

St Andrew's

R O S E V I L L E

NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 8 MAY 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:

May 17 - Belonging Lunch

May 24 - Slice Sunday (10:30am)

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

June 10 - Prayer and Praise Night - 7.30pm

Staff Leave

Emily Tong: 4 - 18 May

WELCOMING

Dear St Andrew's,

I hope to encourage you with a snapshot of the visitors we have had to church over the last month. In April we had 2 significant events: Easter and HUB Sunday. At Easter we had 125 visitors over the weekend, and at HUB Sunday, we had 53 (19 families, 12 who were unchurched). This is extraordinary! But as well as these special events, we have had visitors to every service, every week (bar one). This is truly something to praise God for!!!

But the joy does not stop there. A highlight during this month has been seeing how so many of you have welcomed those who have come. Warm and friendly greetings, invitations to morning tea/supper, interested conversations - these are the things you hope to see amongst God's people. And St Andrew's, you have done these things, naturally and willingly.

An article in The Southern Cross last year (Feb/Mar 2025) noted that the most impactful thing for a visitor is simple: someone from the church taking the initiative to connect. That may sound obvious, but it's significant. While formal welcomers play an important role, it's informal conversations with other church members that leave the deepest impression.

The article also highlighted the three most awkward moments for a newcomer: before the service starts, any 'say hello to the person next to you' breaks in a service, and the first 30 seconds after a service ends. These are opportunities for us, to put a visitor at ease. And interestingly, it doesn't matter if the conversation is brief or a little clunky, the willingness to engage is what matters most.

St Andrew's, what a delight to see our visitors being so warmly welcomed by you all!

Perhaps this Sunday, you can be praying in advance for those who will visit our church. Maybe you feel inspired to come a little early to church, so you are ready to chat with someone new. Perhaps you'll look for someone as soon as the church service ends who is new and alone and you can ease the awkward silence for them with a warm hello.

What you are doing is not only effective, but also obedient! In Romans 15:7, Paul urges the Roman Christians to: 'Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.' What a privilege to share the riches of Christ's blessings with those who walk through our doors. I pray it is the 'welcome home' they have come searching for.

Blessings,

Ness

(Assistant Minister: Belonging)

Mission & Aid Partners

*Please pray for
Dr Andrew Browning and the
Barbara May Foundation*



- Praise God that the Sonic Te Kworo hospital in Uganda is all but complete. God has answered our prayers and provided two people to help set it up. Marianne is from Uganda and we hope she will sign up soon for six months to help with the logistics. Another Marianne, but this one from The Netherlands, who we pray will come to equip and train the midwives as the hospital opens! God has been gracious and good, please support them with prayer as they start.
- 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
- 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.
- Praise God that the construction of the new hospital, in Chamwino, central Tanzania is finally underway. It's moving ahead, more or less on schedule. The hope is that it will be finished at the end of this year or early next. Please pray asking for God's provision so they can receive the necessary funds to run the hospital.

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.**

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>

SOUTHERN CROSS - MAY/JUNE ISSUE

Visit the link below to view a digital version of the Southern Cross magazine: https://southerncross.sydneyanglicans.net/books/SC26_05-06/#p=1

Hard copies are available to take home at the back of the church.

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

Wardens

Alys Martin - 10:30am

Luke Hall - 10:30am

Aaron Black - 6.45pm

wardens@standrews.net.au

Treasurer

David Vidilini - 10:30am

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Parish Councillors

Ursula Keen - 8:30am

Narelle Barbarino - 10:30am

Andrew Loel - 10:30am

Adrian Perry - 10:30am

Helen Vernon - 10:30am

Varya Davidson - 5pm

Olivia Shinfield - 6:45pm

James Russell - 6:45pm

PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Heavenly Father,

we thank you for the mothers you have given us: for the gift of life, for their love, care, sacrifice, and example of faith. Please sustain them in the busyness and demands of family life. Strengthen them in their walk with you, protect them from evil, and help them to know your love more deeply each day.

We pray for mothers who do not yet know you, asking that by your Spirit you would bring them to true repentance and lasting faith in the Lord Jesus. We pray also for those for whom Mother's Day is painful: those who grieve their mothers, those who long to be mothers, those who have lost children, and those whose experience of motherhood has brought hurt or disappointment. Please comfort them with your grace and peace.

Where relationships with mothers are strained or painful, please give wisdom, healing, forgiveness where that is possible, and discernment where boundaries are needed. And we thank you for the women in our church who, in many different ways, act as spiritual mothers in the family of Christ. Please give them love, wisdom, and perseverance as they care for others.

We thank you for all these gifts, and ask that in every family and every circumstance, we would find our deepest comfort and hope in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BELONGING LUNCH

We have a Belonging Lunch on **Sunday the 17th of May at 12:30pm!**

If you are new at St Andrew's, we would love you to come! It will be a lovely informal time of fellowship-we'll enjoy a meal and there'll be the opportunity to hear a bit more about life and ministry at St Andrew's! Lunch is catered so we'd love to know if you plan to join us. You can use the QR code/link below or just speak to anyone on the staff team.

<https://standrews.elvanto.com.au/form/b245abde-dae-480e-9b7c-bb3e033819d1>



SLICE SUNDAY @ 10:30AM

Sunday 24 May straight after the 10:30am Service

On Sunday 24 May we are having another one of our special morning teas after the 10:30am service. Please bring a slice of something to share, sweet or savoury, and please ensure it is free from nuts.

Slice Sunday!

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St Andrew's is a
NUT-FREE zone



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 service

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

KINGDOM CONVERSATION WITH NICK FARR-JONES

Sunday 24 May at the 5pm Service

Our next Kingdom Conversation is with Nick Farr-Jones who many of you will know is an Aussie Rugby great. He is also a Christian man and is coming to share his life and faith journey as an encouragement to us as we seek to mature as disciples of Jesus Christ. Kingdom Conversations are designed to be opportunities to help us think and to be encouraged and are also a great opportunity to bring friends to a church service.



BETH BOYD'S LAST SUNDAY

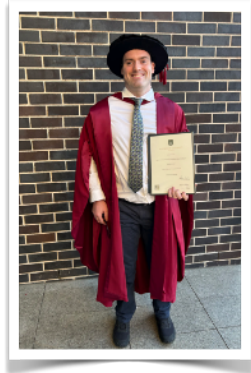
This is a reminder that Beth Boyd will be finishing up at St Andrew's this Sunday 10 May. She will then take some leave before beginning a new role on 1 July as Children and Youth Worker at St Swithun's, Pymble, where she will continue as an MTS trainee.

We will be farewelling Beth and praying for her at all services on Sunday.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS, JACK!

Please join us in congratulating Jack Hanrahan-Shirley, a member of our 8:30am congregation, who has completed a PHD at Macquarie University and has been awarded a Doctorate of Philosophy.



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