

# St Andrew's

## R O S E V I L L E

### NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 22 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](http://www.standrews.net.au)

#### Coming up:

**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

**June 13** - Bush Walk

#### Staff Leave

**Scott Warner:** 25 May - 2 Jun

**Amelia Ross:** 29 May

#### KEEP RUNNING

Dear St Andrew's,

This Sunday, some of us will be running through the streets of Lindfield in the local fun run. I am looking forward to it, though my own ambitions are modest: finish upright, smile occasionally, and avoid needing pastoral care at the end.

But while we jog around our neighbouring suburb, it is hard not to be inspired by what happened recently on the streets of London. On Sunday 26 April, Kenyan runner Sabastian Sawe won the London Marathon in 1:59:30, becoming the first man officially to run a marathon in under two hours.

The barrier had been broken before, of course. In 2019, Eliud Kipchoge ran 1:59:40 in Vienna, in an extraordinary event built entirely for that purpose: pacemakers, lasers, perfect conditions, and a course designed to make history. His motto was: No human is limited.

Sawe's run felt different. This was not a laboratory experiment. It was a race. There were competitors beside him, corners to take, bottles to grab, crowds to navigate, and the ordinary unpredictability of a marathon. And still, somehow, he averaged about 2 minutes and 50 seconds per kilometre for 42.2 kilometres. That is not so much running as low-level flying.

It is hard not to be inspired by such perseverance, discipline and courage. It also recalls the words of Hebrews:

"Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith" (Hebrews 12:1-2).

The Christian life is not a stroll, a wander, or a gentle meander towards morning tea. It is a race. Not a race against one another, thank God. There are no medals for being more spiritual than the next person. But it is a race that requires perseverance, focus and the willingness to throw off whatever slows us down.

That includes sin, of course. But Hebrews also says "everything that hinders." Some things may not be wrong in themselves, but they may still distract us, dull our love for Christ, or keep us from running freely. The question is not only, "Is this sinful?" but, "Is this helping me run?"

And here is where the slogan needs a Christian correction. No human is unlimited. We are wonderfully made, capable of astonishing things, but we are also fragile, finite and mortal. The gospel does not pretend otherwise. It tells us to fix our eyes not on human greatness, but on Jesus.

He has already run the race before us. He endured the cross, rose in victory, and now calls us to keep going until the finish line.

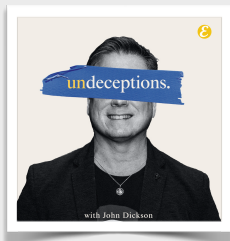
So, whether in Lindfield or London, with our eyes on him and the glory to come:

Keep running.

James

## Mission & Aid Partners

Please pray for  
John Dickson and the team at  
Undeceptions



Give thanks:

- For Season 16 of Undeceptions which finished up at the end of April. The season did particularly well, with more people listening in than we've seen in the past two seasons. It's encouraging to have an increase, and to know that many new people are finding the podcast and being spurred on in their curiosity about Christianity.
- For The First Hymn cinema release in the United States and UK. A cinema release was not going to happen outside of Australia, so it was very exciting to have the opportunity. Thousands more people have seen the documentary.

Pray for:

- That God might sustain John as he continues to do all he can to tell people about the beauty of Jesus in a chaotic world. It's a busy season, with John travelling to Europe and then to Australia, while finishing up the academic year at Wheaton College.
- For rest for John as he takes some time while back in Australia to be with family and friends in July and August.
- For The First Hymn as it becomes available internationally to buy or rent on streaming platforms including Amazon Prime and Apple TV. Pray that many more thousands of people will watch the documentary and learn more about the solid, historical foundations of Christianity, and be inspired by the faithfulness of ancient Christians whose words we can sing again today.

## 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.**

## 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>

## 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.

## 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](mailto:accounts@standrews.net.au).

To contribute to our Hall Redevelopment, visit:

[standrews.net.au/building-at-home](http://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](mailto:safeministryrep@standrews.net.au)

## PARISH COUNCIL & WARDENS

### Wardens

Alys Martin - 10:30am

Luke Hall - 10:30am

Aaron Black - 6.45pm

[wardens@standrews.net.au](mailto:wardens@standrews.net.au)

### Treasurer

David Vidilini - 10:30am

[david.vidilini@standrews.net.au](mailto:david.vidilini@standrews.net.au)

### 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

## 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.



## 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](http://tiny.cc/newish645)

## CHURCH-WIDE PRAYER & PRAISE NIGHT

**Wednesday 10 June 7.30pm in the Church**

Come along for an evening of intergenerational and inter-congregational prayer and praise. Prayer & praise nights are always edifying evenings that bring such warm fellowship, not to be missed!

## BUSH WALK

**Walk across the Harbour Bridge to the new fish markets – Saturday, 13th June**

We will travel by train from Roseville to Milsons Point, where we will start our walk across the Harbour Bridge to the Rocks, Barangaroo, Darling Harbour and our final destination, the new fish markets.

Along the way we will enjoy our beautiful Sydney Harbour, a brief visit to the Garrison Church, and cobblestone streets with historic cottages and buildings including the Hero of Waterloo Hotel.

After morning tea at the fish markets, we will return by light rail to Central Station and train to Roseville.

**Time (Milsons Point to Fish Markets):** about 2 hours at a relaxed pace. Approx. 3 hours including travel time from Roseville and return.

**Distance:** approximately 6 kms

**Grade:** easy

**Meet at Roseville station 8:20am for the 8:30am train**

If you would like to join, or if you have any questions, please text Nick Barbarino on 0414 521 575

## 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

## THANK YOU, StAR GREEN TEAM!

Please join us in thanking our wonderful 'Green Team' who volunteer their time on a regular basis to make the grounds of St Andrew's look beautiful, tidy, and inviting. We are especially thankful for James Taylor from the 6.45pm Congregation, who manages the team and rosters. The gardens and grounds of the Church have been looking fantastic recently, thanks to everyone on this amazing team. We are so blessed by each and every one of them!

## ANGLICARE FUNDRAISER

A few of our staff and members attended an Anglicare Fundraising Dinner last week and were very much encouraged by the work Anglicare is doing across the country. So far, over 1 million dollars have been raised for Anglicare from this event!



## NAVIGATING INFERTILITY WITH KEITH & SARAH CONDIE

[www.trybooking.com/DLYWA](http://www.trybooking.com/DLYWA)

NAVIGATING THE COMPLEX ROAD  
*of Infertility*

An evening with Keith and Sarah Condie considering how, as Christian couples, we walk down this personal path & often hidden path

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
7pm-8.30pm  
Level 2, St Andrews House  
Sydney Square

RSVP by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May  
by clicking on the button  
or using the QR code



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