps.
- Pray for strength for Val and Ismael as there are few easy days, if any, as conflict, famine and natural disasters all take their toll in Afar, Ethiopia
- Praise God for Dr David MacFarlane's visit to Mille in February. He has been a regular visitor in February, and it enables Dr Omer to have a much needed break.
- Dr Birhanu and the staff have been busy teaching midwives and other staff in the surrounding government health centres, and the government has plans for them to do more.
- Please support Dr Birhanu and the staff as they continue to serve and care for the women around Amhara. The ongoing conflict and resultant curfews, lack of provisions and transport continue to make life challenging and difficult.

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 Indira Ryan and her team, as they minister to our youth.

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)

KINGDOM CONVERSATION WITH MELANIE LOVELL

Our next 5pm Kingdom Conversation is planned for **March 29th at our 5pm service.** Kingdom Conversations draw on the experience and expertise of a guest speaker to help us mature in our thinking and equip us for Christian living. This time we have invited Melanie Lovell, a Palliative Medicine Physician who is a faithful Christian woman with extensive experience in the field of pain management and end-of-life suffering.

This will be a thoughtful and pastoral conversation led by a Christian medical specialist with many years of experience caring for people at the end of life. Melanie will also discuss Voluntary Assisted Dying, including how it is being used and some of the evidence surrounding its impact.

Our aim isn't to tell people what to think, but to help us think Christianly — with wisdom, gentleness, and love — about an issue that touches many families personally.

We recognise this can be a sensitive topic, especially for those who have experienced recent loss or serious illness but think it is wise and beneficial to be equipped for such difficult seasons. We will approach it with care.

We'd love you to join us.

DINNER CHURCH

It was a joy to gather for Dinner Church last Sunday night at the 5pm and 6.45pm services. Sharing a meal together created a relaxed space for fellowship and conversation, and it was a nice change from our usual format. We're especially grateful for the generosity of those who prepared and provided the food, which made the evening possible and helped create such a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

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

THE GREAT HOT CROSS BUN GIVEAWAY

Thursday 2 April 6:30-8:30am

We will be blessing our commuting community on Maundy Thursday with hot cross buns and butter between 6:30am and 8:30am at Roseville Station. We need a small team to pack the buns on Wednesday evening, and a team of approximately 6 people to distribute them on Thursday morning. All is required is a St Andrew's t-shirt (provided) a smiling face, and a "Happy Easter".
Please sign up via the link below.

http://tiny.cc/HCBgiveaway

EASTER SERVICES 2026

STAFF TEAM:

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HUB HOLIDAY PROGRAM IS BACK!

We are so looking forward to sharing Jesus with our community throughout the week of HUB and the many families who will join us.

Every single way you serve is so impactful and meaningful: your prayers, your baking, your time spent greeting parents, your help on the ground - it all serves God, His Kingdom, and facilitates this wonderful week going ahead.

Please have a look at the details below and consider how you will serve at HUB this year to see the gospel of Jesus go out into our local community.

Key dates

Crafternoons:	Wed 8, Thurs 9, Fri 10 April - from 12pm
Final Prep day:	Sat 11 April, from 10am
Set Up Day:	Sun 12 April, 11:30am
HUB 2026:	Mon 13 - Thurs 16 April
Pack up Night:	Thurs 16 April, 4pm

Tickets & the sign up form are all available on the HUB website: https://standrews.net.au/hub/

WAYS TO SERVE		When?
Prayer	Receive prayer points and pray!	Feb - April
Letterbox Drop	Take a bundle distribute flyers on the allocated streets	Through February
Invite kids and families!	Take some business cards and hand them out to families you know!	Through February
Community	Greet and get to know parents during check in	Any day of HUB 8am-10am
Morning tea	Make 50 portions of morning tea	Whenever works for you! Drop it off the week before HUB.
Catering	Help prep and pack MT, Lunch and arvo tea	Any day of HUB 9am- 1pm
Logistics	Help with set up, cleaning, resetting and general logistics onsite	Any day of HUB 8am-4pm
Set Up	Load cars, trailers and set up HUB at RPS!	Sunday 13th April, 11:30am
Pack Up	Pack up and get everything stored back at church	Thursday 17th April, 4pm

Sign up to one of our HUB Teams here:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040944AEA82CA7F49-61225193-hubholiday#/