

St Andrew's

ROSEVILLE

NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 15 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

May 24 - Newish (6:45pm)

June 10 - Prayer and Praise Night - 7.30pm

Staff Leave

Emily Tong: 4 - 18 May

Scott Warner: 25 May - 2 Jun

JESUS AT THE MOVIES

Dear St Andrew's,

This week I went to the movies and saw *The Devil Wears Prada 2*. So, as a change from my usual note, I want to be a little light-hearted and reflect on the film from a Christian standpoint, hopefully without giving away the plot. The movie is now out in cinemas, and Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway, Emily Blunt and Stanley Tucci are all back, almost twenty years after the original film.

There is one scene in particular that caught my attention. Miranda Priestly and Andy Sachs are standing in front of Leonardo da Vinci's *The Last Supper*. Miranda observes that, in other versions of the same scene, Jesus is often depicted with a halo. But in da Vinci's painting, he is not. Miranda suggests that this is da Vinci's way of saying, "We are human. No one is perfect."

Then comes the classic Miranda flourish. Humans, she says, are "glorious and fallible." We deceive and betray one another, let each other down, and then comes the chilling conclusion: "It's what we're built to do."

There is something very perceptive about this. We are "glorious and fallible." The French Christian thinker Blaise Pascal famously described humanity as "the glory and refuse of the universe." We are capable of astonishing beauty, creativity, courage and love. We make music, paint masterpieces, build friendships, raise children, care for the vulnerable, and even make blockbuster movies.

And yet we are also deeply broken. We lie. We envy. We flatter. We wound those we love. We betray. The Bible is not naïve about this. "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

But Miranda is wrong about one crucial thing. Betrayal is not what we are built to do. It is what sin has bent us to do.

We were not created for deceit, but for truth. Not for betrayal, but for faithfulness. Not for self-worship, but for the worship of God. We were made in the image of God, made to know him, love him, and reflect his goodness into the world.

And this is where da Vinci's painting is more powerful than Miranda realises. At the centre of *The Last Supper* is Jesus: the one who will be betrayed, denied and abandoned. And yet he goes to the cross not to confirm that betrayal is normal, but to bear it, forgive it, and undo it.

So perhaps this scene is a gift. Many of our friends will see this movie. Some may even talk about that moment. What an opportunity to say: "Yes, we are glorious and fallen. But no, betrayal is not what we were built for. We were built for Christ."

Lights, camera, action!

James

Mission & Aid Partners

*Please pray for
Ben Lim and his ministry with
international students through the
Sydney Uni Evangelical Union*



- Pray for the ongoing work of Bible teaching and proclamation, that it might form and shape the hearts and minds of many students and staff at Sydney University
- Pray that Next Steps and EU Enrich attendees will build up the global church and put serving “Less Reached Less Resourced” communities on their hearts
- Please pray for ongoing wisdom, humility and grace in all our EU faculty communities to welcome and love people from all cultural backgrounds.
- Give thanks that Tim and Mario are euFOCUS Howies this year.
- Give thanks for the euFOCUS Student committee, led by Nael and Susie.
- Pray that God will lead them to meet many new international students whom he is working in, preparing them even now by his Spirit to want to know Jesus and his gospel.
- Please pray they would be able to care for one another, nourishing one another by God's Word and prayer, to grow 'spiritually tall' in the Lord Jesus as they serve in different communities of the EU.

PRAYER POINTS

Please pray for the Kids and Youth ministries of the church:

- For Xtreme that meets on Friday afternoons, for Play Group that meets during the week, and for the Sunday Kids Church program at 10.30am.
- Pray that God will sustain Mel Bell and her team as they minister to our kids.
- For Revive that meets on Friday evenings and for the gathering of youth at the 10.30am and 5pm services.
- Pray that God will sustain Indira Ryan and her team, as they minister to our youth.

Please pray for our Maturity:

- That we will be a church that aims to help people grow in their relationship with Jesus.
- Pray for small groups and their leaders.
- That people will use the 'growing disciples' resources to grow in their personal relationships with each other.
- That people will look to join small groups and meet one to one with each other, to grow in our understanding of the bible.
- Pray that as the Bible is taught week to week, that the preachers will be faithful to the word of God and that God's Spirit might work powerfully amongst us.
- Pray that people notice a difference in their lives, as a result of God working in them, through the ministry of St Andrew's.

Please pray for the global Church:

- Please pray for the many churches around the world that face persecution daily.
- Pray for those churches that are growing quickly – like in China, India and Africa.
- Pray for those churches who are lacking resources and help us be willing to support those who are in need.
- Pray for the continual spread of the gospel around the world and that God will use his church to see this happen.

Please pray for each other:

- For the 5pm congregation:

That their love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that they may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to your glory and praise. **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

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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

BELONGING LUNCH

We have a Belonging Lunch on **Sunday 17 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-dae480e-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!

Sunday 24 May

straight after the
10.30am service

St Andrew's is a
NUT-FREE zone

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.

KINGDOM
Conversations

with Nick Farr-Jones

Sunday 24 May
at the 5pm service

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:

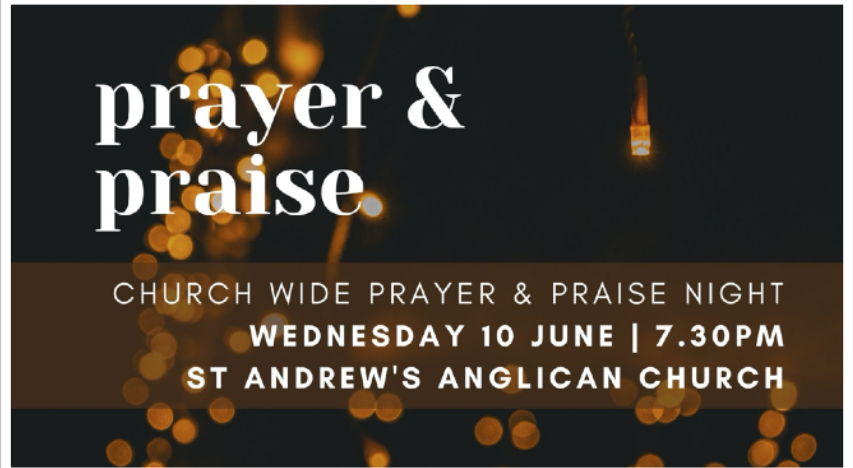
Senior Minister
Assistant Minister
Assistant Minister
Assistant Minister (*Kids & Youth*)
Youth Minister
Ministry Support Coordinator
Assistant Children's Minister
Student Minister
Office

NEWISH DINNER

Sunday 24 May straight after 6.45pm

For any young adults who are new or new-ish to 6.45pm. Let us know if you are coming by filling in this form: tiny.cc/newish645

CHURCH-WIDE PRAYER & PRAISE NIGHT



NEW AED AT THE OFFICE & AED AWARENESS SESSION

The Chatswood Roseville Rotary Club have recently placed an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) within our grounds – located at the entrance to St Andrew's Church Office, 1 Bancroft Ave, Roseville.

As support to this installation Rotary have been joined by the Heart Foundation and will be delivering free CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and AED awareness sessions right here in our area. These sessions can help you feel more confident and ready to act if someone nearby needs help. At these practical, hands-on sessions, you'll learn:

- How to recognise the signs of a cardiac arrest
- When and how to call Triple Zero (000)
- How to perform CPR and how to use an AED

The next CPR & AED awareness session is at 1:30 pm on 21 May at the Dougherty Centre in Chatswood.

You don't need any experience to take part, and it could make all the difference in a real emergency. These free sessions are led by a volunteer community trainer and supported by the Heart Foundation.

Book now to secure your place using the QR code:



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