

St Andrew's

R O S E V I L L E

NEWSLETTER - THURSDAY 2 APRIL 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:

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

The King has come — and He lives!

Dear St Andrew's,

Over the last 11 weeks, we have journeyed together through Mark's Gospel in our sermon series, *The King Has Come*, supported by our Lent Bible reading blog. Throughout this time, we have seen again and again that Jesus is no ordinary man. He is God's King: the one who teaches with authority, commands spirits, calms storms, welcomes sinners, confronts hypocrisy, and sets his face resolutely toward the cross. Mark has shown us not only who Jesus is, but the specific, sacrificial kind of King he came to be.

I hope this series has helped you not simply to know more about Jesus, but to know him more deeply. That is the ultimate goal. The Christian life is not merely about gathering information; it is about being transformed by the truth. As we listen to Jesus, trust him, and follow him, he changes us.

Yet, as we reach the events of Easter, we are reminded of how desperately that change is needed. The original disciples had every possible advantage. They spent years with Jesus, hearing his teaching firsthand, watching his miracles, and witnessing his compassion up close. And yet, when the decisive moment came—when Jesus was arrested and crucified—they failed him. One betrayed him, another denied him, and the rest fled in fear.

But that is not the end of the story.

Three days later, everything changed. The fearful became courageous. The defeated were filled with joy. A scattered group of followers became the foundation of a worldwide mission. What happened? They encountered the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

That is where true change begins for us, too. It does not start with mere admiration for Jesus as a wise teacher or a heroic sufferer. It begins by seeing him for who he truly is: the crucified and risen King, the Son of God, and the Saviour of the world.

Easter tells us that Jesus did not die as a tragic figure of history; he gave his life for our sins. And Easter declares that death did not defeat him. God raised him from the dead. **The King has come—and he lives.**

Christianity is not a cold religion built around a dead founder; it is a living relationship with the living Christ. This Easter weekend, let us come to him again with repentance, faith, gratitude, and joy.

Blessings,
James

Mission & Aid Partners

*Please pray for Valerie Browning AM and Dr Andrew Browning AM and their work with **Barbara May Foundation** in Tanzania and Ethiopia.*



Give thanks for:

- **Uganda:** Hospital Progress & Staffing - The Sonic Te Kworo hospital is nearing completion. We are grateful for the provision of two coordinators, both named Marianne, who are now assisting with logistics and midwife training.
- **Tanzania:** Infrastructure & Stability - Construction on the Chamwino hospital is officially underway and largely on schedule. We also give thanks for the peace maintained across the nation following the recent elections.
- **Global Medical Successes & Provision - Nepal:** Successfully completed surgeries for 21 patients with complex injuries and provided hands-on training for six local surgeons. **Ethiopia:** Purchased solar panels for the Bahir Dar facility, securing a reliable power source for future operations.

Pray for:

- **Ethiopia: Conflict & Strength** - Pray for the relief of famine and an end to fighting in the Afar region. Pray for medical staff like Val, Ismael, and Dr. Birhanu, who serve faithfully despite curfews and severe resource shortages.
- **South Sudan: Safety & Sustainability** - Pray for the healing and safe passage of women traveling to the fistula camp through areas of renewed conflict. Pray for Dr. Lado as he works to establish a permanent fistula service, moving beyond the need for irregular camps.
- **Tanzania: Provision & Healing** - Financial Need: Pray for the funding required to cover Chamwino hospital's operational costs upon its completion. Pray for continued peace and the healing of social wounds caused by past election violence.

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. AMEN.

Please pray for:

- 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)

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

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/>



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

CAN YOU HELP WITH THE 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#/>



THE GREAT Hot Cross Bun GIVE-AWAY

On Thursday morning, sixteen volunteers from St Andrew's blessed Roseville Station commuters by giving away 600 hot cross buns. It was a joyful way to serve our community and share the spirit of Easter.

One highlight was a mother who claimed the very last bun for her son. He was home with a sprained ankle and, after seeing his sister's bun, sent his mum on a mission to find one! She smiled and said, "This would only happen in Roseville."

Thanks to our packers and morning team. Please pray this kindness draws people to the good news this weekend.



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