

St Andrew's

ROSEVILLE

NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 24 APRIL 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:

May 3 - Diocesan Day of Prayer - St Alban's Epping - 2pm to 3:30pm

May 24 - Kingdom Conversations @ 5pm with Nick Farr-Jones

June 10 - Prayer and Praise Night - 7.30pm

Staff Leave

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Amelia Ross: 17 Mar - 29 Apr

Mel Bell: 25 Apr - 2 May

LET'S LEARN FROM OUR KIDS!

Last week I had the joy of directing our **HUB Holiday Program**. It was an incredible week for so many reasons, but let me just give you one.

Throughout the week, I kept thinking of Matthew 18. The adults want to know who the greatest is. Jesus calls a child to him, places them in their midst and addresses the adults; **“Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven”** (v.3)

We so often think about how a kid grows up, but rarely do we consider Jesus' requirement for us to 'grow back down' and become like them.

A chapter later, Jesus welcomes the children of the crowds and surprises his disciples by saying **“let the little children come to me”** (19:14). I have always reflected on what that says about Jesus: that, though King of the world, he was not too busy or too important for young people. He welcomes their noise, their play, and, dare I say, even their mess!

But Jesus also speaks to who children are. There is something so beautiful in how children respond to him. Their trusting openness. Their instantaneous joy. Their uninhibited worship. Their exponential growth. God works powerfully in their young hearts.

At HUB, I watched children become believers and followers, welcomers and pray-ers, teachers and evangelists; themselves seeking to grow disciples of Jesus.

And on Sunday, I watched as children dragged their parents into church for HUB Sunday, sat at the front of the service and fully participated in what for some of them was their first ever church service. Is there anything better?!

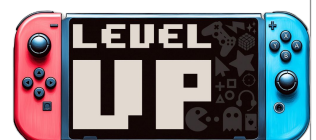
Jesus continues, **“whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me”** (18:4-5). Those who seek the humble position of a child will be exalted. And those who welcome the lowly, welcome Christ!

Church, in every muffin baked, coffee made, craft prepared, family welcomed, QR code scanned, box of fruit delivered, prayer offered, smile shared, garbage bag taken out, flyer delivered... through all of it, you have welcomed many more than one such child in the name of Jesus.

I am so thankful for you, and pray you know that in doing so, you have welcomed Jesus himself.

But I also pray that we all might be a little more like our HUB Kids in our faith: that as we 'grow back down', we would be all the more mature.

Blessings,
Mel





HUB STATS FOR 2026

- 161 children
- 42 Kids Team Leaders
- 100+ volunteers
- 28 hours with kids over 4 days
- Zero rainy days
- 500+ cups of coffee
- Countless prayers offered and answered



Mission & Aid Partners

Please pray for Dr John Dickson and the Undeceptions Ministry



Give thanks for:

- **New and Renewed Faith:** We praise God for the listeners who have either come to faith for the first time or are rediscovering Christianity through the insights shared on the podcast.
- **Faithful Governance:** We are grateful for the dedicated Undeceptions Board and their recent efforts to ensure the ministry remains both spiritually vibrant and financially sustainable.

Pray for:

- **The First Hymn Impact:** Following the recent US cinematic release, we pray that the conversations sparked by the First Hymn movie would lead skeptics to view the Gospel with fresh eyes and open hearts.
- **Wisdom for Season 16 Podcasts:** Pray for God's guidance as the team prepares to release episodes on sensitive "sticking points" like evolution, slavery, and church scandals, ensuring the content is both bold and compassionate.
- **John's Ministry:** We pray that John Dickson would speak with exceptional wisdom and faithfulness as he addresses the complex issues that often prevent those outside the faith from considering Christ.

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

Prayer for ANZAC weekend:

Almighty God and heavenly Father, we thank you for all who have served in the defence of this country, and for the sacrifices made in the cause of peace and freedom.

We pray for our broken and divided world: please restrain the spirit that makes for war, and guide the leaders of nations in the ways of justice, peace, and the good of all peoples.

We pray too for those who serve in the military today, especially those deployed in places of conflict. Give them courage in adversity, safety in service, and protection from harm. Sustain also their families, and comfort all who grieve.

And in a world of turmoil and strife, turn our hearts to the peace that is found ultimately in you through our crucified and risen Saviour, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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)

ISAIAH PART 1 'GOD OF THE NATIONS' - BIBLE READING PLAN

If you haven't done so already, please subscribe to our 12-week daily Bible Reading Blog, based on the book of Isaiah.

Every weekday morning at 6:00 AM, a new devotional post will go live on our blog to help you start your day grounded in the Word. If your week gets busy, don't worry - you can use the weekends to catch up and reflect on the readings.

To join the journey and stay updated, simply visit our [website](#) home page and sign up today.



DIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER - 3 MAY

Join us for the **Diocesan Day of Prayer** on **Sunday, May 3**. We are gathering as a community to pray for the North region at **St Alban's Epping** from **2 to 3:30 PM**.

Everyone is welcome to participate in this afternoon of prayer. James will be attending. If you would also like to come along, please let the **office** know. We look forward to seeing the North region well-represented as we seek the Lord together.



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

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



ANZAC DAY SERVICE - ROSEVILLE MEMORIAL CLUB

This Saturday, **25 April**, our local community will gather for the **ANZAC Day service at 5.00am in Roseville Memorial Park**. James will be taking part in the service by reading from the Bible and leading us in prayer.

It would be lovely for St Andrew's to be represented there as a visible and prayerful presence in our community. ANZAC Day gives us an important opportunity to remember with gratitude the sacrifice of many, and to reflect soberly on the great cost of war. If you are able to come, it would be a meaningful way to stand with our neighbours on this significant day.

BETH BOYD

We would like to let the church family know that **Beth Boyd** will be finishing up at St Andrew's on 10 May. She will then take some leave before beginning a new role on 1 July as **Children and Youth Worker at St Swithun's, Pymble**, where she will continue as an MTS trainee.

This is an exciting opportunity for Beth, but also a significant move, as St Andrew's has been her church home while growing up. We give thanks to God for her ministry among us and for the way she has served the young people of our church over this season.

Please pray for Beth as she finishes well here, is refreshed during her break, and prepares for this next chapter of ministry. Pray too that the Lord would bless her and use her richly in her new role.

REMINDER: AMELIA IS BACK FROM LEAVE NEXT WEEK

Just a reminder that Amelia Ross, our Ministry Support Coordinator, will be back from leave on **Thursday 30 April**. **Cathy** from Virtual Church Assist will continue to provide temporary cover for approximately 6 hours per week until her return.

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