

St Andrew's

ROSEVILLE

NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 20 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:

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

JOIN IN, BRANCH OUT

Two weeks ago, my family and I moved into the Rectory in Roseville. We are very grateful for the maintenance work that made that possible and for all who helped facilitate the move. It has been a significant transition for us, and we are thankful now to be settling into the parish and the neighbourhood.

Part of moving into a new area, is getting to know the local community. So last week I did something simple but intentional. Early in the morning, on two different days, I joined two local run clubs — one in Roseville and one in Lindfield. At both there were opportunities to chat with a few locals while running, and then again over coffee afterwards.

Being new, I was naturally asked why I was there and what had brought me to the area. That gave me the opportunity to explain that I had just moved into the neighbourhood as the Senior Minister of St Andrew's, the Anglican church in Roseville. That quickly led to some interesting spiritual conversations. People were open, curious, and willing to talk about matters of faith, church, and life. I'm hoping to follow up some of those conversations this week.

It was a reminder that being present in the community matters. We do not have to manufacture strange or forced moments. Often it begins simply by being there: walking, running, joining a club, chatting at sport, at the school gate, or with neighbours over the fence. As we take part in ordinary community life, God opens doors for conversation.

I want to encourage all of us at St Andrew's to be involved in the community. Do what you enjoy? Join in where you can. Look for opportunities to love and serve others. And be ready, when the opportunity arises, to speak naturally and graciously about Christ.

We do this with confidence because God goes ahead of us. He is already at work in people's lives before we arrive. And as we step out in faith, he gives us words to say.

Who knows what the Lord might do through a simple conversation? It may lead to an invitation to church, a deeper friendship, or even, in time, to someone becoming a Christian.

As the apostle Paul writes, **"For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come" (1 Timothy 4:8).** May God help us to be active not only physically, but spiritually — present in the community, ready to speak of Christ, and eager to see others come to know him.

Blessings,

James

Mission & Aid Partners

Please pray for Dr John Dickson and the Undeceptions Ministry



Give thanks for:

- Time to rest, refresh and enjoy family time over the Christmas period. Most importantly, time to celebrate the birth of Christ and the reason we do the work we do.
- Those who have come to faith, or are revisiting Christianity through listening to the podcast.
- The dedicated Undeceptions Board who met to insure that Undeceptions remains spiritually and financially healthy.

Pray for:

- The US release of the First Hymn movie is scheduled for 24 - 26 March. Pray that Christians will invite their sceptic friends to watch the movie and those attending might look at Christianity with fresh eyes.
- Undeceptions Podcast Season 16. Pray for wisdom as we prepare to release episodes on sensitive issues such as evolution, slavery, and child sex abuse in the church. Pray that John would speak wisely and faithfully into areas that are popular sticking points for those outside the faith.

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

Please pray for:

- Our upcoming Church AGM - that our leaders will have clarity in reporting and a chance to reflect on all God has done
- Upcoming Easter Services - That the Gospel will be shared with clarity and that people will understand the hope of the Resurrection

AMELIA IS ON LEAVE

Amelia Ross, our Ministry Support Coordinator, will be on leave from **Tuesday 17 March to Wednesday 29 April.**

During this time, **Cathy** from Virtual Church Assist will provide temporary cover for approximately 6 hours per week, focusing on essential tasks like Sunday service preparation.

As Cathy is working reduced hours, please expect a slightly longer response time than usual. We appreciate your patience and look forward to Cathy supporting our team while Amelia is away.

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-at-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.

KINGDOM
Conversations

End-of-Life Care:
Wisdom, Compassion,
and Christian Conviction.

Sunday 29 March at 5pm



Prof Melanie Lovell

MBBS PhD FRACP FACHPM
Senior Staff Specialist, Palliative Care
Senior Academic, Palliative Care Program,
Hammond Innovations
Clinical Professor, Sydney Medical School
Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Health, University of
Technology Sydney

INDIRA RYAN RETURNING FROM MATERNITY LEAVE

We are pleased to announce that Indira Ryan will be returning from maternity leave on 23 March. She will recommence work on Monday morning and Sunday morning initially, as part of a transitional plan over the next three months as she gradually returns to three days a week.

Please pray for Indira in this next season, that the Lord would give her grace, strength, and encouragement, and that he

TRIVIA NIGHT

Last Saturday's Trivia Night was a wonderful example of the kind of community involvement James mentions above. It was a joyful evening that brought together not only many from

across St Andrew's, but also others on the fringes of church life, in a warm and relaxed setting. Thank you to the whole team for your hard work in making it such an enjoyable and welcoming night.



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 (*Kids & Youth*)
Youth Minister
Ministry Support Coordinator
Assistant Children's Minister
Student Minister
MTS Trainee
Office

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

GOOD FRIDAY

8:30 AM Traditional Holy Communion

10:30 AM Contemporary | All-Ages | Communion

EASTER DAY

8:30 AM Traditional Morning Prayer

10:30 AM Contemporary | All-Ages

6:00 PM Contemporary

Easter
St Andrew's Roseville

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HUB HOLIDAY PROGRAM IS BACK!

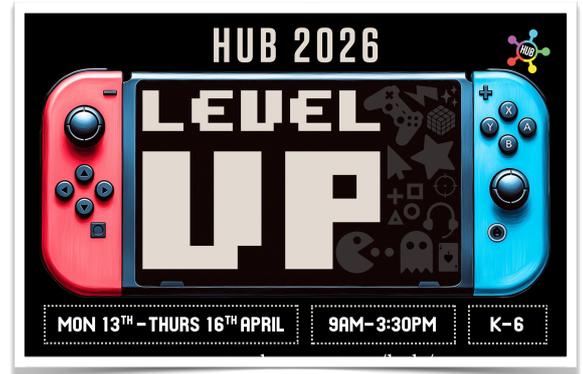
We are so looking forward to sharing Jesus with our community throughout the week of HUB and the many families who will join us.

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
Community	Greet and get to know parents during check in	Any day of HUB 8am - 10am
Morning tea	Make 50 portions of morning tea	Whatever 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 store back at church	Thursday, 17th April, 4pm

Sign up to one of our HUB Teams here:

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