

St Andrew's

ROSEVILLE

NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 5 JUNE 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:

June 10 - Prayer and Praise Night - 7.30pm

June 13 - Bush Walk

June 14 - 8:30am Special Morning Tea

June 14 - 10:30am 'Friends for Lunch'

June 21 - Dinner Church (5pm & 6.45pm)

June 27 - Working Bee

Staff Leave

Matthew Ryan: 7 June

James Smith: 7 June

WHEN GOD DIDN'T CHANGE THE WEATHER

Dear St Andrews,

Last week I took some annual leave. I didn't enjoy the first four days because bad weather disrupted my plans, and I found myself feeling irritable and glum. I even caught myself in a moment of entitlement, "Lord, I've been working for you, so bring out the sun for me!" The shocking arrogance of it immediately struck me and I burst out laughing at my sheer stupidity. Can I only praise the Lord when the sun shines? Does my service of the Lord somehow place him in my debt?

I've often said that 'thankfulness in all seasons is a sign of spiritual maturity', and by that measure I'd become infantile! Job's conviction entered my mind by way of rebuke, "Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?" (Job 2:10)

Moments like this remind me that I'm a work in progress and maturity is never finished this side of glory. Thank God (literally) that he is kind to the ungrateful (Luke 6:35).

When Paul said, 'Rejoice in the Lord, always, and again I say rejoice!' (Phil 4:4) the sun wasn't shining. He was chained to a prison wall, potentially facing his death. Yet, he had learned the 'secret of contentment' which lay in knowing that Christ was with him, guarding his heart with his peace and strengthening him for faithful service (Phil 4:4, 7, 9).

This was what I needed to embrace. The Lord of glory was with me, whether the sun was shining or not. Our contentment is so fickle when it's based on changing circumstances, but sturdy when based on the unchanging Lord and his unremitting commitment to us.

As we stumble towards maturity, we need to remember that we have a great high priest who empathises with our struggles and temptations and offers grace and mercy in our time of need (Heb 4:15-16). My prayer became, "Lord, forgive me for thinking like a spoiled brat, remind me that you're with me and for me, and providing what I need to serve you with satisfaction."

Jesus is with us, providing for us, whether it's raining or sunny.

Spiritual maturity isn't so much about learning to enjoy every circumstance; it's learning to treasure Christ in every circumstance. The maturing person will slowly grow in their appreciation of this wonderful truth.

Grace and peace,

Scott

P.S. I'm looking forward to seeing you at our Prayer and Praise night next Wednesday, June 10 (7:30-8:30pm).

Mission & Aid Partners

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



- Pray for approval of Marianne Botenbal's visa application so she can begin serving at the new Sonic Te Kworo Hospital in Uganda.
- Pray that God would provide another doctor to support the medical work in Ethiopia's Afar region following Dr David MacFarlane's departure.
- Pray for Val as she travels from Ethiopia to Australia to spend time with her daughter and granddaughters.
- Pray for the successful construction of a new placenta pit at the Bahir Dar fistula centre before the rainy season begins.
- Pray for Dr Liz in Tanzania as she begins a new season of ministry and service following her resignation from the hospital.
- Pray for the continued progress and timely completion of the new hospital being built in Chamwino, Tanzania.
- Pray for wisdom and planning as leaders in South Sudan work to establish a permanent local fistula service through Dr Lado and other local staff.
- Pray for the successful completion of water, laundry, and generator projects in the Central African Republic.
- Give thanks for the near completion of the new Sonic Te Kworo Hospital in Uganda and pray for wisdom in recruiting the right staff to serve there.
- Pray for faithfulness and truthfulness as Andrew speaks in schools, churches, and the media throughout Australia.

PRAYER POINTS

Please pray for our staff team and their families.

- For James and Karen Smith, Scott and Myfanwy Warner, Ness and Neil Hughes, Mel Bell, Indira and Matt Ryan, Emily and Michael Tong, Amelia and Stewart Ross
- Pray that God will protect them from the evil one, unite them as a team and give them wisdom as they lead the ministries of St Andrew's.

Please pray for our Outreach:

- Please pray that as members of St Andrew's go about their everyday lives, they will be looking to live for Jesus. In this way, pray that their actions and words may reflect what they know to be true of Jesus and pray that this causes people to question what they believe.
- Pray that people will be able to give an answer as to who Jesus is and how he has changed their lives.
- Pray that we will be missional as we look to reach our family, friends and those who live in Roseville and the surrounding communities.

Please pray for the wider Sydney Anglican Church:

- Pray for Archbishop Kanishka Raffel and the Bishop of the Northern Region, Chris Edwards, as they look to lead our church and promote Christianity in Sydney and around the world.
- Pray for the many other Anglican Churches in Sydney as they look to proclaim the gospel clearly and faithfully. Protect those who minister in these churches from temptation and the work of the evil one.
- Pray that the Sydney Anglican Church can be a blessing to Sydney.

Please pray for each other:

- For those from the 8:30am congregation:

That they will have the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, that they may know Christ better. We pray also that the eyes of their hearts may be enlightened in order that they may know the hope to which you have called them, the riches of their glorious inheritance in the saints, and Christ's incomparably great power for us who believe. 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>

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! If your Small Group meets on a Wednesday night, why don't you come along to Prayer & Praise altogether?!

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

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

BUSH WALK - CITY EDITION

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



BELONGING EVENTS - MORNING SERVICES

Sunday 14 June 8:30am Special Morning Tea at James and Karen Smith's house, straight after the service. All welcome.

Sunday 14 June 10:30am "Friends for Lunch"

Friends for Lunch is a special opportunity to enjoy fellowship beyond our Sunday service. After the 10:30am service on 14 June, we'll gather in one another's homes for lunch, conversation, and time together. If you'd like to take part, please complete the form below and indicate whether you would like to attend or host. If you have any questions or particular needs, you'd like us to be aware of, please feel free to contact Ness Hughes directly.

Ness will be in touch early next week to let everyone know where they will be attending or if you are hosting. From there, hosts and guests can coordinate any contributions to lunch.

We hope you'll join us for what promises to be a wonderful afternoon of friendship, hospitality, and encouragement.

<http://tiny.cc/friendsforlunch>



BELONGING EVENTS - EVENING SERVICES

Sunday 21 June at 5pm and 6.45pm - Dinner Church

Dinner Church is a wonderful night of fellowship and worship-all in one evening!! Come to church as usual for our 5pm or 6:45pm service and you will be able to grab some dinner before we get started. It's informal, but we will still be gathering around God's word and spending time in prayer and fellowship with one another.

\$5 contribution to help cover costs if you are able.

Sign up to serve at 5pm <http://tiny.cc/5pmdinnerchurch>

Sign up to serve at 6:45pm <http://tiny.cc/645dinnerchurch>

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

WORKING BEE

Saturday 27 June

Many hands make light work! Please come along to our next working bee and lend a hand to tidy up our site. Whether you can come for half an hour or two hours, all helping hands will be welcome and appreciated.

CHAPLAINCY TRAINING

Chaplaincy Australia is running a training event for those who are looking to explore Chaplaincy without jumping straight into Accredited Training.

This training is designed to strengthen pastoral teams while also equipping connect group leaders, youth leaders, community teams, staff, and anyone who wants to be a more helpful and compassionate human being.

You will gain practical tools needed to support people experiencing mental health challenges and crisis situations within your local community: while maintaining a clear understanding of personal boundaries and appropriate referral pathways.

Only \$80

Glendenning – Sydney 12-13 June

Yamba – 21-22 June | Wollongong 25-26 September

<https://chaplaincyaustralia.com/chaplaincy-glendenning/>

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped clear the lower hall which has been acting as our storage space during the hall redevelopment.

About 15 people across our congregations worked together to clear the space so that work can be done on the ceiling of the lower hall.



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