

St Andrew's

ROSEVILLE

NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 27 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:"

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

A WEEK IS A LONG TIME

Dear St Andrew's,

"A week is a long time in politics." This phrase often highlights how drastically a situation can shift in a matter of days. This Sunday marks the start of **Holy Week**, the eight days from Palm Sunday to Easter. It commemorates the climactic events of Jesus' final week in Jerusalem. In just a few days, everything changed: crowds cheered, friends faltered, and darkness fell. Then, on Easter morning, death itself was overturned.

A Long Week for Jesus

It began in triumph. He entered Jerusalem deliberately fulfilling the Old Testament prophecy of the coming King, riding on a donkey as the crowds cried, "Hosanna!" Yet within days he was betrayed by one of his own disciples, abandoned by his friends, arrested under cover of night, falsely accused, unjustly condemned, mocked, beaten, and crucified like a criminal. But that was not the end. On the third day, the tomb was empty and Jesus rose in victory. The One who was rejected is revealed as Lord. The One who died now lives forever.

A Long Week for the Religious Leaders

Jesus' entry, his cleansing of the temple, and his fearless teaching confronted the hypocrisy of the religious leaders. They felt threatened and sought to trap him. Eventually, they succeeded in handing him over to be killed. For a brief moment, it seemed they had won. But Easter turned everything upside down. The crucified Jesus could not be contained by a tomb, and news quickly spread of his resurrection.

A Long Week for the Disciples

Initially, there was excitement that the kingdom was coming in power. However, as Jesus spoke of his impending suffering, their hopes shattered. When their Master was taken and crucified, fear and grief took over. Then came the astonishing news: Jesus was alive. Sorrow gave way to joy, failure was met with grace, and despair was transformed into hope.

An Invitation This week, I encourage you to set aside 30 minutes to read one of the Gospel accounts of this great, terrible, and glorious week. You might read Matthew 21-28, Mark 11-16, or Luke 19:28-24:53. Walk slowly through the story. Feel its weight and notice its emotions. Above all, give thanks to God for Jesus, who endured that week for our salvation.

Blessings,

James

Mission & Aid Partners

Please pray for Ben Lim working in International Student Ministry with EU Focus at Sydney University



Give thanks for:

- Fruitful Staff Connections: Give thanks for the January Staff Conference in Katoomba and the formation of the "Dangao" (Cake) Pastoral Care Group, aimed at nourishing staff serving in euFOCUS, EPS, and CousMin.
- New Ministry Apprentices: Praise God for the addition of Tim (a Korean-Australian former Science teacher) as a new "Howie" trainee, joining Mario in his second year of apprenticeship.
- Progress in Intercultural Training: Give thanks for the successful training session with Faculty Staff focused on increasing intercultural competence, moving the EU toward a culture where students of all backgrounds belong without needing to assimilate to Western norms.

Pray for:

- Evangelism and Outreach Events: Pray for wisdom during the Blackheath planning retreat (Feb 6–8) and for divine appointments during Welcome Fest and the "Welcome to Sydney" Mission (Feb 18–27) to reach international students.
- Financial Provision: Pray that Ben can raise the remaining \$16,350 (to hit his 85% threshold) by February 23rd so he can remain on campus rather than having to step away for fundraising; pray also for Tim and Mario's support raising.
- Family Health and Transition: Pray for healing for Sian's badly sprained ankle and for the whole family (Ben, Sian, and the boys) as they settle into the busy routines of the 2026 school term.

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.

Please pray for:

- The Great Hot Cross Bun Giveaway - that it will be an opportunity to build positive connections with our local community.
- Upcoming Easter Services - That the Gospel will be shared with clarity and that people will understand the hope of the Resurrection
- The Hub Holiday Program - that the children who attend will enjoy themselves and that the gospel will be explained in a way that is clear and engaging.

REMINDER: AMELIA IS ON LEAVE

Just a reminder that 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.

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 2026

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)

Varya Davidson (5pm)

Olivia Shinfield (6.45pm)

James Russell (6.45pm)

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.

The graphic is a dark blue rectangle with white and pink text. At the top left, 'KINGDOM' is in large pink block letters, and 'Conversations' is in a white script font. Below this is a white microphone icon and a white audio waveform. To the right is a square portrait of Prof Melanie Lovell, an older woman with short grey hair, smiling. Below the portrait, her name 'Prof Melanie Lovell' is written in pink. Underneath her name is her professional credentials in small white text: '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'. At the bottom left, the text 'End-of-Life Care: Wisdom, Compassion, and Christian Conviction.' is written in white. At the bottom center, 'Sunday 29 March at 5pm' is written in pink.

ST ANDREW'S AGM 2026: APPOINTMENTS AND REFLECTIONS

At last Monday's AGM we thanked God for his kindness to St Andrew's over the past year and for his continued faithfulness to us as a church family. In this week's email, the minutes of the meeting and my AGM address were sent out for those who would like to read them.

We also give thanks for those appointed to serve in the year ahead: Alys Martin and Aaron Black as Wardens; Luke Hall as Senior Minister's Warden; Varya Davidson, Ursula Keen, Andrew Loel, Adrian Perry, Olivia Shinfield and Helen Vernon were elected to Parish Council; and, in addition, I have appointed Narelle Barbarino and James Russell. Tori Grimes, Matt Noble, Anne Robinson, Rick Seton and Stuart Shinfield were appointed as Parish Nominators; and Stephen Judd and Anne Robinson as Synod Representatives.

Please pray for them as they begin or continue in these responsibilities. Pray that the Lord would give them wisdom, humility, unity and joy in serving, and that through their work St Andrew's would continue to grow disciples of Jesus Christ through Belonging, Maturity and Outreach.

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!

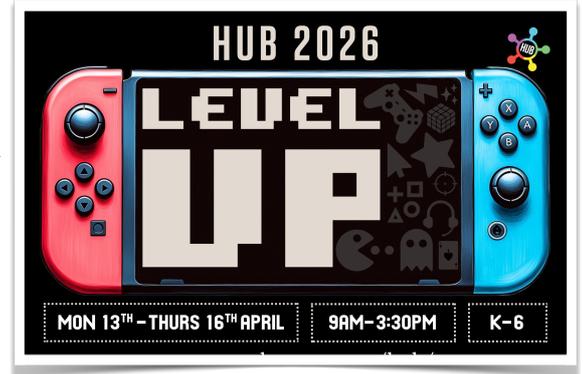
We are so looking forward to sharing Jesus with our community throughout the week of HUB and the many families who will join us.

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



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#/>